



## ABA (“Victory Sports for Christ”) 2018-2019 Winter Team Tryouts

John 15:5 tells us that “I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.”

Tryouts can be a really difficult process for all involved. It is our prayer that we honor God throughout this process – forming competitive, developmentally appropriate teams coached by qualified Christian men and women.

### Tryout details

Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at Lincoln Christian High School

Please plan to arrive 30 minutes early to your tryout to ensure proper registration.

*It is REQUIRED that individuals pre-signup via Sports Engine. The link to pre-signup will be posted on our website and Facebook Page by August 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*A link will be posted on our website and Facebook Page for pre-signup. This will help us develop accurate tryout rosters for our evaluators. Cost for tryouts is \$10.*

**Individuals MAKING A TEAM will be notified by their coach by Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> and individuals NOT MAKING A TEAM will receive an email notifying them that they did not make a team by Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. We ask families to make a team fee payment via Sports Engine within 24 hours of being notified they made a team, which will signify acceptance of a spot on their team. Required uniform package will be paid separately from team fees. If you do not accept we will want to make that offer to another player as soon as possible.**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Elementary Gym</u>	<u>High School Gym</u>
8-9:15 AM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Girls – Court 1 3 <sup>rd</sup> Girls – Court 2	7 <sup>th</sup> Boys Courts 1 and 2
9:30-10:45 AM	4 <sup>th</sup> Girls – Court 1 5 <sup>th</sup> Girls – Court 2	8 <sup>th</sup> Boys Courts 1 and 2
11-12:15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Boys – Courts 1 and 2	6 <sup>th</sup> Girls Courts 1 and 2

12:15-12:45	BREAK	
12:45-2	3 <sup>rd</sup> Boys – Courts 1 and 2	7 <sup>th</sup> Girls Courts 1 and 2
2:15-3:30	4 <sup>th</sup> Boys Courts 1 and 2	8 <sup>th</sup> Girls Courts 1 and 2
3:45-5	5 <sup>th</sup> Boys Courts 1 and 2	
5:15-6:30	6 <sup>th</sup> Boys Courts 1 and 2	

### Principles

1. ABA (Victory Sports for Christ) is a faith-based youth sports organization that strives to use sports to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. We know that we are all sinners and fall short, but we actively seek to follow Jesus Christ in every aspect of our organization.
2. We have families, directors, coaches, and players from the Lincoln-area representing multiple school systems and schools.
3. With limited gym space/time we plan to limit squads to 3 teams per grade level. We understand this means that not all kids will make a team.
4. Independent evaluators will work with grade level coaches to select developmentally appropriate squads.
5. Parent-coaches play a significant role in our organization and teams would not be possible without their time, effort, and support. However, when it comes to squad selections parent-coaches will not be allowed to advocate for their son or daughter. We believe this will help protect the integrity of the tryouts AND help protect the relationship between parents and their children. With input from the evaluators and coaches, the director of operations will have final say on all squad selections. Please respect and support all of our coaches and directors.
6. Siblings/twins will be allowed to PLAY DOWN (within grade level) in order to honor family time, commitment, etc.
7. Every effort will be made for players NOT to play up a grade level.
8. Once teams are selected, practice schedules will be developed in order to give as much advance notice as possible.
9. Practices will start the week of November 1<sup>st</sup> and run through the end of February. *Teams will be encouraged to schedule their final tournament prior to girls and boys state basketball.* While we understand every young person is unique and each family approaches select basketball differently, when club season is done, we want kids to “want to play more” rather than being run down by the end of the season.
10. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade coaches are encouraged to help develop schedules that keep in mind many of their athletes are playing Jr. High/Middle School basketball throughout Lincoln schools, during part of their club season.

### Costs

1. Every effort has been made to keep player fees unchanged from last year. *Our intent is for families to have an affordable option to play select basketball.* Please direct specific questions (including need-based questions) to your coach or director of operations, Josh Nunnally. We encourage and welcome your questions and feedback.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u># of Practices per Week</u>	<u># of Tournaments</u>	<u>League</u>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	\$250	1-2	1	Yes
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	\$275	1-2	2	Yes
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$300	1-2	3	Yes
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$325	1-2	4	Yes
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$350	2	4	Yes
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$350	2	4	Yes OR 3-4 additional tournaments
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$350	2	4	Yes OR 3-4 additional tournaments

2. ALL PLAYERS will be required to purchase and use a 2018-19 practice jersey, shooting shirt, and game jersey/shorts that players will be allowed to keep. In the past, some players did not have practice jerseys which hampered practices. In addition, “almost new” jerseys will be available for teams to purchase for a reduced price. We will have a “fitting night” at a date after tryouts for all athletes to try on jerseys before ordering the jersey.

### 2018-19 ESTIMATED Jersey Costs

Reversible Practice Jersey - \$20

Shooting Shirt - \$25

Game jersey/shorts - \$60 (“Almost new” jerseys are available for a reduced price until they run out)