



Lakers AAU Tryouts & Season Info | 2018-19 (Travel Basketball-Without the Travel)

The Grosse Pointe Lakers-(GP Lakers), a registered AAU club, will begin their 5th season in early November. The Lakers will offer AAU tryouts and full team sign-ups for boys & girls, 1st--6th grades from Grosse Pointe and surrounding communities.

Each team has the chance to compete in 25-35 games, have as many as 35 practices and compete against teams from all over Michigan and Canada. The Lakers will host tryouts in early November and play a traditional AAU basketball season November to March.

Returning Player: Players that have played for the Lakers in the past are required to attend the tryout process to be reevaluated for the 2018-19 season. There is no cost for tryouts for returning players, but each player must register for tryouts for the new season at <http://gplakers.com/register.html>

New Player Tryout/Evaluation process: Two scheduled tryout dates and times are below; locate your child's grade, tryout time and day. Please arrive at least 20-25 minutes early, to check-in and get prepared for the tryout process. Players will be evaluated in fundamental drills, scrimmages and team concepts. Tryouts will be held at the Grosse Pointe Academy. Entrance for the GPA gym is located in back of the school, by the circle drive. Register for tryouts at <http://gplakers.com/register.html>

Boys & Girls Tryouts:

Saturday, November 3rd & Saturday, November 10th

Boys grades 1st-6th	10:00am-11:30am
Girls grades 3rd-6th	10:00am-11:30am

How to Register for Tryouts/Cost:

- www.gplakers.com and click on the "Register" tab
- On site, at your specific tryout time
- Cost of the tryout process will be \$15 per player and will cover all of the tryout dates offered
- Players are required to attend at least one of the scheduled tryout dates.
- Please contact Steve Benard at 313-580-0351 or Kevin Richards at 313-244-1523 with questions about the tryout process

Bring your Team: If you have your own team and would like to play under the Lakers Basketball club umbrella, we can accommodate your group. Please contact Kevin or Steve for more information.





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Rosters: The club has returning teams, but there could be roster turnover or a second team formed for an age group. It is very important that everyone attends the tryout process. Laker teams usually have a 9-11 player roster.

Season Dates: Teams will begin the season on Monday, November 11, 2018 and end on Sunday, March 17, 2019.

Practice/Training/Open Gym: Each team will practice twice a week for 90-minutes. Practices will be held at Pierce, Brownell, Grosse Pointe Academy or GP South HS.

League Play: The Lakers teams will play in the AAU Sanctioned Detroit Leagues-(D-League) beginning in early January. Lakers teams will compete in the Winter-I and Winter-II D-Leagues... The D-Leagues provide mid-level AAU competition, weekly games, local venues and appropriate age brackets. Go to www.mwabasketball.com for more info.

D-League Highlights:

- All teams make the play-offs-Gold/Silver/Bronze divisions
- 1st & 2nd place team trophies and individual awards
- First class facilities/State certified seasoned referees for ALL games
- Weekly scheduling to accommodate your game requests
- Doubleheaders with less time between games-**Get in and get home...**

League Age Divisions: Girls-3rd/4th, 5th & 6th | Boys- 1st/2nd/3rd, 3rd/4th, 5th & 6th grade divisions.

League Locations: Harper Woods High School will be the home facility for the D-League and several additional facilities will be used to host the league- (Lakeview HS, South Lake HS, Macomb College, Madison HS, etc.).

Tournaments: We encourage teams to find their own tournaments that will be local in distance-(no longer then a 2-hour drive). AAU friendship tournaments are played on Saturdays or Sundays during the season. To travel to the events, teams should have a minimum of a 7-person roster.

Each team will be responsible for selecting their own tournaments and collecting the entry fees for the events from the parents on your team. Please contact Steve Benard for help with selecting tournaments that will be a good fit for your team.





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The GP Lakers will have two directors that will oversee the club: **Basketball Director- (Kevin Richards)** and **Administration Director- (Stephen Benard)**. The club will also have the following openings for parent volunteers.

1. **Scheduler/team communicator** -will work with the head coach and directors to schedule all tournaments, leagues, scrimmages and practices for the team
2. **Volunteer Head or Assistant Coach** -coach a team

Season Cost for 3rd-6th grade boy's & girl's teams:

3rd-6th Season fees- (league, practice) can be made in two payments or in full. First payment due the first week of season and second payment due January 15th- (Cash or check)

League fee: \$225 Practice fee: \$200.00 Club Fee: \$40 Total Season Cost: \$465

1st & 2nd Season Fees: Bitty-ball grade players will have a reduced fee of \$200 for practice, training and games. - (Cash or check)

League & Practice Fee: \$200 Club Fee: \$40 Total Season Cost: \$240

2018-19 Uniforms: Each player will be required to purchase new game shorts and reversible game jersey. The cost will be **\$100** and the brand will be Under Armour. More items like backpacks, hoodies, shooting shorts, etc. will be available to purchase, but not mandatory.

1st-6th Club fee: Club fee is used for training equipment, coach's gear, first aid kits, dry erase boards, ice packs, etc... for each team. Club fee: \$40

Each team member player and coach will have to obtain their own AAU Membership-(\$14) card at www.aausports.org. Please provide the Lakers AAU Club Code when you register-**WY7AE3**

FYI-Season Payment Info:

- There are two monies that the club will not collect, uniforms and your AAU membership
- Uniforms/Spirit gear & AAU memberships are done on-line- (Credit card only)
- Partial payments for season fess are only accepted if a postdated check is included with your first payment-(Payable on January 15th)



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