**Instructional League**

Grace Evan’s instructional league is intended to provide kids from 4–6 years old an environment to learn the most basic of skills in **soccer (Fall/Spring)** and **basketball (Winter)**.

Practices and games are contained within one Friday night. Practice lasts for 30 minutes followed by a devotional and a 30 minute game - this reinforces and allows the players to quickly apply the basic skills they are learning during practice.

This program is coed in all 3 sports and open to the Grace Evan church family in addition to the surrounding community.

**Who:** Grace Evan members/attendees, Shelby County

**Age:** 4-6 year old boys and girl leagues- Coed teams

**Purpose:** Basic skills, drills and practice, application in a game setting

**Benefit:** Sport learning and skill application in a single event

: Introduction to sports; building of skill and team environment foundations

: One day a week commitment: Skills and time are age appropriate

: 6 week season – 6 games/season

: Includes devotions and prayers during games

**East Shelby County Recreation Association (ESCRA) | Recreational**

Our recreational program works in conjunction with a recreational league by the name of East Shelby Church Recreational Association (ESCRA). ESCRA’s mission aligns with ours; that is, to provide a Christ-centered environment through athletics. You can [visit ESCRA’s website](http://escrasports.org/) to view more information. Below is what we typically offer through ESCRA and is available to our church family in addition to those in our surrounding community:

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| SOCCER (FALL & SPRING) | BASKETBALL (WINTER) |
| Boys and girls divisions | Boys and girls divisions |
| U8 (6 and 7 year olds) | U8 (6 and 7 year olds) |
| U10 (8 and 9 year olds) | U10 (8 and 9 year olds) |
| U13 (10, 11, and 12 year olds) | U12 (10 and 11 year olds) |
|  | U14 (12 and 13 year olds) |
|  | U16 (14 and 15 year olds) |
|  | U18 (16 and 17 year olds) |

**Who:** Grace Evan members/attendees, Shelby County

**Age:** 6-12 year old boy and girl divisions

**Purpose:** Shelby County individuals interested in playing sports, developing skills and learning teamwork

**Benefit:** Modest development of team and sport skills (depending on coach)

: Recreational sports minded focused on fun

: One day a week practice and 8 game season

: Limited devotions and prayers (Occurs at Grace Evan only)

**Crosscheck | Competitive**

Grace Athletics competitive program is called Crosscheck. Christ is the center of our program.  Our aim is to arm players/teams with Gospel foundation to grow and develop as a team - on the field and in their school, neighborhood, and community.  Devotions and prayer are provided every game.  We seek to build relationships with our coaches and families, all for His glory.  
  
Crosscheck was designed for participants seeking a more competitive environment than recreational leagues yet one that doesn't require 20-30+ games in a season with extensive costs. Having less games while retaining a competitive environment allows players to apply a high skill level while allowing the family unit to spend time together, which is unique to Grace Athletics!   
  
This program, along with all of Grace Athletics' programs are open to schools, churches, and the surrounding community.   
  
For a more recreational atmosphere please visit our Recreation League page. Below is what we currently offer in our competitive program

**Who:** Grace Evan members/attendees, Shelby County & Memphis City

**Age:** 6-12 year old boy and girl divisions: Grades 1st – 6th

**Purpose:** Competitive league yielding an improvement-to-play environment

**Benefit:** Intentional program to develop the total athlete: spirit and body

: Whole person development: athlete, person, scholar with delivery of biblical, character, and team values

: Christ minded environment for coaches, players, parents/spectators, and officials.

: Clear and viable alternative to secular competitive sports

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| FOOTBALL (FALL) | BASKETBALL (WINTER) | | SOCCER (SPRING) |
| Flag - 1st/2nd Grade Flag | Boys | Girls | U13 (11-13 years old) |
| Flag - 3rd Grade Flag | 1st Grade | 1st/2nd Grade | U10 (9-10 years old) |
| Tackle - 3rd/4th Grade\* | 2nd Grade | 2nd/3rd Grade | U8 (6-8 years old) |
| Tackle - 5th/6th Grade\* | 3rd Grade | 5th/6th Grade |  |
| Cheer - 1st–6th Grade Cheer | 4th Grade |  |  |
|  | 5th Grade |  |  |
|  | 6th Grade |  |  |

\*Based on registration numbers and age, teams can be put into individual grade divisions (e.g. 5th Grade Tackle)