



Frequently Asked Questions

(as at 1 May 2020)

About our Programme

1. What is unique about the ActiveSG Basketball Academy?

- There are currently many basketball academies of differing sizes, capabilities and quality in Singapore. What sets the ActiveSG Basketball Academy apart from the rest is that the Academy adopts a holistic and all-rounded approach to its curriculum.
- Our Academy is a partnership between Sport Singapore and the Singapore Slingers (www.SingaporeSlingers.com). The Academy is founded not just on sound basketball theory and practice, but also the inculcation of strong character values and life skills that will be valuable for any child and youth to succeed in both basketball and life.
- Our ActiveSG Basketball Academy coaches are not just proficient in the sport but are also equipped with the knowledge and nous to work with young players and bring out the potential in them. In addition to providing children and youth with a carefully designed programme where they can learn and have fun, the ActiveSG Basketball Academy promises to be a platform where both boys and girls can learn basketball and much more in a safe environment.

2. Will boys and girls be training and playing together during the programmes?

- ActiveSG Basketball Academy encourages boys and girls to play and train together. Allowing boys and girls to play together helps encourage interaction, improve tolerance and promote mutual respect between the two genders. By playing alongside boys, girls become more aware of their abilities and gain self-confidence in excelling in a sport that is misconceived as being suited only for males.

3. Is it compulsory for my child to attend all three sessions during the week?

- It is not compulsory for the child to attend all three sessions during the week. However, our programme is designed as such to give your child maximum opportunity to learn and benefit from playing basketball. Hence, we strongly encourage our participants to attend three sessions a week so they can fully reap the benefits from the programme.
- Should your child be unable to attend all three sessions due to other school or external commitments then he/she will have the flexibility to attend the programme either once or twice each week.

4. What does my child need to bring along during the sessions?

- Please bring along a water bottle to keep hydrated during the breaks.
- All equipment required for the programme will be provided by the Academy.
- First-time participants will receive a complimentary training kit (top and shorts) during the first session and will be required to wear it for all subsequent sessions.
- Additional jerseys can be purchased from the Sport Centres at cost price of S\$10.30 (inclusive of GST)



5. Does the Academy provide make-up or alternative training sessions if my child is unable to attend any particular session?

There are **no make-up** or alternative training sessions should your child be unable to attend any one of the available training sessions. However, we have structured our programme to be conducted 3 times a week so as to ensure minimal disruption to your child's progress should he/she miss a particular session.

6. Will my child be at a disadvantage if he is relatively weaker in basketball as compared to his peers from the programme?

At ActiveSG Basketball Academy, we recognise that the rate of development for every child is different. Our coaches will do their best to take into account each participant's stage of learning and level of ability before dividing them in well-balanced groups where each participant will learn at a suitable pace that will challenge and encourage him/her to improve.

7. My child is born in December and smaller in his physique as compared to his peers. Can my child join the younger age group?

The participant's age is calculated based on his/her birth year, similar to MOE Schools. Hence, he/she should join his same-age peers for the programmes. Our programmes are designed to suit the respective age groups. Our coaches will also monitor the progress of the students and adjust the sessions accordingly.

7. My child has completed one season of the programme. If I would like my child to progress to the next level, do I still sign him/her up for the same programme? Will the coaches be conducting the same type of activities again?

All participants are encouraged to continue their basketball education with us upon completion of a single season. While our programme calendar comprises of 10-week seasons, it is essentially a continuous programme where our coaches implement different training activities at varying difficulties and intensities to cater to every child's stage of learning and level of ability.

It is also through continuous interaction with familiar faces (both team mates and coaches) where the child or youth is able to build on his/her progress as a basketball player and as an individual.

Our Coaches will assess all participants accordingly and will invite them to be part of our development programme in the near future.

Alternatively, we also encourage you to sign your child up for other programmes within our **ActiveSG Sports Academies and Clubs** to improve their overall fundamental movement skills. Regardless of one's ability and level of fitness, there is always a sport for every child. For more information, visit <https://www.myactivesg.com/Programmes/Academy>

8. Will there be an opportunity for my child to participate in competitions?

Every season will culminate in a season finale whereby participants can look forward to compete in small-sided games against fellow participants.





About Our Coaches

9. Who are the Head Coaches of the Academy? What are their roles and responsibilities?

Our current Head Coaches are as follows:

1. Alanna Lim Rui Jia
2. Lim Jia Min
3. Luan Chin How
4. Ong Yao Kwang
5. Shirley Ng Suey Li
6. Vincent Ong Chee Beng
7. Wu Qingde

These Head Coaches are responsible for developing the lesson plans and delivering these programmes to children. They also strive to foster a strong coach-player relationship with our participants and monitor their development closely during their time at the Academy.

Each satellite centres will have a team of coaches led by one of our Head Coach in guiding all participants in basketball throughout the programme until the end of the season.

They will play a key role in talent identification and overseeing the player development pathway for the more competent participants who aspire to join the elite youth teams of the national age group squads.

10. Are the Head Coaches engaged on a part-time or full-time basis? Are they in for the long haul and will they actually be on the ground coaching my child?

Our Head Coaches are committed to the Academy in the long term and will dedicate their time and effort to guiding participants at their respective centres throughout all sessions.

About Payment Matters

11. Can I enrol my child in the programme after it has started? If so, will the programme fee be pro-rated?

Yes, your child may join the programme at any point in time during the season. However, the programme fee is fixed at \$130 and **will not be pro-rated**. Our programmes are currently one of the most affordable programmes in Singapore with quality coaching and well-designed curriculum. This remains even if the child is attending only one session per week. In addition, 30% of the fee can be offset using ActiveSG dollars.

12. If I wish to discontinue my child's participation in the programme while it is already underway, can I get a partial refund?

There will be **no refunds** for any programme cancellation.



13. My child can only attend one session every week. Can I get a partial refund for the second and third weekly sessions?

There will be **no refunds** in this instance.

14. How do I register for the programme?

You may register via the following methods,

- 1) ActiveSG app
- 2) Guest Services Office at all ActiveSG Sport Centres
- 3) <https://www.myactivesg.com/Programmes/Academy/Basketball>

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact us at ActiveSG_Basketball@sport.gov.sg

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