



BBA 6th Annual Middle School Developmental League A High-Quality Alternative for Middle-School Players

Why?

- With the large numbers and such a short time frame for tryouts, it is very difficult for the school coaching staff to choose players.
- If a young man who loves to play doesn't make the school team, what viable options does he have? We offer him a chance to keep playing and improving. (And have FUN!)
- Often, there may not be significant differences between the last players who make the team and the first group of players who don't make the team.
- Young athletes are subject to extremely wide variations of physical, emotional, and mental maturity levels. It's not uncommon to see 7th graders who are practically fully grown—or 8th graders who haven't hit their "growth spurt" yet. (One of our former players, then 5'8" 140, is now 6'6", 230—and is now playing tight end at Princeton University!)
- Taller players often develop at a slower rate and get left behind.
- A young player should be judged by who he can become—not by who he is as a 12- or 13-year-old.
- We *guarantee* that you'll see significant improvement in your sons.
- **PLEASE NOTE: FOR THE 1ST TIME, WE'RE ACCEPTING ADVANCED 6TH-GRADERS!**

League Overview

- 10 players per team. Generally organized by school/community.
- Cost per player: \$299. (After 10/31, late registration \$349.)
 - Jersey provided.
 - 8 Saturday games: 11/17; 12/1, 8, 15; 1/12, 19, 26; 2/2.
 - Practices and games are in Vestavia. Exact location TBD.
 - We provide coaches who are instructors first, coaches second. They will do a great job:
 - Teaching fundamentals (standardized for all teams).
 - Managing practices.
 - Coaching in the games.
 - The atmosphere will be positive and encouraging. Players learn to take risks, develop confidence, & learn team skills.
 - High success rate: 40+% of 2017-18 D-League players made their teams this past spring!
- 1 practice/week: A heavy emphasis on fundamentals. Start 11/5.
- Game notes: 15 minutes of fundamental drills for "warm up." Each half: 16-minute running clock. Certified referees. Everyone plays! We play fast on offense & man-to-man on defense.

"Don't measure yourself by what you've accomplished, but what you should have accomplished with your ability."

~ Coach John Wooden

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