Midnight League games to be played at north side location this fall

A new north side site has been established for the free men’s basketball Midnight League, and games will begin during the next few weeks, Alderman Khalif J. Rainey said today.

Midnight League games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights through early November starting October 2 at Obama High School, 5075 N. Sherman Blvd., said Alderman Rainey, who helped found the Midnight League.

“The Midnight League provides a positive and constructive outlet for young men, and it’s a great way for them to be having fun and competing in a safe and positive environment. I encourage players to get a team together or attend open draft night on October 2,” Alderman Rainey said.

The league is run by a partnership that includes the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee Public Schools, the Milwaukee Police Department, Milwaukee Health Department, Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission, the Milwaukee Bucks and Running Rebels. The league is also part of the MPS C.A.R.E.S. (Community and Recreation Engaging Students) initiative, and young men 17 to 25 years old who live in Milwaukee may participate (currently enrolled high school students are NOT eligible).

Each league night at Obama will include games starting at 8 p.m., 9 p.m., 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. with community resources available.

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Participants can register online at MilwaukeeRecreation.net (Activity Code – 2RAS1109-CT02). If you already have a team, please call 414-475-8811.

Alderman Rainey said the league also supports positive police and community relations, as the Milwaukee Police Department provides mentoring opportunities for young men who participate.

NOTE: Participants cannot play in both the new north side league and the existing south side league.