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| East Ridge Basketball Options | Little Raptors Basketball | In-House Basketball | Traveling Basketball |
| Grade Levels | K - 2 nd | 3 rd – 9 th | 3 rd -8 th for Boys, 4 th -8 th for Girls |
| Season | November – Early February | Early November – Early February | Mid October - Early March |
| Practices | 1 evening a week for 11 sessions | 2 evening weeknight practices per week | 2 evening weeknight practices per week. There could occasionally be a Friday night practice. |
| Games | N/A This program is designed to introduce basketball to our youngest players. | League play on Saturday mornings or afternoons in Woodbury or nearby communities (e.g., Cottage Grove, Stillwater). Game play vs other in-house teams. | No league play. All games are part of weekend tournaments, typically held in the metro area (one out of town tournament in Rochester). There is a 3 Game minimum for each tournament, and most tournaments include games on both Sat AND Sun. Fans pay admission to get into games. |
| Tournaments | N/A Improving basketball fundamentals is the goal of these sessions. Time will be spent on ball handling, shooting, passing and increasing basketball IQ. Sessions are designed to be fun and upbeat. | All teams in league play participate in an end of season tournament in early February. | All games are tournaments. Optional overnight stay for Rochester tournament. State tournament opportunity at end of season at various locations. Teams are seeded/placed based on their results of the season and are matched with similar skilled teams. 11 tournaments per team |
| How teams are chosen | N/A | We attempt to form equal teams to promote competitive gameplay. Evaluation night occurs in October. | Tryouts occur in September. In cases where more than one team can be created at a grade level, teams are typically divided by skill level – “A,” “B,” and “C.” Independent evaluators, not coaches or parents, evaluate players during tryouts. |

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| Playing Time | N/A | All equal playing time | Grades 3-6: Equal playing time Grades 7-8: earned playing time based on effort, attitude, skills/results and participation |
| Game Rules | N/A | At younger grades, officiating is lax. Fouls are called. Free throws are taken, but refs will not call every double dribble and traveling violation. Older grades graduate toward MN State High School rules but still loosely enforced. | MN State High School rules generally apply at all grade levels. Some modifications/variations to these rules are made on a tournament-by-tournament basis (full court press rules vary as well as free throw distance from hoop at younger ages). |
| Uniform | No uniform. Little Raptors t-shirts and basketballs are given out. | Team jersey that is reversible. | Full uniform to be purchased by player (reversible jersey, shorts) |
| Coaches | Parent Volunteer | Parent Volunteer | Parents volunteer to coach, but then must interview for position and ERAA staff select coaches. Occasionally a non-parent coach. |
| Registration Timeframe | Mid July – start of program in November | Mid July – team formation in early November | Registration opens Mid July through tryout dates in September. |
| Fees | \$75 | \$195 if registered by August 4, \$220 for remainder of open registration | \$350 fee if registered by August 4. After that fee increases to \$370. Cost of uniform is also extra (\$90 for new uniform that typically is used for 2 years) |
| Volunteer Requirement | None | None | Requirement of one DIBS shift per travel player with a max of 2 total DIBS shifts/family. There is a \$200 per DIBS shift buyout option. |

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