



# TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL

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RE: Winter Basketball Programs

Given the current pandemic, this year's winter indoor basketball programs have been very much "up in the air"—no pun intended. We have been reviewing the information being generated by the NJ Department of Health, the Governor's Office, our local Health Department, and our local officials. We have also compared all of this with NJSIAA's (New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association) guidelines which have been disseminated for winter sports like basketball in the schools.

Through the Long Hill Parks & Recreation Department, we usually offer a Saturday Rec Basketball program in the Long Hill Schools (Nov. – March) and a Travel Basketball Program also in the Long Hill Schools for home games (Oct. – March). This year we have not gone forward with any programs as of yet due to concerns with the pandemic and offering an indoor program with the threat of a second wave of the virus.

Recently, we have seen upticks in the number of NJ COVID-19 cases. This is of concern, and we will continue to watch this. Currently, we do have a request in with the Long Hill Schools to use the gyms beginning in January. The league that we belong to for the Travel Basketball Program (JBL) remains hopeful that a modified travel basketball season can still go forward from Jan. – March.

We will continue to monitor the situation and evaluate the possibility for future basketball programs, both Recreation and our more competitive Travel programs. I do know that several players interested in basketball now have looked into other options outside of our programs. Several private indoor sports facilities are still offering indoor basketball programs, and I know that some of our past players have been inquiring with them for other opportunities.

If and when the situation changes for our department, more information will be posted on our website.

Thank you for your understanding.

Be well,

Lisa Scanlon  
Director, Parks & Recreation