



MLGBA is a recreational youth basketball league for girls of ALL abilities in grades K-12 and will be embarking on its 27th season!

Registration is now open at: <https://bit.ly/2Ab0b55>

Scroll until you find the appropriate form. Open programs include Fall/Winter Skills clinics for grades K-8, as well as our "regular" Winter season for grades K-12.

### **Important Dates**

Sept 10th: Registration opens

Nov 1st: Registration closes

Nov 12th-19th: Player Evaluations. Details TBA

Dec 1st: Sponsor registration deadline

Jan 2nd: Coaches meeting, 7:30-9:00 BC Middle School Cafeteria

Jan 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>: First weekend of games

Feb 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>: President's Day weekend – NO GAMES

March 16th/17th: Last games (K-4<sup>th</sup> grade), Playoffs start (5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)

March 20<sup>th</sup>/21st: Championship Games

### **Costs**

The Kindergarten division is \$100 and includes one clinic-style session on Saturday mornings. There will be 10 weeks of play. All girls will receive an MLGBA reversible pinnie. We will focus on introductory rules and skills development, with some game play as well.

The fee for all other grade levels is \$120 and includes one game on either Saturday or Sunday, one practice during the week, game jersey and shorts and an end of the season gift. Grades 1-4 will play 10 games. Grades 5-12 will play 9 games followed by playoffs and championships.

We do offer financial assistance for anyone in need. Please email [mlgbahoops@gmail.com](mailto:mlgbahoops@gmail.com) for a confidential request.

### **Ball Size/Rim Height/Gameplay**

Kindergartners will use a size 27.5 ball, sometimes noted as size 5.

All other ages will use a size 28.5 ball, sometimes noted as size 6.

Kindergartners will have clinic style sessions once a week during the week from 6-7:30. Exact nights TBD. Rims will be at 8 feet.

1-3<sup>rd</sup> grades will play 3v3, full court using the side baskets which will be at 8 feet.

4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades will play 5v5 full court "regular" games.

### **Referees**

K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade will have coaches "referee".

4<sup>th</sup> grade will use exclusively teenage referees going through our Youth Referee Development program.

5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades will have paid referees which can include our more experienced youth refs as well as Adult PIAA certified refs.

### **Practice/Game Locations & Times**

All games and practices will be held at gyms within the Lower Merion School District. While not yet confirmed, if we are able to duplicate last season's game schedule it should look like:

Kindergarten - Merion and/or Cynwyd Elementary on Saturday mornings

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Merion Elementary on Saturday mornings/early afternoons

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Cynwyd Elementary on Saturday mornings/early afternoons

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – BC Middle School – Saturday Afternoons

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Harriton HS – Sunday Afternoons

6<sup>th</sup> Grade – BC Middle School – Saturday Mornings

7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Harriton HS – Sunday Afternoons

8<sup>th</sup>/HS – Harriton HS – Sunday Afternoons/Early Evenings

Practices will be one hour in duration starting at either 6,7 or 8pm. The younger grades will get the earlier time slots. Your practice location will be determined by the team you are on.

### **Coaching**

We are always in need of volunteer coaches, especially moms and other female role models. Please consider registering as a Head or Assistant coach. No experience necessary – we will match you up with an experienced coach if necessary.

ALL coaches, new and returning, must register, and are required to complete a background check. If you have clearance from another organization, current documents must be uploaded during the registration process.

Coaches can request when registering to be paired together. A maximum of 2 coaches are permitted on the bench during games. Additional coaches/parents can help out at practice but must be formally registered.

**Scorekeepers/Game Timers**

MLGBA employs boys and girls in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or older to keep the scorebook and run the clock for our upper division games. The pay is \$7.50 per game. If interested you must register online. There will be a mandatory training for all scorekeepers. Details TBA

**Sponsors**

The league relies heavily on the generosity of our community sponsors to help keep costs in line and to help fund the annual MLGBA Scholarship. There are Team, Division & League sponsorships available.

**Team (\$350)** Includes sponsor name on the back of ONE team’s jerseys, rotating logo and sponsor description on mlgba.com

**Division (\$1200)** Includes sponsor name on the back of TWO team’s jerseys, rotating logo and sponsor description on mlgba.com, and ONE email blast promoting sponsor message.

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Registration is now open for our **Fall/Pre-Season Clinics**. Registration for all programs can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2Ab0b55>

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE**

Fall skills development clinic for 3rd graders

Friday Nov 9th

6:30-8:30pm

Bala Cynwyd Middle School (enter door #13 down walkway adjacent to tennis courts)

\$20/player

All girls should wear basketball appropriate attire and footwear (no jewelry allowed), and bring a ball with their name clearly marked. (we will have extra balls on hand if you need)

**4<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

Pre-season skills development clinic for 4th graders

Friday Dec 7th

6:30-8:30pm

Bala Cynwyd Middle School (enter door #13 down walkway adjacent to tennis courts)

\$20/player

All girls should wear basketball appropriate attire and footwear (no jewelry allowed), and bring a ball with their name clearly marked. (we will have extra balls on hand if you need)

**5<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

Pre-season skills development clinic for 5th graders

Friday Oct 19th

6:30-8:30pm

Bala Cynwyd Middle School (enter door #13 down walkway adjacent to tennis courts)

\$20/player

All girls should wear basketball appropriate attire and footwear (no jewelry allowed), and bring a ball with their name clearly marked. (we will have extra balls on hand if you need)

**6<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

Pre-season skills development clinic for 6th graders

Friday Nov 30

6:30-8:30pm

Bala Cynwyd Middle School (enter door #13 down walkway adjacent to tennis courts)

\$20/player

All girls should wear basketball appropriate attire and footwear (no jewelry allowed), and bring a ball with their name clearly marked. (we will have extra balls on hand if you need)

**7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

Pre-season skills development clinic for 7th graders

Friday Dec 14th

6:30-8:30pm

Bala Cynwyd Middle School (enter door #13 down walkway adjacent to tennis courts)

\$20/player

All girls should wear basketball appropriate attire and footwear (no jewelry allowed), and bring a ball with their name clearly marked. (we will have extra balls on hand if you need)