

Hello everyone. My apologies that the sign-up link, meetings, and skills and drills have been delayed. August brought a lot of change with packing up things at 1275 Tullar Road and moving into 500 Rocket Way. That change has us behind, but we will get going here this next week. Thank you for your continued patience.

Want to be clear with everyone that this year we will be implementing some changes to how we run our hoops club program. **The changes are primarily for players in Grades 2-5.** The new practice gym at 500 Rocket Way will afford us some opportunities to re-structure our offerings to better meet the needs of our program and participants.

The changes we are implementing come after much thought and research into what best practices are for youth basketball programming, and with an outlook on what is best for the whole programs longevity. I am confident that we can structure things to give everyone a better hoops club experience.

By signing up to take part in the hoops club your son will be guaranteed practice time every week, skill work sessions with competent professionals including the high school coaching staff and former players, and competitive opportunities. Those competitive opportunities will be commensurate with what we feel is each player's current ability level.

Factors we will consider are skill level, physical maturity, competitiveness, mental focus, and knowledge of basketball concepts. Myself and our high school staff will determine where your son can best develop throughout the month of October and early November during **'skills and drills' sessions.**

Beginning in November your son will be placed in one of two pathways. One pathway will give players the opportunity to compete against other programs in leagues and tournaments. Those individuals will practice 2x/week. There will be an additional fee for players taking part in this pathway. You will receive notification later on about the amount (most likely between \$50 and \$75).

The second pathway will have players competing on Saturday mornings at Neenah High School (The Rocket League) in the Practice Gym. They will have 4-5 weeks of 3x3 league and 4-5 weeks of 5x5 play. Those players will also have 1-2 practices and/or skill sessions each week during November-February. **This league will allow for more touches and opportunities for development and growth.** Your son is guaranteed opportunities to play and touch the ball, which isn't always the case when playing in weekend tournaments.

The \$100 fee is to take part in all club activities - practices and skill sessions beginning in October (when skills and drills begin) and running through the month of April (we will offer skills and drills at least 1x/week in the month of March and April). Uniforms will be an extra cost. Players who are playing in tournaments/leagues will need to purchase a uniform top and shorts, if they don't have one. Players taking part in "The Rocket League" will need to purchase a top.

If you're player is in grades 2-5 you will have the ability to just opt into the Rocket League. Especially if it is a better fit schedule wise for your family.

Players taking part in "The Rocket League" will have the opportunity to play against other programs if we feel there are productive opportunities or if we feel their development will allow them to do so and have a positive experience.

Please e-mail me with any questions or concerns you may have as we will start a document to answer them. Thank you.