



## Frequently Asked Questions

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### 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.

A tripartite partnership between Sport Singapore, Basketball Association of Singapore and the Singapore Slingers. The Academy is founded not just on sound basketball theory and practice, but also the inculcating 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?**

All equipment required for the programme will be provided for.

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.

**5. Does the Academy offer make-up or alternative training sessions if my child is unable to attend a particular one?**

There will not be any 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 children develop at different rates – with some progressing faster or slower than others.

To ensure no one child is at a disadvantage, our coaches will take into account every participant's stage of learning and level of ability before dividing them in well-balanced groups where each participant will be learn at a suitable pace that will challenge and encourage him/her to improve.

**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.

**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 and what are their roles and responsibilities?**

ActiveSG Basketball Academy's programmes are currently led by five head coaches and each of them are managing one of our five satellite centres as follows:

- Tan Jun Liang (Choa Chu Kang Sport Centre)
- Ong Yao Kwang (Jurong West/Clementi Sport Centre)
- Wang Yingzhao (Sengkang Sport Centre)
- Lim Jia Min (Hougang Sport Centre)
- Chiew Poh Leng (Pasir Ris Sport Centre)

These head coaches are responsible for developing the lesson plans and delivering these programmes to children. They are also encouraged to foster a strong coach-player relationship with our participants and to monitor their development closely during their time at the Academy. 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 in their respective centres throughout all sessions.

### **11. Will my child be training under the guidance of a dedicated coach?**

Every one of our five satellite centres is managed by a team of coaches who are designated to coach at a particular centre. These coaches will guide our participants in basketball throughout the programme until the end of the season.



### **About Payment Matters**

**12. 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.

**13. 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.

**14. 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.

**15. 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) [myActiveSG.com/academy/basketball](http://myActiveSG.com/academy/basketball)

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact us at [ActiveSG\\_Basketball@sport.gov.sg](mailto:ActiveSG_Basketball@sport.gov.sg)