

**YMCA of Georgia Piedmont  
Brad Akins Branch**



**SPORTS CAMPS  
Parent Handbook 2020  
Brad Akins Branch**

## **Your Responsibility and the YMCA Commitment**

Thank you for enrolling your child into our sports camp program. At YMCA Sports Camps, we work to ensure that every child has fun, learns new skills and makes positive memories associated with sports. We believe every child can be successful, regardless of athletic ability. At the Y, every child can be an athlete! We believe everyone's involvement is critical for the success of this program and character development of each child involved.

### **YMCA Responsibility**

- 1. Use sports to teach Christian values and character development.**
- 2. Provide a safe and clean environment.**
- 3. Teach campers fundamentals and challenging skills for each sport.**

### **Camper Responsibility**

- 1. Listen.**
- 2. Be respectful.**
- 3. Put forth best effort.**

### **Parent Responsibility**

- 1. Encourage your child to play sports and increase self-esteem.**
- 2. Help your child understand the valuable lessons sports can teach.**
- 3. Get your child to every day of camp possible.**

### **Camp Information:**

**Sports Camps will operate Monday-Thursday (with the exception of Memorial Day) 9am-12pm. No sports camps on Fridays.**

**Campers may be dropped off at 8:30am.**

**Lunch will be provided to campers free of charge from 12-12:30pm daily.**

### **Sports Camp Fees:**

**Members: \$55 weekly**

**Non-Members: \$75 weekly**

### **Combination Camp Fees (Sports Camp + Day Camp):**

**Members: \$140 weekly**

**Non-Members: \$170 weekly**

**Camp weeks are not prorated. There is no discount rate for evening camps.**

### **Fees & Payments:**

**Full payment is due prior to attending Sports Camp. If signing up for the payment draft, the draft will be made the Wednesday prior to the camp week.**

### **Financial Assistance:**

**We want every child to be able to experience the fun and excitement of YMCA Sports Camp. For this reason, we have scholarships available for families who need help paying for their sessions. Interested applicants can find information and request forms at the YMCA Welcome Center. The YMCA offers assistance to those who qualify. Applications must be turned in two weeks before camp begins.**

### **Withdrawals & Refunds:**

**Withdrawal 10 or more days before the start of the camp week: director will give full system credit or refund in the manner payment was made.**

**Withdrawal less than 10 days before the start of the camp week: director will give a full system credit. No refunds will be given.**

**Withdrawal once camp week has begun: No refunds or system credits will be given.**

**All cancellations must be done in writing to the Sports Director at [rebekah@gapiedmontymca.org](mailto:rebekah@gapiedmontymca.org) prior to the camp week.**

**No refunds or credits will be given for any time that a child was registered and did not attend.**

### **Pickup & Drop-off:**

**Sports Camps will be conducted at the Brad Akins YMCA (50 Brad Akins Drive Winder, GA). Prior to each week of camp, instructions on drop off and pick up will be sent via email. Camp locations at the YMCA will differ with each sport. Campers can be dropped off as early as 8:30am each morning. Pick up is at 12pm if campers are not eating lunch. If campers would like to stay to enjoy lunch from our YMCA Food Program, lunch is from 12-12:30pm daily. Campers can then be picked up at 12:30pm. Failure to pick up a child by 12:40pm will result in a \$10 late pick up fee. After the first 10 minutes, \$1 per minute will be charged for every additional minute late. Campers with unpaid late fees will not be allowed back at camp until fees are paid.**

**For our two weeks of evening camps, camp will operate from 5:30-8pm. There is no meal provided during evening camps. Pick-up is at 8pm. Failure to pick up a child by 8:10pm will result in a \$10 late pick up fee. After the first 10 minutes, \$1 per minute will be charged for every additional minute late. Campers with unpaid late fees will not be allowed back at camp until fees are paid.**

### **Accident & Emergency Policies/Procedures:**

**For the entirety of sports camps, we have staff onsite who are trained and certified in CPR/First Aid. All precautions will be taken to prevent serious health risks to all campers. In the event that a minor injury occurs, First Aid will be administered at the camp location by YMCA staff. After First Aid has been given, staff will complete an Incident Report and will periodically observe the child.**

**In case of emergency, staff will call Emergency Services and the Sports Camp Director will notify parents or emergency contacts. If those contacts are unable to be reached, the child will be taken to the hospital for necessary treatment. The YMCA does not incur the cost of medical treatment and it is imperative that you disclose all allergies or special needs your child has.**

### **Child Abuse Policy:**

**By law, all agencies that provide programming for children are required to report questionable bruises or marks that are repetitive or obvious to the staff. Likewise, should a child indicate to a staff member that abuse (physical, mental or sexual) is happening to them, it is our obligation to report the discussion to proper authorities. Know that if we file such a report, it has been done with much consideration on the part of our staff and with the child's best interest in mind.**

### **Special Needs:**

**The YMCA is committed to living out our value of inclusiveness, which guarantees nondiscrimination and equal access for all in our programs, services and activities. We strive to provide the best sports camp experience possible for every child and ask that prior to registration, you consult with the Sports Camp Director regarding any special needs your child has. We will work to provide reasonable accommodations upon request.**

### **What to Bring to Camp:**

**Each day, your child will need to make sure that they have the following items with them in order to make sure they are ready for the day:**

- **Backpack/gym bag**
- **Water bottle**
- **Sunscreen**
- **Nut-free snack**
- **Tennis shoes/cleats**
- **Specific sports equipment (ex. Soccer ball, baseball bat, etc.)**

### **Lunch:**

**Lunch will be provided to all campers following sports camp each day from 12pm-12:30pm. All meals follow USDA Food Programs guidelines.**

### **Sunscreen:**

**Please send your child with sunscreen each day to camp. Camp staff will remind campers throughout the day to re-apply sunscreen. Please note that due to regulations and YMCA policy, camp staff are not permitted to apply sunscreen to your camper. We recommend spray sunscreen, as we cannot rub the lotion on them. We can assist them in spraying sunscreen.**

**Field Trips & Swim Time:**

**If your child is in the combined camp (Day Camp + Sports Camp), there is an extra cost for field trips. The fee for field trips are \$15 for members and \$20 for nonmembers.**

**If your child is in the combined camp (Day Camp + Sports Camp), swim time is not guaranteed.**

**Inclement Weather:**

**The YMCA has a disaster/emergency plan. In the event of an emergency, the YMCA staff will follow current guidelines and policies that are in place. During heat advisory days, we will take extra precautions to keep children in the shaded areas and well hydrated. When possible, indoor spaces will be utilized. Activities will be modified to give campers plenty of rest during extreme heat. It is imperative to keep emergency contact information current so we can reach you if there is an emergency.**

**The YMCA reserved the right to suspend or expel a child immediately following the violation of the Zero Tolerance guideline without refund.**

**YMCA RULES:**

- **Have Fun**
- **Keep hands, feet and body to yourself**
- **Show respect to staff, others and yourself**
- **Speak for yourself, not others**
- **Do not destroy YMCA property**
- **Do not go anywhere without a YMCA staff member**
- **Always clean up at the end of the camp day**

**YMCA CONSEQUENCES:**

- **Verbal warning**
- **Redirection to another group or activity**
- **Time out**
- **Parent notification**
- **Meeting with parent**
- **Notice of suspension (1 Day, no refund)**
- **Notice of suspension (rest of week, no refund)**
- **Conference with Sports Camp Director**
- **Removal from program**

**ZERO TOLERANCE**

- **Inflicting harm on another**
- **Verbal threat that may cause harm to another**
- **Possession of a weapon, controlled substance or alcohol**
- **Use of foul language**
- **Inappropriate touching**
- **Camper does not stay within boundaries of camp**

## **BRAD AKINS YMCA YOUTH SPORTS**

### **Code of Conduct**

**Brad Akins YMCA seeks to instill positive character-building traits in our communities' youth through the demonstration of good sportsmanship, respect for others, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. We ask that parents and their guests attending YMCA sponsored events help us by reflecting these character traits at games.**

**When attending YMCA sponsored events, I therefore agree:**

- **I will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.**
- **I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing, taunting or using profane language or gestures, etc.**
- **I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.**
- **I will teach my child to play by the spirit of the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.**
- **I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, sex, or ability.**
- **I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.**
- **I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches or referees at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.**
- **I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.**
- **I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.**

**I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:**

- **Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or member of league organization**
- **Written warning**
- **Parental/player game suspension with written documentation of incident**
- **Parental/player season suspension**