

The Calgary Minor Basketball Association Youth League (known as the CMBA) has been serving Calgary youth since 1979.

In the past ten years from 2013 to 2023 Calgary Minor Basketball has grown from 4,750 youth players in 2013 to now serve over 7,000 youth basketball players in the 2022 – 2023 season. The CMBA League has grown by 52% over the past 10 years.

Due to rapid growth of youth basketball in an ever-growing city, CMBA forecasts with annual growth rate of 10 percent year over year the league will serve over 10,000 youth by 2026-2027 season.

The Federation of International Basketball Associations (FIBA) estimates that a minimum of 450 million people play basketball around the world, be it recreationally or through structured competitions. The incredible growth of basketball in a very ethnic diverse City of Calgary makes it a very popular sport. The CMBA has seen grown each year with a registration bump in popularity due to the Toronto Raptors NBA Championship win 2019. Now with the new Calgary Surge Professional Basketball team embracing the Calgary Basketball Community we foresee accelerated growth to come in the next 5 years.

Currently the CMBA rents many various gymnasiums from recreations centers, private schools, churches, and Tsuu T'ina Nation. All these sites are in the four different quadrants of the city with a large majority of the rentals in South Calgary. The location of the field house in NW Calgary is ideal because our Association needs more court rentals in North Calgary.

A fieldhouse with nine courts in one location centralizes our sport for volunteer coaches to work with multiple teams at both games and practices throughout the week. Also, Referees can be moved from court to court depending on the game needs in league play and tournaments. It allows large families with multiple children to watch games in one location, with C-train access close by this helps players and families get to their practices and games each week. The Fieldhouse will create a sense of community for many Calgarians across many sports.

A nine-court fieldhouse would allow CMBA to bid for premier tournaments, such as Alberta Youth Provincials. It would bring Canadian National basketball tournaments and International FIBA tournaments to the city, with the fieldhouse located only a short walk from hotel row this location is ideal for out-of-town teams to enjoy easy access to the tournament they are playing in.

The test designs of the new fieldhouse make it a great multisport facility with team & referee change room, team meeting rooms, equipment storage, office space, and a food court area. These building amenities will supply all our league needs in one place.

The CMBA is grateful to the design team for taking all our information of needs into the plans of this facility and coordinating those needs across multiple sport user groups. The consideration of team rooms, food court, and most importantly parking for thousands of people that would use the site have been taken into great care of preplanning a facility of this size. They have left no stone unturned in this process. Thank you design team it has been great work with you over the past months.

The fieldhouse is greatly needed for grassroots youth basketball to be able to meet the ever-Surging growth needs of the Calgary basketball community.

