

BLOCK CLUB BASKETBALL **SUMMER LEAGUE**

- What is Block Club Basketball?
 - Block Club Basketball also referred to as B.C.B. started in 1995. It is a cooperative effort between Urban Christian Ministries and area block clubs to help relationships between adults and youth in our communities.

- Why partner with Block Clubs?
 - We realize that block clubs are a vital & powerful part of our communities. If anything gets done in on our blocks it's usually because of an effective block club. Block clubs know their neighborhoods and the problems they are or are not faced with. Our goal is to work with as many block clubs as possible to help create happy, united communities.

- Why partner with Churches?
 - The local church has always been a stable driving force in the communities of Buffalo and Western New York. We believe involvement from local churches will help provide not only a solid Christian message on the streets, but also a greater sense of belonging and commitment for our neighborhoods. The local church is also a vital necessity for moral accountability and stability for our youth.

- How does Block Club Basketball [BCB] work?
 - Block Clubs will register their block for the summer league by completing a block club registration form. The block club will be responsible for appointing an adult to oversee/coach their team. It is also the responsibility of the block club to get the teens in their neighborhood together as a team. The block club is responsible for transporting their team to games on streets other than their own.

 - Urban Christian Ministries will provide govern and oversee the league. We will provide basketballs & hoops, sound equipment, a score board, referees, playing jerseys, game commentators and set up the court each time we play on your street. We will also provide half time devotional speakers and link neighborhood churches to people in the community.

 - A schedule will be provided to each participating block club & coach so they'll know when and where their team is playing each day.

- How is Block Club Basketball different from other sports programs?
 - **Block Club Basketball is not a sports program. It is a ministry that uses basketball as the vehicle to get the Gospel Message out to the community.** Our young people and our city are in trouble and we believe that God is the answer. Our goal is to bring God back into our neighborhoods. Yes, salvation is the message we bring but without love salvation is misunderstood and never achieved. If we can help our youth love themselves, they can love others. They will be more willing to communicate without violence and they will begin reaching for the greatness that is in each of them.

- Is there a cost to the block clubs and churches to participate?
 - There is no cost to the block clubs or churches other than the cost of hot dogs & juice after each home game.

- Is there a cost to the players?
 - Yes, there is a \$20.00 registration fee for each player.

- Why should my block club participate in Block Club Basketball?
 - Every summer we have a significant decline in crime on the streets that host BCB. Block Club Basketball not only gets the youth involved but it also give them a sense of ownership and belonging. No one wants to see something they own or belong to destroyed.

- Why should my church participate in the ministry of Block Club Basketball?
 - Block Club Basketball provides the perfect Evangelism opportunity. The entire neighborhood comes out to watch each game. This is a great opportunity to train adults and young people to witness and share their faith with people outside of the church.
 - The streets of Buffalo are a mission field. You have the opportunity to fulfill “The Great Commission” without leaving your own community.

- What about the children under 13 years old?
 - We have Kick-It to the Curb
 - Children ages 12 and under
 - A vacation bible school on the street
 - Face Painting
 - Games
 - Jump Ropes
 - Snacks
 - Much, Much More!