

## **Mustang Youth Athletics - Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is included in the registration fee?**

\$76 For Basketball: Jersey, Shorts

\$99 For Cheerleading: Top, Bottoms, Briefs and Socks (use of pompoms at Lucky Shoals)

7-8 game season with single elimination championship tournament

1-2 one hour practices each week typically either Monday, Wednesday or Thursday and on Saturdays until games begin.

### **Are any additional fees required?**

No additional fees are required to participate in Mustang Athletic youth leagues. There are some things that are optional. We will have a picture day for team and individual pictures and parents will be given the opportunity to purchase pictures of their child. Order forms are typically given out one week prior to scheduled picture day. Teams may decide on having an end of the year team party that may require an additional fee. Teams usually have a snack schedule that rotates between team members to bring snacks after games or practices.

### **Where are the practice/games?**

All practice and games will be held at Lucky Shoals Park Community Recreation Center's Gymnasium located at 4651 Britt Rd. Norcross, GA 30093. 4-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-13 Teams will practice on a half court; 14-17 will practice on a full court.

4-6, 7-8 Teams will practice on Mondays.

9-10 Teams will practice on Wednesdays.

11-13 and 14-17 Teams will practice on Thursdays.

Practice is one hour. Participant must be able to practice on their team's designated nights. Younger teams will practice at 6:00 or 7:00pm and older teams will usually practice at 7:00 or 8:00pm. Practices will be held on Saturday's up until games begin. Younger teams will usually practice in the mornings and older teams in the afternoon.

Games begin at 9:00am on Saturdays and are played each hour. The youngest age groups play first and the older teams may play as late as 2:00pm depending on number of teams. No basketballs allowed on game days!

### **When will the uniforms arrive?**

Typically, uniforms are distributed at the last practice before games begin or prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> game by Lucky Shoals staff. Parents will be notified and must sign for their child's uniform.

### **How are the coaches selected?**

We are a government-run organization relying on volunteers to help. Without the help of our parents and community, we would be unable to offer this program. All head coaches must pass a background check in order to coach for Mustang Athletics and are required to attend a coach's clinic held prior to the first practice.

### **What if I want to volunteer to coach?**

Fill out the Coaches application on the home page of [www.mustangyouthathletics.com](http://www.mustangyouthathletics.com) and return to Mustang Athletics Staff member. Priority is given to coaches that have previous coaching experience with Mustang Athletics, or another Youth Athletic Association. If we have too many coaches, the last volunteer to turn in their coach's packet will not be able to coach. Each coach may have 1 assistant coach per team.

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### What equipment do I need to bring to practice/games?

For Basketball: Basketball shoes, jersey type/gym shorts and be ready to learn. No black soled shoes or basketballs.

For Cheerleading: Warm-up attire, tennis shoes and a great attitude. Pompoms will be provided.

### When will my child receive their trophy?

Typically trophies are distributed during playoffs or whenever they arrive. Parents will be notified and must sign for their own child's uniform.

### What are the Gymnasium Rules?

***NO SMOKING OR USE OF ANY TOBACCO PRODUCTS ON GWINNETT COUNTY PROPERTY***

***NO FOOD OR DRINK WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE GYMS, EXCEPT FOR BOTTLES OF WATER*** No container (glass, can, etc.) other than plastic WILL be allowed. This includes snacks/drinks after the game unless taken outside of the gym.

***NO NOISE MAKERS*** (blow horns, whistles, etc.) will be allowed in the gym. First offense will result in a warning and removal of the noisemaker. Second offense will result in being asked to exit the gym for the remainder of the day. Third offense will result in a 3 game suspension or expulsion from the program – this decision will be up to the league manager and facility supervisor and is **NON NEGOTIABLE**.

***NO CLOTHING ADVERTISING ALCOHOL, ILLEGAL SUBSTANCE OR PROFANITY*** should be worn by coaches while volunteering for Mustang Athletics under Gwinnett County Parks & Recreation.

The Mustangs Athletics Disciplinary Process will be invoked as necessary for violations or complaints.

No one is allowed to stand upstairs at Lucky Shoals Gym (must be walking at all times). No basketballs allowed on the walking track.

**NO** balls will be allowed in the gyms during games other than the **GAME BALLS** provided by the association.

***NO PRACTICE SHOOTING/PLAYING BY OTHER THAN ACTIVE TEAMS WILL BE ALLOWED. IF VIOLATORS PERSIST, THEY WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE GYM.***

### What if it is icy or snowing at my practice/game time?

If the Gwinnett County Government Buildings are closed for inclement weather then Mustang Athletics does not have practice or games on that day. If we are open but the School System is closed, we will make a decision on that day weather to close or delay openings and will notify all coaches of the decision and then in turn they should notify all players.

If inclement weather has prevented the gym to open up for practices or games then a message will be left on the Mustang Athletic website: [www.mustangyouthathletics.com](http://www.mustangyouthathletics.com) and on the voice mail at Lucky Shoals Park by calling **678-277-0860 xt. 0**. Every effort will be made to try and make up games and practices by the end of the season however, due to lack of space and time this may not be feasible. If you have any questions regarding schedules, or make up practice/games, please contact your coach, team mom or our office.

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