



2021-2022 Season Parent Letter 3rd Grade

September 2021

Dear Orono Basketball Parents of 3rd Graders:

We hope your school year has gotten off to a great start! Planning for the 2021-2022 season is fully underway. Coming off a crazy season last year, we are hopeful for a quiet, normal season this year. While we cannot be certain COVID will not affect our season again this year, we are preparing as though it will be less impactful than last. As always, the safety of our players and our community is our top priority, and we will make all decisions accordingly. Communication on changes will be sent via email and posted on our [website](#) and on social media (Instagram). Please read this letter thoroughly as it will address all items relevant for the season to get underway.

Registration

Registration opens **Tuesday, September 28th**. Access the link via our [website](#). Registration is set to close November 1st so please register as soon as possible.

Fees

Fees will remain the same as last year for our K-2 program: \$175. 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	2020-2021 Fee	2021-2022 Fee
3rd Grade	\$250	\$250



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

The 3rd Grade Program will include Saturday Skills Sessions along with one (1) weekday practice and three (3) weekend tournaments.

Jefferson Mason will be back this year to continue to work his magic with our youngest players. The 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.

Saturday Skills Sessions Dates

- November - 6th, 13th, 20th
- December - 4th, 11th, 18th
- January - 8th, 15th, 29th
- February - 5th, 12th

Location: ORONO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



Schedule (specific groupings and times subject to change based upon registration #'s)

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

Weekday practices will begin the week of November 9th. 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.

Tournaments & Team Formations

If registration numbers support forming more than one team per gender the teams will be created to ensure as even and balanced teams as possible. Team Formations will begin at the weekday practices as the start of the season.

Each 3rd grade team will play in three (3) tournaments. Tournaments will be within the Twin Cities metro area. We attempt to find 1 day tournaments whenever possible but it may be the case that tournaments will require both Saturday and Sunday play. Typical tournaments include anywhere from 3-4 games per tournament. Tournament participation is highly encouraged but optional. A Parent Meeting will be held once the session starts to provide more information on tournaments.

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 1st, 2021. 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.



Volunteers

Volunteers are a critical component to the success of OBBA and we are grateful to our amazing families who commit their time and talents. As our program continues to grow and develop, we are seeking volunteers to join our board.

We currently have several open board positions:

- Facilities Coordinator (Board Position *OR* Volunteer Non-Board Member)
- Assistant Tournament Director (Board Position *OR* Volunteer Non-Board Member)

Additional details for each position can be found on our website. If you are interested in joining the OBBA Board the application is on the website or [here](#). Please reach out to me or any Board member if you would like to receive more information.

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.

Beth Watkins, President
Orono Basketball Association (OBBA)

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