The One and Only

Super League

2026 - 2027

LICENSED BY THE AAU USA

ISLAND GARDEN Basketball

33rd SEASON

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 32 years.

Our **CHALLENGE** is to never rely on our reputation and to improve each and every year!

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.

"Constantly Getting Better"

REGISTER TODAY

www.islandgarden.com

2026–2027 ISLAND GARDEN SUPER LEAGUE

33 Seasons of Basketball. A Lasting Commitment to Our Community.

Dedicated to the Memory of John Ruggiero & Matt Nies

Choosing a basketball league means choosing the people you trust with your team's season. For 33 seasons, the Island Garden Super League has brought young athletes, families, and coaches together through the game we love. Backed by more than 35 years of experience serving the local basketball community, we understand what makes a season successful: competitive games, thoughtful scheduling, clear communication, and people who care.

Our reputation has been built over decades—one team, one family, and one season at a time. Whether your team is just getting started or ready for a higher level of competition, we welcome the opportunity to make your season a rewarding one.

MORE THAN JUST A LEAGUE

Your Road to the AAU National Championships Starts Here!

Our Winter Super League is proud to be an **AAU Licensed League**, offering participating teams an exciting opportunity to take their competition to the next level! In addition to receiving championship awards, **each division champion will earn a COMPLIMENTARY REGISTRATION into the NY METRO AAU District Championships!**

And the excitement doesn't stop there! Success at the District Championships could lead to another incredible opportunity: **COMPLIMENTARY ENTRY into the AAU National Championships!** It's more than just a winter basketball league. It is an opportunity to compete, achieve, and advance on the AAU championship pathway. **Your journey to a national championship could begin right here at the Super League!**

A Place for Your Team

Super League offers boys' and girls' divisions from second through twelfth grade. Wherever participation permits, we organize teams into three competitive levels:

- **Division I:** AAU teams and highly competitive community teams.
- **Division II:** Experienced, competitive community teams.
- **Division III:** Newly formed and developing community teams.

Our staff works with coaches to find an appropriate placement. We want teams to face meaningful competition that helps players learn, improve, and enjoy basketball.

Every team deserves our attention and support, regardless of its record.

Experience You Can Count On. Service You Can Feel.

People you can reach.

You will have direct contacts for scheduling, payments, and rules questions. When you need assistance, our staff is here to listen and help.

Respect for your team's commitments.

We know many players also participate in CYO, PAL, school basketball, and other programs. Submit those schedules promptly, and we will make every effort to avoid direct conflicts within the league's scheduling requirements.

Convenient Long Island locations.

Games take place at facilities across the island, giving teams more local playing opportunities and helping reduce travel where scheduling permits.

A season that fits your team.
Choose an 8, 10, 12, or 15 game regular-season package.

Attention to officiating.
Senior officials and league administrators observe and evaluate referees, with input from coaches, to support accountability and the quality of our games.

Information that is easy to find.
Schedules, results, standings, and updates are available at **www.islandgarden.com**. We also use text messaging to communicate important information to team contacts.

Recognition for our young athletes.
Our social media channels share selected highlights and action photos, celebrating the players and teams who make Super League special.

Our Commitment to Young Athletes

We believe youth basketball should help players develop skills, confidence, teamwork, and respect for others.

That commitment guides how we organize divisions, work with coaches, and address conduct. Our rules include limits on pressing in the youngest divisions, restrictions on when teams hold large leads, and consequences for fighting and unsportsmanlike behavior.

Required insurance documentation and coach background screening are also part of our participation requirements. Our staff can help teams understand the registration process and available AAU membership options.

Choose Your Season

Regular-season games	Published team fee*
8 games	$2,300
10 games	$2,800
12 games	$3,300
15 games	$4,050

Regular season referee fees are included in the published team fees. Playoff referee fees are billed separately. AAU membership, if needed, is additional.

Teams must complete at least eight regular-season games and win at least 50% of their games to qualify for the playoffs. Individual player eligibility requirements also apply.

Getting Started

1. **To Register online CLICK HERE by November 20, 2026.**
2. **Select your game package and submit your team's availability and required deposit.**
3. **Send your other league and school schedules promptly** so we can work to avoid conflicts.
4. **Complete your roster, eligibility documentation, and insurance requirements before your first game.** League play begins **December 1, 2026**. All teams must begin play no later than **December 15, 2026**.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

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Jim Fox, Super League Commissioner — Jimfox@islandgarden.com

Established Experience. Personal Attention. A Commitment to Your Team.
We look forward to welcoming your team to the 2026–2027 Island Garden Super League.

Please review the accompanying registration and rules guide for complete scheduling, payment, roster, eligibility, and participation requirements.

ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN SUPER LEAGUE

1. The registration deadline is **November 20, 2026**. Each coach **MUST** submit the required registration form (which includes team availability). No team will be scheduled unless their deposit and registration has been received. **ONLINE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**
2. **League play begins on December 1, 2026.**
3. There are various options relating to registration; number of games, blocked game days, and insurance.
4. All league fees must be paid in full by the team's first game, 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 certificate holder/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 $24 per player and $60 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, 2026. After that date, for special circumstances, additions must be approved by Jim Fox, Super League Commissioner.
7. All players must have matching numbered shirts and shorts 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 the same division.**
4. **GRADE/AGE REQUIREMENTS** – Eligibility is primarily governed by the grade in which the player is enrolled as of October 25, 2026. There is also a maximum age, which basically allows for a player to continue participating with his classmates if he/she was retained (left back) only once. The cut-off dates for this exception rule are as follows:

2nd Grade	9/1/18	7th Grade	9/1/13
3rd Grade	9/1/17	8th Grade	9/1/12
4th Grade	9/1/16	9th Grade	9/1/11
5th Grade	9/1/15	10th Grade	9/1/10
6th Grade	9/1/14	11th/12th Grade	Must be in high school

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

Teams age groups are governed by AAU grade/age eligibility. If you have questions or need further clarification contact Commission Jim Fox.

5. **To be eligible for the playoffs** the team **must play a minimum of 8 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**

- 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. 30th.
- Teams can eliminate one day in the week from their availability. All teams must be able to play on 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 or fails to show up for their scheduled game. (** Forfeit time is fifteen minutes after the scheduled starting time of the game.) **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
8. **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 Commissioner. *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, which must accompany the protest. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned.***
10. **ROSTERS**– We require all rosters to be submitted prior to your first game. 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.

PAYMENT & LATE FEE POLICY

1. **Payment Due Date**: All registration fees **shall be paid in full prior to the participant's first scheduled game**. (Unless financial arrangements are made with CFO prior to the start of the league. Contact Karen@islandgarden.com)
2. **Late Fee Assessment**: Failure to remit full payment by that time **shall result in an automatic assessment of a late fee** equal to **fifteen percent (15%)** of the total amount due, without limitation.
3. **Collection of Balance**: Such late fee **shall be immediately added** to the outstanding balance and is **subject to collection** in accordance with these terms and applicable law.
4. **Responsibility for Payment**: The participating team coach, club director or team's responsible party **acknowledges and agrees** to be responsible for: Timely payment of all fees, any late fees and any collection costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in enforcing this agreement.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & AGREEMENT: The participating team coach, club director or team's responsible party has read, understands, and agrees to the terms, conditions, and policies stated in this registration form, including the **Payment & Late Fee Policy** above.

SUPER LEAGUE GAME RULES

- **All games will utilize stop time.**
- Games will be played in two halves. For Grades 2 through 6, halves will be 14 minutes each and for Grades 7 through 12, halves will be 16 minutes each. For each half, a 1 & 1 bonus will be awarded **on the seventh foul**. A double bonus (2 shots) will be awarded **on the tenth foul**. If the game goes overtime, the fouls from the second half will extend into overtime.

  No full court press may be employed in the 3rd & 4th 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.
- **Girls may play on Boys teams.** Boys may never play on a Girls' team.
- 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 2nd and 3rd grade level.
- For all divisions, each team is permitted 2 full and 2 thirty second time outs.
- Basketball sizes:

Boys	2nd - 6th Grade	28.5
Boys	7th – 12th Grade	Regulation Adult
Girls	All	28.5

When there is a crossover 6th & 7th 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. **Final decision made by Jim Fox.**
- 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. **Final decision again made by Commissioner Jim Fox.**

We require ALL to register online using the links on our website AND available via email.

If you do NOT register online, you will not be entered into the league until you return this fully completed registration form to the Island Garden along with your deposit.

There is a required $1,500 deposit that must accompany all registrations.

REQUIRED REGISTRATION FORM SUPER LEAGUE 2026-2027

TEAM REGISTRATION FEE:

8 Games (minimum to be in playoffs)	$2,300
10 Games	$2,800
12 Games	$3,300
15 Games	$4,050

Team/coach is permitted to block playing on ONE DAY of the week.

REF FEES: Teams pre-pay referee fees, $50 per game. Total ref fees are included in their league team registration fee. *Ref fees for playoffs are not included and you will be invoiced.*

INSURANCE COVERAGE/AAU REGISTRATION

$24 per player and $65 per coach. (Coach fee includes a mandatory background check) 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 9/1/26 through to 8/31/27. ***ALL TEAMS MUST SUBMIT PROOF OF INSURANCE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE. Please attach a copy of your current Certificate of Insurance to this form if you have NOT purchased AAU Registration.***

PLEASE CIRCLE/Complete ALL Information: BOYS or GIRLS Grade: _____ LEVEL: I II III

TEAM NAME:_____

Coach: _____ (Required) Cell: _____

(Required) Email: _____

Address: _____

Secondary Contact:

Name: _____

(Required) Cell:_____

(Required) Email: _____

TEAM REGISTRATION GAME SELECTION AND FEE:

8 Games(minimum to be in playoffs)	$2,300
10 Games	$2,800
12 Games	$3,300
15 Games	$4,050

PLAYOFF REF FEES WILL BE BILLED TO THOSE TEAMS

ALL TEAMS MUST BEGIN NO LATER THAN December 15th. *Please supply CYO & Middle School schedules ASAP so we can try to avoid conflicts.*

List ONE DAY of the week unavailable to play _____

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