

# SELECT - Frequently Asked Registration Questions

## General Questions

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### 1. **What is the difference between House and Select?**

The house league basketball program is a purely recreational league. The Select League is run by the Fairfax County Youth Basketball League (FCYBL) and is designed for the player who is prepared to play at a higher, more competitive level. The time commitment for House League is approximately 2 hours per week while the Select League commitment is approximately 8-10 hours per week.

### 2. **What is the cost to register?**

The cost to participate in the Great Falls Basketball League is a flat fee of \$150 (\$200 after 9/28). Select players are asked to pay an additional cost to participate in the Winter Select Program. This additional cost varies per team based upon the training, tournaments, and other activities the coach may schedule. A price range to participate on a particular select team will be disclosed at the start of tryouts.

### 3. **What is your refund policy?**

Requests for refunds must be in writing to [debbie@gfhoops.com](mailto:debbie@gfhoops.com) and must be received by November 8, 2019. A \$25 processing fee per player will apply, except in the following situation:

- a. Making a High School Basketball team--A player who registers and is subsequently selected to play for their high school basketball team may request a full refund.

### 4. **When are tryouts? Practices? Games?**

- Tryouts: Select League tryouts occur in late Sept/early October each year and House League tryouts occur in early-mid November each year.
- Practices: Practices are held on weeknights at one of our local gyms. House League team practices are 60 minutes in length and are held once a week while Select League team practices are 90 minutes in length and are held twice a week.
- Games: House League games are scheduled by Great Falls Basketball and are played on Saturdays and Sundays. Select League games are scheduled by the Fairfax County Youth Basketball League (FCYBL), an independent organization. Select games can be on weekends and/or weeknights

## Select Program Questions

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9. **Do Select teams have commitments during the Thanksgiving and Winter Breaks?**
10. **My son/daughter tried out for a select team but was not chosen. Is he/she automatically registered for the house league?**

### 1. **What are the priorities in the Select program? How is it different from the House program?**

To better understand our expectations and priorities for the Select and House league programs, please see our website and review the Select League Guidelines and the House League Guidelines for perspective.

### 2. **Which zip codes are assigned to the Great Falls Basketball Select Program?**

Select teams will be comprised primarily of players from zip codes 22066, 22182, 20170, 20190, 20194 and 22102. These zip codes have been allocated to Great Falls Basketball by the Fairfax County Youth Basketball League (FCYBL). Select teams are also permitted to roster up to 2 players from outside of these zip codes under the zip code exception rule. *All players must be residents of Fairfax County.*

### 3. **How is my child's league age determined in the Select Program?**

This is governed by FCYBL, see full details at link below  
[http://www.fcybl.org/Page.asp?n=16256&org=FCYBL#FCYBL\\_Rules\\_5](http://www.fcybl.org/Page.asp?n=16256&org=FCYBL#FCYBL_Rules_5)

#### 4. I would like my child to be challenged. Can my 3rd or 4th grader tryout for Select?

Great Falls Basketball uses a grade-based placement system and does not permit players to play up or play down in the house league based on age, size, or subjective factors including skill level, scoring ability, ball handling, prior experience, etc. Players of unusual size or who possess unusually strong talent should consider trying out for the select program or the fourth grade developmental program. Third and fourth grade players may try out for the 5th grade select teams. If a third or fourth grade player does not make a 5th grade select team, they can try out for the 4th grade developmental program.

#### 4th Grade Developmental Program

The Great Falls Select Basketball program begins in the 5th grade and up until that time, all players will participate in our House League. GF Hoops also has a developmental program for 4th grade players who want a higher level of training and competition.

**Who is eligible?** 3rd and 4th grade players who would be willing to make a higher level of commitment than House League requires, and who are looking to improve their skills at an even higher level are welcome to try out. **Players who wish to try out for this team must understand that if they make this team, they will still be required to play House league with their peers (i.e. 3rd graders will not be moved to 4<sup>th</sup> grade House League.)**

**What is the program's objective?** The primary objective of the program is to act as a 'bridge' between House League and Select basketball and to train players to be prepared to compete at a higher level of competition. We strive to do this by improving the skill level of players through more advanced drills and trainings in practices and enhance the knowledge and understanding of the game through competitive games against teams outside of the Great Falls basketball program.

**How does the program work?** Players in the Developmental Program sign up for and participate in Great Falls Basketball House League as their primary basketball commitment for the regular Winter season; however, as members of the Developmental Program, they would participate in one additional practice per week, and would have the opportunity to participate in games and tournaments in the VA/DC/MD area. In the case of schedule conflicts between House league and the Developmental Program tournaments, players will be required to attend the House league event. Please note that over the course of the season, every player will have had the opportunity to build their skills and test them against stronger players and teams.

**Is there a tryout?** Yes. The tryout for the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Developmental Program will be held after the regular season teams have been selected. Typically this tryout will occur between November 10 and 25. Generally there are two-three tryouts: evenings and dates will be announced in early October. Interested players are encouraged to attend every tryout possible in order to allow the coaches and trainers ample opportunities to watch the players and assess their skill levels.

#### 5. Can a player tryout for both the Select and House League programs? If my child makes a Select team, can he/she also play in the House League?

A Great Falls Select player may not play in the Great Falls House League or for any other Select program in Fairfax County. Great Falls Basketball has no control over the scheduling of the Select games. Invariably, there will be scheduling conflicts with the House team, and the player would then have to "choose" a team. It is logical to assume that the Select player would choose the Select game and his/her resulting absence would be unfair to the other House players and team.

#### 6. Do I have to register and pay a registration fee to attend Select tryouts?

Yes. Any player trying out for Select must register with Great Falls basketball program and pay the required registration fee prior to attending any open gym or tryout.

#### 7. Are there any additional costs other than the registration fee for Select?

Yes. There are additional fees that will be determined by the Select Program directors and coaches for costs related to uniforms, equipment, training, league/tournament fees et. al.

#### 8. Does my player need to attend all the tryout sessions for his/her age group?

It is strongly encouraged that each player attends each scheduled tryout in order for the coaches/evaluators to make a proper assessment of his/her skills. If a player is going to miss any of the tryout sessions, please make sure that the coach is aware of the absence.

#### 9. Do Select teams have commitments during the Thanksgiving and Winter Breaks?

The FCYBL does not schedule games during the Thanksgiving and Winter Breaks. However, some Select teams will participate in holiday tournaments but these are not mandatory.

#### 10. My son/daughter tried out for a Select team but was not chosen. Is he/she automatically register for the House League?

Players not chosen for the Select team are automatically rolled over into the House League. No additional action is required on your part.

