

How it all works.

Hoops on the River is organized by both age and competition level. The following information further explains the steps listed on the team application section of your entry form.

Age.

School-aged teams are based on player grades, not ages. Teams will be placed into brackets based on the **oldest player's grade in the upcoming 2009-2010 school year.**

Post-high school aged players' teams will be bracketed as follows: open, recreational and age 45+ recreational. Based on registration, multiple grade levels and/or age groups may be combined into the closest bracket available.

Competition Level.

Consider what type of team you are. If you want the challenge of playing against the best division teams, check the box marked "most competitive." If you are just playing for fun and to enjoy the weekend with your friends, then you should check the box marked "least competitive." The majority of teams will end up selecting the "moderately competitive" category.

All the basics.

Hoops on the River reserves the right to bracket your team based on characteristics of entered teams and scheduling restrictions. **We also reserve the right to disqualify individual players or an entire team for submitting inaccurate information, for unsportsmanlike conduct and for any other reason deemed fit by the event organizers.**

Please make sure to give your team a name. If you don't, your team will end up with the team captain's last name. Once you submit your team name, it cannot be changed.

Shooting Competitions.

Looking for a little extra competition? On Saturday, August 16, individuals may register at the check-in table to compete in any of the following three competitions: Three Point Shootout, Free Throw Shootout or Slam Dunk Contest.

1 Complete your entry form. The enclosed entry form must be completed in its entirety for all team members. Please mark each line, for each player, in all sections. In order to receive scheduling information, make sure addresses are legible and complete, including zip codes and telephone numbers. Once mailed, changes to entry form information must be requested on a Hoops on the River change form, available by phoning (360) 750-4436 ext. 309. A processing fee of \$5 will be charged for changes. Replacement players must be of similar age, height and playing experience. All player changes must be approved by event organizers.

2 Send in your entry fee. Your team fee must accompany this entry form. The total team fee is \$100 for all adult and youth teams; wheelchair and Special Olympics teams pay \$50. Personal checks, money orders and cashier's checks are accepted. There will be a \$25 charge on all returned checks. **Entry fees will not be refunded. If registered after Aug. 1, entry fee is \$125.**

Included with your team's entry fee is an invitation to attend a free Kids Clinic, sponsored by iQ Credit Union, on Friday, Aug. 15, 2 to 4 p.m.; includes fundamentals such as shooting, ball handling and defensive skills.

3 Registration deadline. **Entry forms must be received by August 7, 2009.** Hoops on the River is limited to 250 teams. Team placement is on a first-come, first-served basis. Team captains will receive confirmation by phone of their team's accepted entry form.

4 Team guidelines. Each team must consist of three to four players (includes one substitute) that are at least old enough to be entering the first grade in the upcoming 2009-2010 school year. Once the tournament begins, any number of players may complete a game. **Players may register on only one team.**

5 Division guidelines. Each team must choose a division in which to compete. Divisions include: adults, youth, wheelchair and Special Olympics.

6 Number of games. All teams registered in the tournament will play a minimum of three games, subject to adverse weather conditions and byes that could result from uneven-sized brackets. Each game is to 20 points or a 20-minute time limit. For first- through fifth-grade divisions, each game is to 15 points or 15 minutes.

7 Rules for youth division. Court monitors will call fouls in this division. All players entering the sixth grade or below must be accompanied by an adult at all times during this event. Brackets consisting predominantly of teams entering grades 1 through 4 will play on eight-foot-high baskets.

8 In the event of bad weather. Adverse weather conditions and non-playable situations may result in modifications or cancellation of the event. Under these circumstances, each team will receive its player t-shirts and registration packet. **Entry fees will not be refunded.**

9 Event Location. All games will take place at **Vancouver Landing, 110 Columbia Street, Vancouver, WA 98660.**

From Interstate 5 Southbound:
Take the Mill Plain Blvd. Exit #1C toward City Center. Keep Right at the fork in the ramp. Merge onto east 15th Street. Turn left onto west Columbia Street and follow the signs to the designated parking lots.

From Interstate 5 Northbound:
Take the 6th Street Exit #1B toward City Center. Merge left on east 6th Street. Turn left onto west Columbia Street and follow the signs to the designated parking lots.

10 Where to stay. The Hilton Hotel offers a special \$99 rate to Hoops on the River participants and fans. Located across the street from Esther Short Park, the Hilton Hotel is just west of I-5, 15 minutes from Portland International Airport and close to historic Fort Vancouver, shopping and the city center. For reservations, call (360) 993-4500 or visit www.hilton.com and use the following Registration Code: HOT.

Release and Waiver.

I know that participating in strenuous activities such as basketball is potentially hazardous. I assume all risks associated with playing in this event including, but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, effect of the weather and the condition of the playing surface, all facts being known and appreciated by me. Knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators or anyone else who might bring claims on my behalf, covenant not to sue, and waive release, and discharge Share, its employees, volunteers and Board of Directors, the City of Vancouver, and any and all sponsors, including their agents, employees, assigns or anyone acting on their behalf, from any and all claims of liability for death, personal injury or property damage of any kind or nature whatsoever arising out of or in the course of participation in this event. This Release and Waiver extends to all claims of every kind or nature whatsoever, foreseen or unforeseen, known or unknown. I hereby grant full permission to any and all forgoing to use photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings or record of me or my likeness from this event for any purpose. If minor, release form grants consent to his or her being examined or treated by a physician in case of emergency.

Sportsmanship Pledge.

I realize that I am responsible for my own and my teammates' conduct of play. I vow to present myself and represent my team in a sportsmanlike manner. In the event that I fail to do so, I realize that both myself and my team may be ejected from the tournament.

Hoops on the River Code of Conduct.

Athletics are a valuable way to enhance a person's physical, intellectual and emotional well-being. Athletics offer an outlet for individuals to exert positive energy in a fun, yet competitive environment. We invite you to play hard and play fair; to enjoy the game, regardless of the end result; to try your best and be proud of your efforts; to appreciate your teammates and opponents and their performances; and to recognize that court monitors and other volunteers are giving their best, so you may enjoy your sports experience. Athletics can produce a winning feeling in all of us.

Check-in and team packet.

The team captain will be notified by phone, by August 12, with your team's first game time.

All team players must check in at the registration desk, Saturday, August 15, before their first game. Check in begins at 7:30 a.m. Release and waiver signature will be required from each team member at registration.

For teams with players who are minors, a release form will be mailed and must be signed by the parent or guardian and by the minor prior to the first game.

Each team player will receive a packet including:

- a Hoops on the River t-shirt
- event guide
- coupons from local businesses

Team packets may be picked up on Friday, August 14, 12 noon to 7 p.m. or Saturday morning, 7 a.m., at Vancouver Landing.

For more information:

E-mail: hoops@sharevancouver.org

Web: www.hoopsontheriver.org

Phone: (360) 750-4436 ext. 309

Fax: (360) 735-9982

Calling all volunteers.

To make Hoops on the River enjoyable for both players and spectators, an enormous number of volunteers is needed. Volunteers will assist with laying out the courts, distributing team packets, scoring, first aid and merchandise booths, distributing water and assisting with other activities from setting up to tearing down. Official volunteers will receive a Hoops on the River Volunteer t-shirt for their efforts. To sign up as a volunteer, call (360) 750-4436 ext. 309 or visit www.hoopsontheriver.org

Plan a picnic in Esther Short Park.

In addition to Hoops on the River, downtown Vancouver boasts a variety of activities on Saturday, August 15. Take a break from basketball to visit the Vancouver Farmer's Market, the restaurants and shops in Uptown Village or the Taste of Vancouver (\$6: adult admission, \$3: kids 6 to 12, free: kids 6 and under).

