

# ISLAND GARDEN BASKETBALL LIGHTNING BASKETBALL NY METROPOLITAN AAU

**“CONSTANTLY GETTING BETTER”**

**26th**  
SEASON

*The One and Only*

**SUPER LEAGUE**

**2019 - 2020**

Our **COMMITMENT** is to provide every team with the best possible experience in youth basketball.

Our **PRIORITY** is to offer a safe and closely monitored setting where the welfare of the children always comes first.

Our **PROMISE** is that we will work hard at fulfilling our commitments.

Our **FOCUS** is to always remember that we adults are role models for the children entrusted to us.

Our **SUCCESS** can be measured in our growth as well as our reputation over the past 26 Years.

Our **CHALLENGE** is to never rely on our reputation and to improve each and every year! We follow Coach Wooden's teaching "Success breeds satisfaction; satisfaction breeds failure".

Our **MINDSET** is to constantly improve what we offer our teams, players and coaches.

Our **GOAL** is to go above and beyond what is expected of us.

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## **2019-2020 ISLAND GARDEN SUPER LEAGUE**

### **Dedicated to the Memory of John Ruggiero & Matt Nies**

Now in our twenty sixth season, the Island Garden Super League has evolved into one of the most successful youth basketball leagues in the country.

Super League is designed for everyone! There are divisions for boys and girls ranging from the third to the twelfth grade. Wherever possible, each grade is broken down into three ability levels to foster equal competition.

It is our goal to provide an excellent experience for every team regardless of its final winning percentage. We make every effort to meet your scheduling requests so that your participation does not conflict with other leagues and that whenever possible, we will match teams against others with equal ability. Providing friendly and excellent service to you is our primary goal. Service is the true value of our league.

### **The Island Garden is proud of its affiliation with great venues for the 2019-2020 Super League.**

#### **LONG ISLAND SPORTS HUB IN SYOSSET CONTINUES AS PART OF OUR SUPER LEAGUE AND AAU TOURNAMENTS**

We are very happy to announce that we have reached an agreement with the owners of the beautiful Long Island Sports Hub in Syosset to host our basketball leagues, tournaments, practices and so much more on a year-round basis. This will be a great opportunity for us to provide an outstanding venue for our events on the North Shore, eastern Nassau County and western Suffolk County.

#### **JMF SPORTS CENTER**

The JMF Sports Center is the home of multiple sports. With two official basketball courts and a turf field, the JMF Sports Center has the ability to serve in many ways. The location is familiar to many but the renovations, ongoing, bring everyone Improved parking, renovated concession stand & lobby as well as easy access through the back of the building (where the bulk of parking will be located). The operators of Island Garden are managing this property now and you will immediately see the improvements in the building and the operations from the former facility tenant.

#### **LIU POST-PRATT RECREATION CENTER**

The Pratt Fitness and Recreation Center is an \$18.5 million Jeanette and Edmund T. Pratt, Jr. center—boasts a 77,000-square-foot facility containing a modern 3,000-seat gymnasium with three full-size basketball, volleyball and badminton courts; an elevated Mondo-X indoor jogging track; an eight-lane competitive-size swimming pool; a weight and fitness room; racquetball courts and locker rooms. It also features a state-of-the-art Human Performance Lab and “smart classrooms” equipped with fiber-optic Internet access for use by the LIU Post Health and Physical Education programs. is the home of multiple sports.

### **FEATURES TO MAKE EVERYONE’S EXPERIENCE IN THE LEAGUE STELLAR**

#### **GET GAME VIDEO ON DEMAND WATCH LIVE STREAMING**

FIND YOUR GAME  
[PLAYSIGHT.COM/LIVE](http://PLAYSIGHT.COM/LIVE)



**Did you know - all of your games will be live streamed and available to purchase afterwards? This facility is powered by PlaySight SmartCourt technology.** Family members and friends will now be able to watch every game, played at the Island Garden, via the high definition PlaySight live stream. No longer do family & friends have to miss out on watching a game just because they cannot be there in person.



#### **LIVESTREAMING:**

All games at this facility are live streamed with PlaySight's SmartTracker technology. To watch live streams, go to this [live & on demand video page](#) and search your facility.

#### **VIDEO ON DEMAND:**

After your game/tournament is over, you can buy your game video through PlaySight's [live & on demand page](#) - click the link and search the date(s) of your games and pick the appropriate subscription plan.

### **JR NBA/USA BASKETBALL**

We will be adopting a modified version of **USA Basketball's Youth Guidelines**. These guidelines will be posted online as well as distributed to coaches.

## **SUPER LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS**

- Most games are played at the Island Garden which is one of the premier basketball facilities in the New York Metropolitan area. You do not have to provide a home facility to participate in the Island Garden Super League. We also play games at other convenient locations in Nassau and Suffolk. This provides a great setting for Suffolk county teams so that they do not always have to travel long distances to play league games.
- You choose the number of games which you will play. Your team can play 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 18, 20 or 24 games.
- We respect your schedules from other leagues so that you do not have to choose one over another. You submit your CYO, PAL, etc. schedule in a timely manner and we will make every effort to ensure that there will be no direct conflict.
- A Super League representative is almost always present at games if an issue must be addressed.
- Referees are observed by senior officials and rated by league administrators with input from coaches. Assignments are distributed based on those ratings and observations.
- Games played at Island Garden are both live streamed and recorded to provide access to viewing for those who cannot make it to Island Garden. That means family members who may not live in the area can watch the games. Games can also be recorded to keep for as long as one wants to keep as a memory or for coaching purposes. Every coach is relying more and more on video reviews as part of their efforts to become more effective.
- Our staff is comprised of top professionals in the field who are constantly recognized for their customer service, innovation, experience and expertise. This staff is hired by outside organizations to run their events and manage their membership and activities. Our staff was retained this past summer to schedule AAU Boys National Championships!
- Our Island Garden website ([www.islandgarden.com](http://www.islandgarden.com)) is used to publicize schedules, game results, standings, highlights, changes and open games. The website is totally compatible with smart phones. Game results and urgent news releases are posted immediately.
- We also rely heavily on text messages to communicate with our coaches and administrators. This removes the need for back and forth calling.
- Finally, social media (Twitter, Facebook & Instagram) will publicize game highlights and action pictures.

We rely almost exclusively on our website ([www.islandgarden.com](http://www.islandgarden.com)). All schedules are published on the Internet as well as game and opponent changes. In addition, we utilize a system that automatically and immediately updates scores and standings. Coaches and/or team administrators are responsible for being aware of all updates posted @ [www.islandgarden.com](http://www.islandgarden.com).

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN SUPER LEAGUE**

1. The registration deadline is October 27, 2019. Each coach **MUST** submit the required registration form (which includes team availability) and a **\$750.00 deposit**. Any team registering after October 27 is subject to a \$100.00 late fee. No team will be scheduled unless their \$750 deposit and registration has been received.
2. League play begins on November 18, 2019.
3. There are various options relating to registration; number of games, preferential game days and times, insurance and referee fees.
4. All league fees must be paid in full by December 6, 2019 or the team will be dropped and no refund will be made.
5. All teams must provide proof of \$1,000,000 liability insurance with the Island Garden named as an additional insured. This proof of insurance must be submitted prior to the first game. If a team does not have their own insurance, we will assist teams in registering with AAU for insurance. AAU insurance can be purchased for \$17.00 per player and \$19.00 per coach. All coaches are subject to background screening (No exceptions).
6. All teams must submit a team roster prior to their first season game. Additions are permitted until December 31, 2019. After that date for special circumstances, additions must be approved by the Jim Fox.
7. All players must have matching numbered shirts and shorts in order to participate in a Super League game.

## ISLAND GARDEN SUPER LEAGUE ORGANIZATIONAL RULES

### 1. CHOICE OF DIVISION

- A coach can choose the division in which his team participates. The guidelines are:  
Division I – AAU teams & highly competitive community teams  
Division II – experienced and competitive community teams  
Division III – newly formed or developing community teams  
League administrators reserve the right to place a team in the proper division.

### 2. Division I players cannot play at the Division III level at the same grade.

### 3. Players are permitted to be on the roster of more than one team, even if they are in same division.

### 4. GRADE/AGE REQUIREMENTS – Eligibility is primarily governed by the grade in which the player is enrolled as of October 20, 2019. There is also a maximum age, which basically allows for a player to continue participating with his classmates as long as he/she was retained (left back) only once. The cut-off dates for this exception rule are as follows:

3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	9/1/09	7th Grade	9/1/05
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	9/1/08	8th Grade	9/1/04
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	9/1/07	9th Grade	9/1/03
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	9/1/06	10th Grade	9/1/02
		11th/12th	Must be attending HS

Grade takes precedence over age. SUPER LEAGUE IS A GRADE BASED LEAGUE, but a player cannot exceed the age listed above.

-Teams playing in Division I of each age group are governed by AAU grade/age eligibility, which is somewhat different from the above guidelines. See Jim Fox for details.

### 5. To be eligible for the playoffs the team must play a minimum of 10 games and have a winning percentage of 50% of your games. There will be separate playoffs for AAU and community based teams in Divisions II and III, if enough teams qualify for the playoffs.

### 6. SCHEDULING

- Team availability sheets are due by October 27. For us to avoid conflicts with other leagues (CYO, PAL, etc.) schedules must be submitted to us as soon as they are received and no later than Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Teams can eliminate two days in each week from their availability. All teams must be able to play Saturday and Sunday. Teams cannot close out an entire Saturday or Sunday. You are permitted to close out part of a weekend day (e.g. no games prior to 3:00 pm or after 3:00 pm).
- The schedule will be distributed in two parts; from the start of the season to Jan 15 and Jan 16 to March 15.

### 7. FORFEITS\_– A forfeit will be declared if a team cancels a game within 72 hours of its scheduled start. NO EXCEPTIONS. If a team forfeits twice, they will be dropped from the league and **No** refund will be made. A team which forfeits a game must pay both referee fees to league officials before they will be permitted play their next regularly scheduled game. Forfeit time is fifteen minutes after the scheduled starting time of the game.

### 8. In order to be eligible for playoffs, a player must have participated in 50% of regularly scheduled games. Exceptions for injury must be approved by the Super League. **Coaches are always required to maintain a scorebook.** That book must be presented at any time to prove a player's participation in previous games.

### 9. PROTESTS—a coach submitting a protest must do so in writing within 24 hours after the game. He/she must advise the ref doing the game that a protest is being filed. ***There is a \$100.00 fee, payable in cash, that must accompany the protest. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned.***

### 10. ROSTERS– 2019-2020 we are requiring all rosters to be submitted prior to your first game. They must be submitted in the format which we will provide. Those rosters will be uploaded to our data base. The coach must submit proof of birth and grade to our eligibility staff who will certify the documentation. ***Also, each player must have a picture ID with them at each game. (School ID, Non-Driver ID etc.) NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE!***

### **SUPER LEAGUE GAME RULES**

- All games will utilize stop time.
- 14-minute halves will be used for the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades; 16-minute halves will be used for 6<sup>th</sup> grade DI, 7<sup>th</sup> grade and higher. National Federation (boys) and NCAA (girls) rules will govern the playing of the games.
- No full court press may be employed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade divisions. During the last one minute of the game at those grade levels, the game clock will not start until the ball crosses over to the front court. Once the team on defense secures possession, the other team must drop back.
- Teams ahead in the score by 25 or more points must play defense inside the three-point line.
- A 14' foul line will be utilized at the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade level.
- For all divisions, each team is permitted 2 full and 2 thirty second time outs.
- Basketball sizes:
  - Boys 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade 28.5 cm
  - Boys 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade Regulation Adult
  - Girls- 28.5 cm

When there is a crossover 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade game, the smaller ball will be used.

- Bench personnel will be limited to players and a maximum of three coaches.
- If there is a 20-point difference in the score with 3 minutes remaining in the game, both coaches can agree to permit running time.
- A player ejected for fighting will be banned from at least the next game and possibly more games.
- A coach ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended for at least one game. A coach ejected for fighting will be suspended indefinitely.

# **SUPER LEAGUE 2019-2020**

## **STANDARD REGISTRATION**

**(Includes Refs-\$40/game)**

<b>COST:</b>	10 GAME REGISTRATION*	\$ 2,720	*Minimum to be eligible for playoffs
	12 GAME REGISTRATION	\$ 3,210	
	15 GAME REGISTRATION	\$ 3,985	
	18 GAME REGISTRATION	\$ 4,690	
	20 GAME REGISTRATION	\$ 5,140	

6 Game Option available but not eligible for playoffs \$ 1,695

8 Game Option available but not eligible for playoffs \$ 2,175

### **BENEFITS:**

- Team/coach is permitted to block playing on TWO DAYS of the week.

## **ADDITIONAL OPTIONS**

### **PREFERRED SCHEDULING LEVEL I**

**COST: \$500 for 0-12 game schedule \$750 for 15 or more game schedule**

- Team/coach is permitted to select 24 possible dates for 12 game season, 30 possible dates for 15 game season, or 36 dates for 18 game season or 40 dates for 20 game season along with approximate time (i.e. before 1:00pm or after 1:00 pm or weekends).

### **PREFERRED SCHEDULING LEVEL II**

**COST: \$750 for 0-12 game schedule \$950 for 15 or more game schedule**

- Team/coach is permitted to select the day, date and approximate time for each game. (e.g. Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:20am, Sunday Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:20am, Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:40pm etc.)

### **INSURANCE COVERAGE/AAU REGISTRATION**

- \$17 per player and \$19 per coach. This would be for extended AAU benefit registration. We will register each player & coach (Social security number needed for the coach(es)) on your roster. This coverage covers all AAU sports and extends from date of process date after 9/1/18 through to 8/31/19.

### **PRACTICE TIME (When Available)**

- \$100 per hour at Island Garden and other rates at an outside facility depending upon location.

### **PRE-PAY REF FEES**

**Teams pre-pay referee fees included in their league registration fee.**

**SUPER LEAGUE 2019-2020**  
**REGISTRATION & AVAILABILITY**  
**(Includes Refs-\$40/game)**

PLEASE CIRCLE:

**BOYS**      **GIRLS**      **GR: \_\_\_\_\_**      **LEVEL:    I      II      III**

**TEAM NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Coach:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TEL: Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **H:** \_\_\_\_\_

**W:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Required) **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Secondary Contact:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Required) **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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8 Game Option available but not eligible for playoffs \$ 2,175.00

**ADDITIONAL Charges:**

PREFERRED I (0-12 Games) \$500 (15+ Games) \$750

PREFERRED II (0-12 or more Games) \$750 (15+ Games) \$950

List the date that your team can begin league play (Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> earliest date) \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL TEAMS MUST BEGIN NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>. Please supply CYO & Middle School schedules ASAP so we can try to avoid conflicts.**

List **TWO DAYS** of the week unavailable to play

Is your team available to play during Presidents' Week YES                      NO

Is your team available to play during December 26-30 YES                      NO

Are you interested in securing AAU registration for insurance? YES                      NO

**ALL TEAMS MUST SHOW PROOF OF INSURANCE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE.**

*Please attach a copy of your current Certificate of Insurance to this form if NOT purchasing AAU Registration.*

We encourage ALL to register online using the links on our website AND available via email. If you do NOT register online, please return this completed registration form to the Island Garden.

There is a **required \$1,000 DEPOSIT.**

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