



2023-2024 Season Parent Letter K, 1st & 2nd Grade

September 2023

Dear Orono Basketball Parents of Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd 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 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 spartan basketball t-shirt as well as a basketball. Additional items will be available for purchase through our Spirit Store (details to follow).

Grade Level	2023-2024
K, 1st, 2nd	\$190



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

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 continue her work. 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.



Jared and Courtney will alternate Saturdays and will be assisted by other coaches during the sessions. We always welcome parent volunteers to help assist our coaches in drills.

Our Saturday sessions focus is skills work with drills and games that incorporate skill development. Our goal is for all children to have fun while beginning to develop basketball skills and a love for the game.

NEW This year we will be adding game play with 3 on 3 during the Saturday skills sessions. This can not happen without parent volunteer and help. We will need parents to help organize teams, pass our jerseys, ref, and help sub. This game-like play is so beneficial for younger players, we will need many hands!

Saturday Skills Sessions Dates

- November - 4th, 11th, 18th
- December - 2nd, 9th, 16th
- January - 6th, 13th, 27th
- February - 3rd, 10th

Location: ORONO ACTIVITY CENTER

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

Grade Level	Gender	Time
Kindergarten	Boys	8:30 - 9:30 AM
Kindergarten	Girls	9:30 - 10:30 AM
1st Grade	Girls	9:30 - 10:30 AM
1st Grade	Boys	10:30 - 11:30 AM



2nd Grade	Girls	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
2nd Grade	Boys	1:00 - 2:00 PM

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.

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)

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