



Shine On  Greater  
Halifax/Dartmouth

# Panthers Basketball Program

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# Panthers Basketball

Panthers Basketball is an extensive YMCA basketball program for children and youth ages 5 to 18 who are interested in skills development, teamwork, and a recreational or competitive basketball program.

Our highly popular YMCA Panthers Basketball programs ensure all youth have the opportunity to learn, play and develop their basketball skills at a variety of levels, regardless of their social, economic or educational standing. The program focuses on skill development, teamwork, and sportsmanship in a safe environment.

We aim to ensure that every participant has an experience that is positive and fosters a sense of belonging and the development of valuable life skills through basketball. Participants are also encouraged to keep up their schoolwork and build confidence and character. Confidence is developed through weekly interactions with peers and coaches.

Our program offers a full range of basketball development programs from Beginner to Rep teams spanning ages 5 to 18.

# REGISTRATION DETAILS

## FEES FOR THE SEASON:

The registration fee for the 2024/2025 season is **\$350** for each division U10, U12, U14, and U16.

This fee covers gym costs, one practice per week and one weekly Metro Basketball Association (MBA) game.

Registration fees are due at the time of registration. If you require assistance with the registration fees, please contact our team via email:

**[panthers.basketball@halifax.ymca.ca](mailto:panthers.basketball@halifax.ymca.ca)**

Participants accounts must be paid in full or be in an active payment arrangement prior to the first game of the MBA season to participate. Participants with outstanding accounts will not be permitted to register prior to settling all charges.



# REGISTRATION DETAILS

## ARE THERE OTHER COSTS?

Additional fees could be applied in the event your team participates in additional basketball club tournaments.

At times, the Community YMCA Panthers are invited to enter into a variety of tournaments that take place during the Christmas holiday break and during the break between the completion of the MBA season and the Basketball Nova Scotia Provincial tournaments.

Entry fees for these tournaments would be an additional cost and typically cost between **\$300** and **\$525** for the ENTIRE TEAM to enter.

## BASKETBALL SEASON LENGTH

The season starts in October and in most cases runs into February with the MBA playoffs wrapping-up around the third week of February.

After the MBA playoffs are complete, practice may continue into March for teams entering the Provincial tournament for Basketball Nova Scotia or the Junior Mini Jamboree.

# REGISTRATION DETAILS

## WHAT DIVISION TO CHOOSE?

- At the time of registration choose the category that pertains to your child's age.
- If your child is 10 and turns 11 in January within the current season, please register your child under the U12 category as U10 pertains to children who will remain 10 and under during the season.
- The term "current season" shall be defined as the normal period of operation of the MBA extending from September of one year until May of the following year.
- Please visit MBANS <https://www.mbans.ca/> for a full list of rules pertaining to age requirements.

## WHAT IS THE JR. NBA PROGRAM?

- It is an internationally recognized introductory basketball "skills and drills" program for our youngest players.
- The program is for Grade 1- 2 (ages 5-7).
- Practices are 45 minutes long starting on Mondays or Tuesdays in late October and will run for 10 weeks.

# REGISTRATION DETAILS

- All coaches are trained and certified to run this skills program.
- Children must turn 5 by December 31st of the current year in order to register for this program.
- Space will be limited to 20 participants per session.
- Rules - players that have completed 2 years of the skills and drills program OR the Jr. NBA program will be allowed to enter the U-10 program early with permissions from their coach.

## REFUND POLICY

- Refunds will be provided for withdrawals prior to October 18, 2024 for U10, U12, U14, U16, U18.
- All requests must be made in writing (by email) **[panthers.basketball@halifax.ymca.ca](mailto:panthers.basketball@halifax.ymca.ca)** to the YMCA. Once a player is registered and attends a practice or game, they are considered to be a member of the Community YMCA Panthers Basketball Program. Refunds will NOT be provided to participants who withdraw or transfer to another club after October 18th, 2024.

# REGISTRATION DETAILS

- Considerations will be made for medical or family reasons. All Refund requests must always be made in writing and submitted to the Community YMCA Program Director.

## **Community Y Program Director**

Brianna Cromwell

Email: [brianna.cromwell@halifax.ymca.ca](mailto:brianna.cromwell@halifax.ymca.ca)

Phone: 902-478-3366

- When a player has registered with and is selected to a Division 1 or 2 High School team (A or B) and does not play any games with the Community YMCA Panthers Basketball Program, a refund will be provided.

# WHAT'S INCLUDED

## BASKETBALLS

- Basketballs are provided for all practices and are the property of the Community YMCA.
- Coaches may ask participants to practice individual skills on their own time. We encourage participants to purchase their own basketballs.
- Basketball size is very important!
  - Size 5 is recommended for:
    - U10 & U12
  - Size 6 is recommended for:
    - U14
    - U16 & U18 girls
  - Size 7 is recommended for:
    - U16 & U18 boys

## UNIFORMS

- Jerseys and shorts are provided once teams are assembled and usually handed out at the first practice.
- All uniforms must be returned at the end of each season. Failure to return the uniform will result in a \$50 fee being charged to the registration account.



# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

We are dedicated to eliminating barriers to wellness and providing everyone the opportunity to participate in YMCA programs and services.

We recommend exploring these resources available to help support registration fees.

## **Kids Sport Nova Scotia**

### ABOUT

*KidSport Nova Scotia*

Together with our network of 13 local chapters, KidSport Nova Scotia provide grants to help cover the costs of sport registration and equipment fees so that all kids aged 18 and under in Nova Scotia can play a season of sport.

Managed and operated in Nova Scotia by Sport Nova Scotia since 1994, KidSport Nova Scotia has assisted over 37,400 children by granting out over \$10.1 Million!

If you want to apply for a KidSport grant or learn more about the program details, start by finding your closest chapter or submitting your grant through the Provincial Fund.

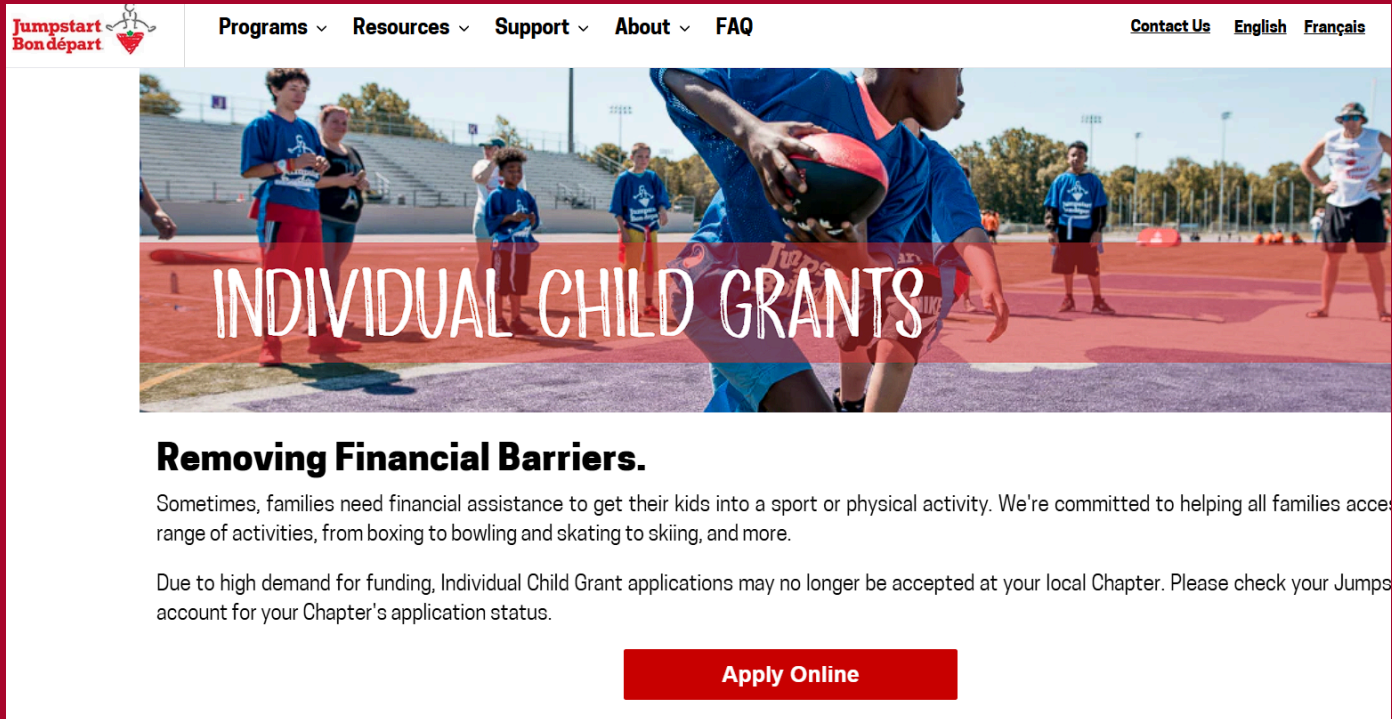
**APPLY FOR A GRANT**

## **Kids Sport Apply Online**

**<https://kidsportcanada.ca/nova-scotia/>**

# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

## Jump Start Apply Online



The screenshot shows the Jumpstart Bon départ website. The header includes the logo and navigation links: Programs, Resources, Support, About, FAQ, Contact Us, English, and Français. The main banner features a photo of children playing basketball on a court, with the text "INDIVIDUAL CHILD GRANTS" overlaid. Below the banner, the section is titled "Removing Financial Barriers." and contains two paragraphs of text. A red "Apply Online" button is positioned at the bottom right of the section.

**Individual Child Grants**

**Removing Financial Barriers.**

Sometimes, families need financial assistance to get their kids into a sport or physical activity. We're committed to helping all families access a range of activities, from boxing to bowling and skating to skiing, and more.

Due to high demand for funding, Individual Child Grant applications may no longer be accepted at your local Chapter. Please check your Jumpstart account for your Chapter's application status.

[Apply Online](#)

<https://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/pages/individual-child-grants>

Upon reviewing these resources if you have any further questions, please reach out to our team via email:

[panthers.basketball@halifax.ymca.ca](mailto:panthers.basketball@halifax.ymca.ca)

other contacts listed on page 15.

# HOW TO REGISTER

## How to register?

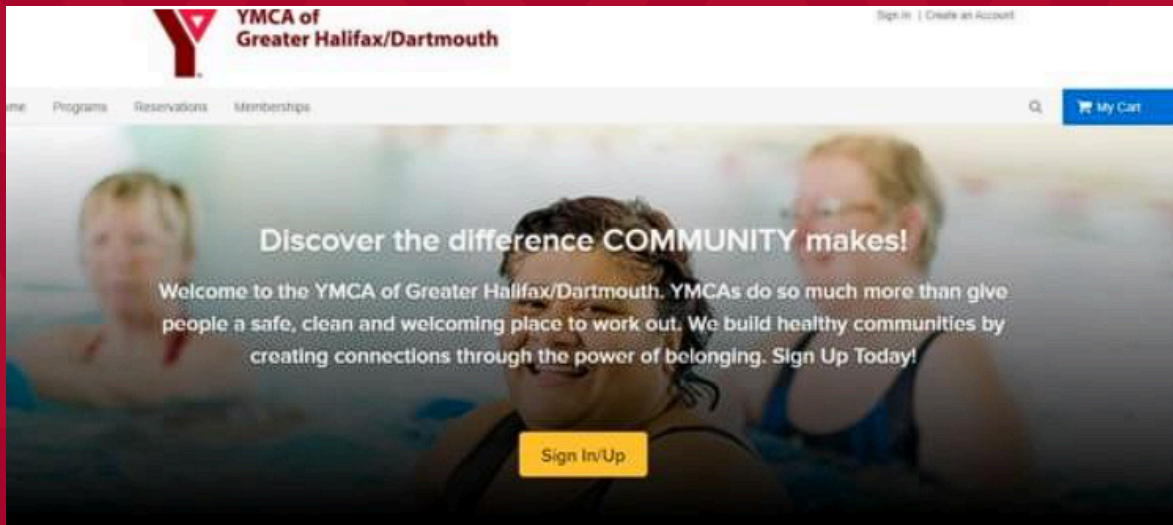
### STEP 1

Go to the YMCA website

[www.ymcahfx.ca](http://www.ymcahfx.ca)

### STEP 2

- Click on “Sign-In” at the top right hand side of the page.



### STEP 3

- Enter the email that you would have used on last year's registration and then click on “forgot your password” Or choose “create an account” if you are new.

## Sign in

Email address *(Required)*

Password *(Required)*

[Forgot your password ?](#)

[Sign in](#)

Don't have an account? [Join](#)

# HOW TO REGISTER

## STEP 3

- If you select “forgot password” you will receive a link to your email which will prompt you to create a new password. Once you have created a password go back to the login screen and enter your email address and password and log-on to your account.

## STEP 4

- Once signed in click on “Programs” located at the top of the screen.

## STEP 5

- In the search bar type “Basketball” then select where and click Community YMCA then click “search”

The screenshot shows the YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth website. At the top, the logo and name are on the left, and user links (Welcome, Michelle, My Account, My Wish List, Sign Out) are on the right. A navigation bar includes Home, Programs, Reservations, Memberships, Donations, and Gift Cards. A 'My Cart' button is on the right. Below the navigation bar, the breadcrumb 'Home > Ymca program search' is visible. The main heading is 'YMCA Program search'. A red banner states: 'Due to limited available spots, the YMCA team kindly asks all members to register for one (1) group swimming lesson per session.' Below this is a search bar with 'basketball' entered and a 'Search' button. Filter tabs for 'When', 'Where', 'Who', and 'Activities' are shown, along with a 'Reset all' link. A 'Where' dropdown menu is open, showing 'Location (Center)' with options: 'Community YMCA' (checked), 'John W. Lindsay YMCA', and 'Purdy's Wharf'. 'Cancel' and 'Apply' buttons are at the bottom of the dropdown. To the right of the dropdown, there is a 'Sort by: Name' dropdown, a 'Map view' link, a 'View fee details' link, and an 'Enroll Now' button. At the bottom of the page, the dates 'October 7, 2024 to April 30, 2025' and the time 'Mon Wed 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM' are displayed.

# HOW TO REGISTER

## STEP 6

- Select which Basketball division you are signing up for and select “Enroll Now”.

**U10 Boys Basketball Registration** ⓘ [View fee details](#)

#9909 / Program category Sports / Age at least 7 yrs but less than 9y 11m

📍 2269 Gottingen St, Halifax, NS B3K 3B7


📅 October 7, 2024 to April 30, 2025 ⓘ ⌚ Mon,Wed 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

[Enroll Now](#)

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## STEP 7

- Select who you are enrolling from the participant drop down and select “add to cart”.

 Welcome, Michelle [My Account](#) | [My Wish List](#) | [Sign Out](#)

[Home](#) [Programs](#) [Reservations](#) [Memberships](#) [Donations](#) [Gift Cards](#) [My Cart](#)

[Home](#) > [Ymca program search](#) > [Enroll ymca program form](#)

**Enroll in U10 Boys Basketball Registration**

\* Required fields

**Who are you enrolling?** ^

**Participant \***

**Enrollment Details** v

**Fee summary**

Subtotal	\$0.00
Taxes	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

[Register another participant](#)

[Add to cart](#)

## STEP 8

- If you are enrolling more than one child do not proceed to check out, repeat steps 5-8. If you are only enrolling one child and are ready to pay, select “Check out” and enter your payment information.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **When will my child play games?**

The MBA games will be played at numerous gym locations within the Halifax Regional Municipality on Saturday or Sunday's at any time during the morning or afternoon.

These games are not scheduled by the Community YMCA Panthers, they are scheduled by MBA coordinators.

Please visit **<https://www.mbans.ca/>** for all game schedules.

## **Can my child play for their school and the Community Y?**

If your child makes the high school "A" team (Varsity), they are not able to play for both the school team and the Community YMCA Panthers.

If they make their school "B" team (Junior Varsity), then playing for both is allowed.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Dispute resolution policies?

It is the policy of Community YMCA Panthers Basketball Program that, in the event of a dispute (e.g., between a parent and a coach), the matter be treated according to our “24-72 hour rule”.

### “24-72 hour rule”

- If the incident is not an emergency, we ask that the complainant wait 24 hours before making their case.
- The communication should be made directly to the Community YMCA Program Director, either in writing or verbally.
- Once the message has been received, the Community YMCA Program Director will review the communication and respond to the complainant with a decision, clarification, or request for more information. This response will be made within **72 hours**.
- In the event of an unresolved disagreement between the program and a player and/or parent, the program reserves the right to refund the player’s fee and rescind their membership. The Community YMCA Panthers Basketball Program will do everything possible to resolve any issue brought forward.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## CONTACTS

All inquiries go to [panthers.basketball@halifax.ymca.ca](mailto:panthers.basketball@halifax.ymca.ca)

## OTHER CONTACTS:

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**THANK YOU!**

**We look forward to a great season!**

**For any additional questions you can find an FAQ page  
on our website**

**<https://ymcahfx.ca/panthers/>**

