



2023-2024 Season Parent Letter

3rd Grade

September 2023

Dear Orono Basketball Parents of 3rd Graders:

We hope your school year has gotten off to a great start! Planning for the 2023-2024 season is fully underway and we are excited to get started! ***Please read this letter thoroughly*** as it will address all items relevant for the season to get underway. Communication on changes and updates will be sent primarily via email and oftentimes also posted on our [website](#) and on social media ([Instagram](#)) depending upon the nature of such changes.

Registration

Registration opens **Monday, October 2nd!** Access the link via our [website](#). Registration is set to close October 27th, so please register as soon as possible. Please go through and select jersey size and order at registration, and then go back to complete registration on the website. Please email info@oronobasketball.com for any late registration questions. We can accommodate late additions as requested, however, there is no prorated registration amount.

Fees

Fees include a reversible jersey as well as a basketball. Additional items, including matching shorts, will be available for purchase through our Spirit Store (details to follow). Shorts are not required and any pair of navy or black shorts are fine.



Grade Level	2023-20224 Fee
3rd Grade	\$275

Scholarships

OBBA provides scholarships to families who qualify. Please complete the application [here](#) or see the link on the OBBA [website](#). **OBBA Families:** please consider contributing to our OBBA Scholarship Fund, which enables our organization to provide opportunities to children in our district. When completing your registration online, please look for the option to donate to the fund or contact the OBBA directly to make your donation. 100% of your donation will be used to cover the costs of scholarships for children in our program. Donations of any amount are appreciated. Thank you for supporting our community and our program. OBBA will recognize family donations on our website and any other advertising.

Program Overview (NEW)

The 3rd Grade Program will include 7 Saturday Skills Sessions, one (1) weekday practice determined by the coach of your team, AND 6 Saturday game dates that include two games in the MYAS 3rd grade league games.

3rd Grade MYAS Basketball League

- Teams will play two games on 5 Saturdays, along with a league playoff date of 3 games. 3rd graders will NOT have the Saturday skills session when at their league games.

Saturday League Dates

- Dec 2: 2 Game Play Date
- Dec 16: 2 Game Play Date
- Jan 6: 2 Game Play Date



- Jan 20: 2 Game Play Date
- Feb 3: 2 Game Play Date
- Feb 17: League Playoffs (2-3 games)
- Location is determined after all teams register, but there will be limited travel around the area.

Saturday Skills Sessions Dates

- November - 4th, 11th, 18th
- December - 10th
- January - 13th, 27th
- February - 11th

Location: ORONO ACTIVITY CENTER - All Sessions

Tentative Schedule (specific groupings and times subject to change based upon registration #'s - finalized times will be communicated)

Grade Level	Gender	Time
3rd Grade	Girls	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
3rd Grade	Boys	2:00 - 3:30 PM

Weekday practices will begin the week of November 6th. Specific schedules will be posted to SportsEngine at a later date.

If facilities and volunteer support are available, OBBA will seek to arrange separate scrimmages or other events as we are able through the course of the season.

Trainers

Jared Bergerren will be back this year to continue his work with our youngest Spartans. Jared played basketball at the University of Wisconsin where he had a successful collegiate career that led him to



playing in Europe, Asia and in the NBA Summer Leagues. He works all over the state training players from youth to professional levels. He is committed to helping young players build skill and knowledge and brings a ton of energy to his coaching.

Courtney Boylan Douglass will also be back this year to work with our younger Spartans. Since graduating and winning Miss Basketball Minnesota in 2008, Courtney has continued to stay involved with her passion for basketball. She was a 4-year scholar athlete and letter winner at the University of Michigan. Courtney then went on to be a Division I assistant basketball coach at Northern Kentucky University where she helped lead NKU to two consecutive winning seasons and post-season tournaments. She then played professional basketball in Israel for 8 seasons and recently retired after winning an Israeli League Championship this past season. During those 8 years, she would spend her summers in Minnesota working with thousands of basketball players and helping with the skill development at some of the top high school programs in the state. She now lives in Minnesota full-time and is continuing her passion for mentoring and developing basketball players at every age and level.

Our goal is for all children to have fun while beginning to develop basketball skills and a love for the game. Jared will coach the first hour of Saturday sessions while parent coaches will work with the kids for the remaining 30 minutes each week

Team Formations

If registration numbers support forming more than one team per gender, parity teams (talent distributed evenly) will be created to ensure as even and balanced teams as possible. Team formations will begin at the weekday practices at the start of the season.

A Parent Meeting will be held once the session starts to provide more information on practices, skills sessions and the Saturday skills session.

Coaches



We rely upon parent volunteer coaches for our 3rd Grade Teams. Please consider coaching if your time and talents allow. Coaches must apply by November 2nd, 2023. Parent Coaches are responsible for the mid-week practice and also the last 30 minutes of the Saturday Skills sessions.

Coaching application link [here](#). OBBA provides coaches with all necessary equipment as well as coaching shirts. Coaches are required to complete safety training as well as pass a background check.

In Conclusion

Please share this email with others who may not know about OBBA. Our emails are only sent to those currently associated with our program and we would love to see some new faces this season. *If you wish to NOT receive our emails, please reply to this note and we will remove you.*

Visit our [website](#) and our [Instagram](#) page frequently for updates throughout the remainder of the summer and into the season.

Thank you for your support of and commitment to Orono Basketball.

Scott Larson, President
Orono Basketball Association (OBBA)

2023-2024 OBBA Board Members

**Ann O'Reilly
Kelly Barnholdt
Bryan Munsell
Jake Phillips
Collin Nelson**

**Theresa Schmidt
Scott Larson
Mark Swenson
Luke Zauhar**

**Ross Johnson
Josh Sanderson
Julie Amende
Sarah Hague**