

Welcome to



Where the fun begins for  
your child.

# We welcome you to Glendale Homenetmen Ararat Chapter

- We would like to invite you to join our Homentmen family and be part of one of the largest youth development organizations in the world.
- Homenetmen Glendale Ararat Chapter is the largest Armenian youth and athletic organization in the world.



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# What is Development League

- The Basketball development League was designed for children ages 7 – 12
- The goal is to provide a well organized and high quality youth basketball experience that emphasizes fun, skill development, confidence building, and character enhancement, all within a safe and friendly environment.

# Our Philosophies

- Open registration

Our program is open to all children between ages of 7 – 12 who want to register and play basketball. Interest and enthusiasm are the only criteria for playing

- Balanced Teams

Every season we form new teams as evenly balanced as possible, because it is fair and more fun when teams of equal ability play.

# Our Philosophies

- Everyone plays

Our program's goal is for kids to play basketball, so we mandate that every player on every team must play at least half of every game.

- Positive coaching

Kids win when they are built up, not when they are torn down!  
We train and encourage our coaches to make the extra effort to understand and offer help to our players rather than negative criticism.

# Our Philosophies

- Good Sportsmanship

We strive to create a positive environment based on mutual respect rather than a win-at-all costs attitude, and our program is designed to instill good sportsmanship in every facet of Homenetmen

- Parent's participation

We encourage full participation of the parents in this program. With your presence you emphasize the importance of this program and the importance of what your child does and achieve in this program.

# Our Philosophies

- Homentmen our family

We will deal with every kid and parent like our own sons, daughters, brothers and sisters. Family is the bases of a strong community. Homentmen is the big family at the bases of the D-League.

# League Management

- Tomik Abrahamian (League Director)
- Siamanto Avakian (Assistant Director)
- Shake` Garibyan (League Administrator)
- Housik Gukasian (Athletic Office)



# Misstion Statement

The Homenetmen Glendale "Ararat" Chapter's Basketball D-League will create the best family atmosphere for the physical and intellectual growth of our participants, through athletics by providing a well organized and high quality youth basketball experience that emphasizes fun, friendship building, skill development, confidence building, and character enhancement, all within the safe and friendly confines of the "Ararat" Center.

# Doing What's Best for The Kids

- We hope to build the skills, confidence, and love for the game of basketball that is necessary as a base for later, advanced competition. We will always value the aforementioned principles over the importance of winning. We will ask that all D-League parents and coaches do the same, as this is what is best for the players. The D-League gives players an opportunity to be active and have a great time doing it! Beginning and experienced players alike will be brought together to have fun and a great time through basketball.

# What is it all about?

1. Fun
2. Skill Development
3. Confidence Building
4. Character Enhancement

# FUN

- **The reason we play sports - it's not to win!**
- **All players play at least half of every game**
- **Making new friends**

# SKILL DEVELOPMENT

- **The importance of fundamentals**
- **Age and developmentally appropriate division parameters**
- **Focusing on strength, conditioning, nutrition, and health.**

# CONFIDENCE BUILDING

- **Learning the skills needed to compete at higher levels**
- **Gaining and maintaining a consistent positive attitude**
- **Constructive and positive coaching**

# CHARACTER ENHANCEMENT

- Learning how to deal with a win or a loss
- Respecting all teammates, coaches, opponents, spectators, and officials
- The importance of teamwork and sportsmanship

# A Progressive System

- Between the ages of 7-12, players are growing both physically and emotionally, and the D-League reflects this. For example, for the younger ages, players will play at a lower basket with a smaller sized ball, with scoring modifications. This helps keep confidence levels high and protects young players from forming bad mechanical habits at early ages. Also, Coaches will be guided to teach age appropriate skills and strategies to their players and some rules may be modified to give players the best basketball experience possible.

## How Do We Do It?

- We will have a boys and a girls division.
- The D-League will be divided into 3 Boys divisions and 2 Girls divisions:
  - Boys ages 7-12 (2002–1996) 7/8, 9/10, 11/12
  - Girls ages 8-11 (2001–1998) 8/9, 10/11

Division break-downs may differ slightly based on enrollment.

# Practices

- **Practices will be once a week, for an hour, in the evenings (practice days and times will be announced at the pre-season parents meeting). At practices, coaches will be responsible to develop a lesson plan appropriate to his or her players and division level. D-League staff will monitor practices and work closely with coaches to guarantee that appropriate skills and strategies are being taught, and that all players are involved.**

# Games

- **On Sundays, games are 40 minutes long, with quarter breaks and a half-time. Players are guaranteed to play at least half of every game and there will never be more than 10 players per team. Also, in order to keep appropriate levels of competition, there are no standings or playoffs for the younger divisions, and for the older players, it is not a central focus of the season. Instead, all teams will play every Sunday, regardless of their record. We want players to have the best experience possible, so all games will be officiated by well-trained referees.**

# Division Specifications

- **Boys ages 7/8 & Girls ages 8/9: 9'0" basket, "youth" sized (27.5) basketballs, score reset.**
- **Boys ages 9/10 & Girls ages 10/11: 9'0" basket, "intermediate" sized (28.5) basketballs full score keeping**
- **Boys ages 11/12: 10'0" basket, "men's' official" (29.5) basketballs, full score keeping**

# Who Coaches

- **D-League is grateful to our volunteers who coach our Youth teams. Moms, dads, aunts, uncles, grandparents, friends, and older siblings are all welcome and may volunteer**
- **As either a head-coach or an assistant. Anyone who coaches will go through a mandatory coaches' training and Ararat Staff assistance will be provided throughout the season.**

# Why Play D-League

- **Players are guaranteed to play at least HALF of every game**
- **Every player receives a Full Uniform that is theirs to KEEP when the season is over**
- **A Coaches Training is provided for all volunteers**
- **EVERY PLAYER receives an end of the season AWARD**
- **Preparation for entry into local High School Basketball programs**
- **At the end of every season players who have the ability and are willing to join the year round teams will do so**

# Notable Dates

- **Player Evaluations: Tue Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:30-7:00pm**  
This is NOT a tryout. Players are evaluated in an individual basis to allow for creation of balanced teams.
- **Coaches Clinic: Tue Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:30pm**  
All coach and assistang coach volunteers advised on:  
Proper approach in practices and games  
age appropriate skills and drills
- **Parents Meeting: Sat Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00-11:00am**  
In this meeting teams Rosters and Team practice and game schedules will be announced.

# Preliminary League Schedule

- **One hour weekly practices every Tuesday from 5:30 – 7:30 starting the week of April 19<sup>th</sup> and ending the week of July 19<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Game will be held on Sundays at Ararat Blue Gym. The games will be during the day from 9:00 am to 6:00pm**

## Cost?

- **The registration fee is all inclusive, It covers all practices, 10 official Games and a full set of official D-League uniform and end of year Award for each participant and is as follows:**
  - **Non Members \$100**
  - **Homenetmen Members \$50**

# The Keys to Success

- **Bill of Rights for Young Athletes**
- **Parental involvement (volunteers)**
- **Parent Job Description**
- **Parent Contract**