

# Renegades Boys Club Info

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Renegades is a non-profit youth AAU Basketball Organization. Our program, serving the three Pennsylvania counties of Bucks, Montgomery and Philadelphia, has now grown to over 550 families. Our boys ages 9 through 18 play basketball year round in one of the area's largest AAU basketball programs.

The Renegades program will begin its 16<sup>th</sup> season this year. Our reputation is based on offering children a year round environment to improve their basketball skills. While basketball is important, the Renegades are strongly committed to teaching teamwork and building social and moral values. We accept every young player into our program that enjoys the game and wants to achieve success through our sport. Most players can expect to make their high school basketball teams by participating in our year round programs. Over 60 Renegades players have achieved Division 1, 2, and 3 college scholarships. Each year at least 7 to 10 teams qualify for national championship tournaments. We also prepare at least 6 to 8 boys' and girls' teams to compete in NCAA College showcases where their dream of playing in college can be realized.

Players renew their annual club membership on September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. This is because the national AAU insurance coverage expires on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Whatever the boy's age is on September 1, 2012 is the player's age for the 2012 spring season. There is a grade exception. If a player is in a younger grade, then he can play on the team that is his grade, instead of the older team that is his age. Teams are allowed 3 grade exceptions up thru age 14 and then teams are allowed unlimited grade exceptions for ages 15 and up. AAU age and grades are as follows: Age nine is 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Age 10 is 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 11 is 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 12 is 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 13 is 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 14 is 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 15 is 9<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 16 is 10<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 17 is 11<sup>th</sup> grade and Age 18 is 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

## Club Membership and Year-round drills and skills

When you join the Renegades and pay the yearly club membership fee of 175.00, you are entitled to attend weekly drills and skills all year round. This is \$3.50 per week and can improve the player's ball handling and shooting skills tremendously. Players that do not wish to be on a team can join our club and just do drills and skills all year if they desire. Any child that plays on a Renegades team needs to be a registered member of the club. This registration fee covers the AAU insurance coverage and overhead expenses such as first aid items, telephone calls, printing and mailing, coach's shirts and gym rental expense for our drill sessions. For families with more than one child, the registration fee for the second child is \$125.00, \$75 for the third child, and \$25/ each for all others beyond the first 3 children. The \$100 winter membership fee is only for a child playing on a Renegades Winter team. You cannot sign up as a winter club member paying the \$100 fee and only intend on drills participation. The \$100 rate is solely for Renegades winter team participants. Parents that wish for their children to participate in our Drills and Skills only throughout the year pay a yearly drills fee of \$225 per child .

### Spring AAU Tournament Season -

The principle segment of the AAU season is from the middle of March until the end of June. The weekend tournaments consist of 2 games on Saturday and one game on Sunday. If your team wins their pool, they would play a 4<sup>th</sup> game on Sunday. Most of the tournaments are local within one hour's drive. The commitment during spring constitutes two practice sessions each week. Practice nights are determined by when the majority of the team is available. Usually practices are held 1 night at a Central Bucks school and 1 night in the Kelly Bolish Gym in Hatboro, for each team. We also offer the one night of drills for those looking to continue their skill development.

Boys teams ages 10 and under participate in approximately 6 tournaments. The recommended commitment for boys teams ages 11 & up is eight (8) tournaments. Keep in mind that some older teams participate in more than 8 tournaments. Tournament involvement varies from team to team, depending on the commitment of the players and the coach. We feel that between the practice schedule and participation in about eight (8) tournaments, the boys will have an excellent opportunity to enhance their level of play.

The older teams participate in college showcase tournaments during the NCAA open viewing periods throughout the season. This is how players can compete for college basketball scholarships.

Each player needs to participate in our spring raffle fundraiser. Each player will be required to pay for 20 raffle tickets at \$5.00 each at the time when the tournaments fee is due on March 3rd. The \$100.00 will be recouped when the raffle tickets are sold.

Boys' spring 2012 costs are \$65.00 for a local tournament and \$85.00 for a travel tournament. So the cost for 10 yr old players and under is \$510.00 which covers the \$410.00 cost of 6 tournaments (5 local and 1 travel) plus the \$100.00 raffle fundraising fee. The cost for 11 yr old players and up is \$640.00 which covers the \$540.00 cost for 8 tournaments (7 local and 1 travel) plus the \$100.00 raffle fundraising fee. The fees include coaches' mileage to tournaments and practices, coach's hotel fees, and also gym rental expense for practices. There is a separate uniform fee of \$115.00 for two dazzle shirts and one pair of shorts. The uniform lasts several years. All spring tournament, raffle fundraising fees and uniform fees are due by March 3rd, 2012

Uniform Special Note: Uniform cost is \$115.00.

The fees for additional tournaments will be calculated on a per tournament basis. College showcase tournaments for high school age players are more expensive to attend and can cost up to \$175.00 per player. Please note that the number of players on the team can raise or lower the individual cost.

Most teams will carry a minimum of 12 players. Ten players will be assigned to participate in each tournament. The determination of who plays each week is facilitated by having each player fill out a tournament availability sheet by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of February. These are issued at evaluations.

Coaches/players/parent guidelines are also issued at this time. Please be advised that once a player is scheduled for a spring AAU tournament no credit can be issued unless the player becomes injured. If a player withdraws from a tournament after the schedule is set, then that player must find a replacement player to take her place. The replacement player's parents would then pay for their involvement to the player that withdrew.

For eligibility rules go to: <http://image.aausports.org/dnn/boysbasketball/pdf/Eligibility-Rules.pdf>

New for Spring 2011 – (in addition to a copy of his official state birth certificate)

**PROOF OF AGE/GRADE:** All Spring AAU players must submit:

A photocopy of the section of the athlete's report card which shows name, grade, current school year and school OR confirmation of grade level signed by a school administrator (guidance counselor, principal, dean etc.) on school letterhead with current school year and date.

**Renegades Tryout/Evaluation Schedule for 2012 Spring Season will be posted on website. Renegades Spring evaluations will take place between Monday, Feb 20th thru the beginning of March 2012**

Prior to participating in Renegades AAU spring evaluations, all players must be registered club members and in good financial standing. Registration forms are available on our website. Brand new players can bring registration form, copy of state birth certificate and check for 175.00 plus 115.00 for new 3 piece uniform set to first evaluation. Be advised that the registration fee of 175.00 is non-refundable since all registered players are assigned to a team. Any brand new players that become interested in joining after March 1<sup>st</sup>, please email the office at parenegades@comcast.net . We will do our best to place you on one of our existing teams. Please note that all players participating on a spring aau team must pay the full club membership fee of 175.00 no matter when they first enter the club. If you join in February/March 2012 the 175.00 membership cost covers the player until August 31, 2012.

**Fall Season Programs -**

**John Walker Fall League**

The John Walker Fall League is open to all players both in our club and outside our club. Games are played once per week and there are no practices involved with this league. Last year there were over 650 girls and boys in this league with half of them being Renegades and half from other AAU or travel organizations. There are four age divisions in this league. The younger division is for those who are entering the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. The middle division is for those who are entering the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. We have had two HS divisions in the past, a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade division and also an 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade division. The fall league begins the weekend before Labor Day weekend (on Aug 24<sup>th</sup>) and continues till the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of November and the 2011 fee was \$130.00 for 10 games guaranteed. This is a sanctioned AAU event so all players need to be AAU insured. Players enter as individuals, are placed on equally competitive teams, and are allowed to play with one or two friends. Historically, 5<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys play on Friday nights and the HS divisions play on Sunday late afternoons.

There are no practices for Fall Walker League teams.

**Fall Team Practices for Club Members**

Practices begin once a week in the fall for all players that are participating in our Fall Tournaments season and/or our winter travel league season.

**Fall Team Tournaments**

There are fall tournaments available for any boys' team that wishes to be active during the fall.

**Winter Season Program**

Renegades teams can participate in the Ewing, NJ Travel League, the Lincoln City League and also our own Overtime Winter League.

The Lincoln girls League games are played every Saturday between Jan 2 and middle of March. The Overtime League & Ewing, NJ boys & girls league games are played between Dec 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of February. Beginning in September, teams practice one night per week in preparation for the winter season and can also attend one night of drills.

**Winter Fee Clarification**

The winter travel league fee is collected in November. The fee for the 2011/2012 season is \$160.00 for the 1st league and 95.00 for the second league. There is a winter uniform fee of \$40.00 for jersey and shorts or 25.00 for boys jersey only or 20.00 for girls jersey only. Any Renegade member that participated in the previous spring season must register as a full year member for \$175.00 in order to participate on a winter Renegades team. If you are a NON-Renegade playing on a winter Renegades team for the first time the winter membership fee will be \$100.00 ( If you wish to continue to participate in club activities after February then the balance of \$75.00 Annual membership will be due). This winter registration fee is \$100 regardless of the

date during the winter session time period between, IT WILL NO LONGER BE PRO-RATED. The \$100 winter membership fee is only for a child playing on a Renegades Winter team. You cannot sign up as a winter club member paying the \$100 fee and only intend on drills participation. The \$100 rate is solely for Renegades winter team participants.

### Summer Programs -

#### Summer Hoops League

Our Summer Hoops League is for boys and girls 5th grade through 10<sup>th</sup> grade. There are either individual or team sign ups. League begins 1<sup>st</sup> week of June. One game per week for 10 weeks which includes all team making the playoffs in the 10th week. All games are played at our Renegades' Kelly Bolish Gym, 2950 Turnpike Dr., Hatboro, PA 19040. Cost is \$95 per player or \$875 per team. Checks should be made payable to: Renegades, 858 Street Road, Southampton, PA 18966. All checks and registrations are due by May 25, 2012.

#### Summer Camps

The Renegades will be hosting summer camps and also outside organizations will run camps at our facility. Please check our website for future postings of summer camps.

### Year Round -

#### Shooting Mini-Camps and Speed and Agility Sessions

Throughout the year players can sign up for shooting sessions with Coach Vince Catanzaro (Upper Dublin HS Girls Varsity Coach) or Coach Rick Weeks (Central Bucks South HS Girls Asst Varsity Coach) and Speed and Agility sessions with Coach Becky Flynn (former Villa Joseph Marie HS Girls Varsity Coach)

#### General Info

The commitment to being a *Renegade* means being available for at least 80% of the practices. Most coaches demand this minimum attendance. Most coaches will be somewhat flexible in scheduling practices for the multi-sport athlete.

Information for the organization is processed through our website: [www.renegadesbasketball.com](http://www.renegadesbasketball.com) Every Monday, the practice schedule details for the upcoming week are posted on our website. Team parents communicate team information via e-mail. We ask that all parents check their e-mail daily during basketball season and reply promptly when team parents request information.

Remember, that player development happens as a result of participation in drills and practices, as well as the tournament games. The best players are usually those that are equally committed to each of these segments of player development. We are dedicated to providing the best possible environment for every committed player, regardless of their level of talent.

**Important info for brand new Renegades' members joining 9-1-11 thru Spring 2012** During the fall/winter of 2004 the Renegades Organization built a brand new 3 court facility inside a warehouse at 2950 Turnpike Dr., Hatboro, PA. All Renegades' families at that time either procured \$500.00 worth of advertising sponsorships from local businesses or contributed a personal tax deductible donation in that amount. All brand new members that register with the club on September 1, 2011 thru Spring 2012 will not be responsible for this obligation during their first year of participation with the Renegades. However, if you choose to re-register for your second year with us the following September 1st, 2012 or later, then the building fund sponsorship/contribution of \$500 will be due but payment can be spread out over a 4 year period. So for all those families that are re-registering for a second year with us on Sept 1, 2011 thru spring 2012, the \$125.00 yearly donation will be due on Feb 1, 2012 and also in the following 3 years of 2013, 2014 & 2015, and needs to be paid prior to the player participating in spring aau evaluations. Or you have the option of obtaining a yearly business sponsorship of \$125.00. This only applies to players that participate in the spring aau season.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Flynn

Director