

THE UNDERGROUND STUDENT MINISTRY
AVERSBORO ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH
STUDENT BASKETBALL 2018-2019

*OUR STUDENT MINISTRY EXISTS TO REACH TEENAGERS WITH THE LOVE OF CHRIST,
TO HELP THEM TO GROW IN THEIR FAITH, TO CONNECT THEM WITH OTHER BELIEVERS,
TO EQUIP THEM TO SERVE OTHERS, AND TO HONOR CHRIST!*

We are excited about another year of basketball at Aversboro Road! Our teams will participate in the Garner United Methodist Church, Garner, NC, Youth Basketball League for the 2018-2019 Season. Practices and Games will be held at Garner United Methodist Church. Coaches may also schedule practices at alternative locations to provide additional practice.

Typically, Middle School Games are played on Friday Nights (if fewer MS Teams, games may be on Saturday Morning) and High School Games are played on Saturday. Sometimes the schedule may need to be adjusted due to inclement weather or last-minute changes in the ministries of participating church ministries.

Players, Parents and Coaches agree to abide by these guidelines to participate on an Aversboro Road Baptist Church Student Basketball team. Players, Parents and Coaches represent Aversboro Road Baptist Church, therefore their actions, attitudes, speech and behavior - before, during, and after games are to be consistent with the mission, purpose and core values of the church. Most importantly, players, parents, and coaches represent Christ as ambassadors to the Garner community.

Players, Parents, and Coaches must also agree to abide by the guidelines of the GUMC Youth Basketball League and conduct themselves in a manner which promotes spiritual growth and builds fellowship among all players and ministries involved.

TEAM LEADERSHIP

Our Student Minister, in partnership with The Student Leadership Team provides leadership to all ministries for our students. Coaches serve to assist our students in developing their skills and abilities as part of a team which focuses on honoring Christ through sports ministry. Coaches serve under the supervision, and at the discretion of the Minister of Students.

Coaches shall be active members of Aversboro Road Baptist Church. Coaches shall demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times as they represent Christ and His church. All coaches must meet the requirements of our Policy and Procedures Process for working with Preschoolers, Children, Students and Special Needs. A Copy of our Protection Policy and the Application can be found on our church website. In addition, the background check completed by our church, coaches must complete a background check application specifically for participation in the Garner United Methodist Church Youth Basketball League. Parents who are enlisted to assist our coaches must also meet all the requirements as set forth in our Policy.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Middle School Team(s) for guys and girls currently enrolled in grades 6-8.

High School Team(s) for guys and girls currently enrolled in grades 9-12.

Due to "Play Time" requirements, team rosters will be determined by our leadership and limited in size to ensure adherence to league rules and to provide player time for students. Each player will play a minimum of five minutes on the court during the first half of play. Players must play during the first half to be eligible to play the second half of the game.

Eligibility for being placed on a Team Roster will be determined by following requirements (Priority order):

- Students who are Church Members
- Students who have a history of active Involvement in the ministry of ARBC
- Non-members who have a history of active involvement in the ministry of ARBC
- Potential members who are friends of students actively involved at ARBC and not members of other churches
- Students who are actively involved in other churches that are unable to have a team of their own.
- The Student Leadership Team will consider ways to involve students as resources are available

GAME PLAY ELIGIBILITY

Team Devotions will be a part of team practices which begin November 1. Regular season games will begin on December 1, 2018. Tournament play will begin on February 4, 2019. Students are expected to be present on and time for practice. If you are unable to participate in a specific practice, you are expected to notify your coach in advance. Missing practice may impact playing time.

Generally, practices will be scheduled during the following evenings: Mondays 6-10pm, Tuesday 6-7pm, Thursday 6-10pm.

Our involvement in student basketball is to develop spiritual growth and build community among the players, coaches and our student ministry. Our church feels strongly that we have more to offer students than basketball, and are asking the players, coaches, parents, and others to help us share the love of Christ through this opportunity.

As in the past, players and coaches are required to participate in the ministry of Aversboro Road Baptist Church for eligibility to play. Students required to participate in a minimum of four events in the month PRIOR to play to be eligible to participate in games. Activity requirements are to be met through involvement of Aversboro Road Baptist Church.

Minimum of 4 Activities in November to play during December

Minimum of 4 Activities in December to play during January

Minimum of 4 Activities in January to play during February

Weekly Student Events that will help meet eligibility requirements. (1 activity each)

- Contemporary (9:30 am) or Traditional Worship (11:00 am)
- Student Bible Study on Sunday Mornings (11:00 am)
- Deep Discipleship on Sunday Nights (6:00 pm)
- IMPACT Student Worship on Wednesday Nights (7:00 pm)
- Fall Retreat in November 9-11
- DNOW2019 Weekend – January 9-11
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Students who attend another church (who does not have a team in the league) may participate upon approve of our Minister to Students and coaches and are also expected to complete a minimum of four activities per month, with a minimum of three being met at Aversboro Student Events. The 4th event may be met at another church if they actively attend, and that must be signed off by their Pastor or Youth Leader (cannot be signed off by a parent).

The activity requirement is in place to build community among students and to encourage spiritual growth. Our involvement in basketball is more than about playing the game, it's about honoring God in all we do and sharing the love of Christ!

Activity sheets will be available in the Student Underground and are to be completed for each activity and signed off by a student leader. **Activity requirements are to be met PRIOR to the first game of the month! ACTIVITY SHEETS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ON GAME DAY!** If activity sheets are incomplete, the players will NOT be eligible to play until requirements are met. There is Grace for sudden illness or special circumstances as approved by our Minister to Students and Coaches.

PRACTICE/GAME REQUIREMENTS

Practice is necessary to play and grow as a team. Players are expected to attend practice as scheduled and to arrive prior to scheduled practice times so they are dressed and ready to begin practice on time. Players who are consistently late or miss practice may be given limited playing time during games and may not be allowed to play. Playing time will be given to players who attend practices. Players who miss practices or games without notifying the coach ahead of time may be dropped from the team roster. Players are expected to arrive at least 20 mins prior to game time and to meet briefly with the coach after each game.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

A reversible Jersey will be provided for each player. (Jersey's remain the property of Aversboro Road Baptist Church).

Players are responsible for cleaning and care of the Jersey during the season. The Jersey may only be worn during official games.

- Away Team: Black - Players may wear a black T-shirt under the Jersey
- Home Team: White Players may wear a white T-shirt under the Jersey

- The Jersey must be tucked in to the shorts at all times (during warm ups and games)
- Players shall wear BLACK BASKETBALL shorts at all times. (NO short shorts)
- Hair bands must be the same color as the jersey of the day
- Please bring game shoes in hand. Non-marking soles are required.
- Players may not wear any jewelry during practices or games. (Watch, Bracelet, Necklace, Chain, Ear Rings, or other)
- Players may not use or wear any electronic device (earbuds, headphones, iPods, iPhones, etc.) during team meetings, practices, warm ups or games by Aversboro Players!

REQUIRED FORMS

- 1 – A Participant and Liability Release/Medical Permission Form for Aversboro Road Baptist Church for 2018
(Another will be required for 2019 – sorry – this is just the way it works – a new form each calendar year)
- 2 – A GUMC 2018-2019 Youth Basketball Liability Release and Parental Consent/Permission
- 3 – A GUMC Basketball League Release Form
- 4 – A GUMC Medial Information Form
- 5 – A Participant Eligibility Form – Required Each Month Prior to Play

NOTE: Forms 1-4 are required to be completed, notarized as requested, and turned in BEFORE THE FIRST PRACTICE!

All forms and the participation fee must be submitted prior to acceptance on a team and before any student can practice with the team.

PARTICIPATION FEE:

A participation fee of **\$40** is due by November 4 from each player to help with the costs of Uniforms, Equipment, and League Fees. Make Check payable to Aversboro Road Baptist Church. Indicate BASKETBALL on the memo line.

Participation fees are non-refundable after November 4, 2018.

Technical Foul and Behavior Expectation – Both League and Aversboro Rules

- Players, Parents, Coaches, students and fans are to represent a Christ-like attitude and actions before, during, and after practices and games, and to cooperate with coaches, officials, and ministry leaders at all times.
- Any player, coach, parent, or fan who verbally or physically attacks a referee, player, coach, fan or official before, during or after the game will be ejected from the game.
- Any player, player or coach using profanity, fighting, or unsportsmanlike like conduct will be ejected from the game.
- If a player is charged with a flagrant technical foul resulting in the injury of another player, he or she will be ejected for the remainder of the season.
- Any player, coach who has a technical foul called may be ejected from the team. Players or coaches who receive a technical foul will meet with the Minister to Students to determine a proper course of restoration for eligibility to continue to play on an Aversboro Team. This notice will be the only warning given. Please remember that we are to honor God as we play, whether we win or lose, God is to be honored by our lives!
- Aversboro Group Activity Guidelines (Code of Conduct) will apply at all times. These are to be signed by students and parents as part of the Aversboro Participant Permission and Liability Release forms.