



# **Rising Stars Basketball Academy (Boys & Girls) – Preparing the Next Generation of Elite Players!**

**4-Month Skill Development • Basketball IQ • Defense • In-House Competition • Pathway to Rising Stars Travel Teams**

Do you have a middle/Jr. High school athlete who loves basketball and wants to take their game to the next level? The **Rising Stars Basketball Academy** is designed specifically for current **5<sup>th</sup>–7<sup>th</sup> grade boys and 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls** who want to build a strong foundation in skills, knowledge, and competitive readiness.

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## **What the Academy Offers**

A 4-month player development program focused on:

### **✓ Skill Development**

- Shooting form & consistency
- Ball-handling and offensive moves
- Footwork, balance, and finishing at the rim
- Passing and decision-making

### **✓ Basketball IQ & Knowledge**

- Reading defenses
- Spacing and movement
- Game concepts taught through situational play
- Understanding time, score, and possession

### **✓ Defense Fundamentals**

- On-ball and help-side defense
- Closeouts and defensive footwork
- Rebounding technique
- Communication and team defense principles

## **Program Structure**

### **Mid-March – Mid-June 2026**

- Weekly practices
- In-house competitive play
- Individual and team development
- Evaluations and progress tracking

At the end of the academy, Rising Stars will create:

### **TWO Boys & TWO Girls Official Rising Stars Travel Teams**

**These teams will:**

- Compete in one official shootout at the end of the program **(June 2026)**
  - Participate in Rising Stars Fall Ball (Sept–Nov 2026)
  - Prepare for a full competitive season in Spring 2027
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### **Cost: \$600 per player**

**Fee includes:**

- Entry fee for end-of-program shootout **(June 2026)**
- Player insurance
- Practice jersey
- Gym rental
- Program materials and coaching

A limit of 25 spots will be available for two boys teams and 25 spots for two girls teams to ensure high-quality instruction.

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### **Who Should Register?**

Middle/Jr. High school players who:

- ✓ Want to improve quickly
- ✓ Are serious about basketball **(Need basic level skillset)**
- ✓ Are coachable and eager to learn
- ✓ Want to be a player on Rising Stars travel teams in 2027
- ✓ Enjoy competition and teamwork



## **Registration Opens January 23!**

Secure your spot early—**spaces are limited** to ensure better instruction and player attention.

**Be part of something special.**

**Be part of Rising Stars of Clarion.**

**Where players grow, compete, and shine.**

**Please contact Coach Deas at [coachdeas.rs@gmail.com](mailto:coachdeas.rs@gmail.com) regarding interest in the Academy.**