



MEDFIELD
BASKETBALL

Medfield Youth Basketball

Coaches Meeting

Intro

The objective of the meeting is prepare coaches for the upcoming season.

Details related to policy, safety, equipment, and team administration will be covered.

By the end, we hope you'll have an understanding of MYBA and the objectives of our organization.

Agenda

- MYBA Overview
- SafeKids
- Travel Season
- In-Town Season
- Equipment
- Coaching



MYBA Overview

MYBA is a 100% volunteer led, non-profit organization with IRS 501(c)(3) status. The organization depends on parents/guardians to serve as Board members, act as coaches, administer specific programs, and other key roles to ensure the success of the league. With over 600 children playing in the program on a yearly basis, active volunteerism is critical to the success of the organization.

Medfield Youth Basketball's MISSION is to provide a safe and balanced learning environment for players of all abilities that develops the skills, character, sportsmanship and teamwork of Medfield school children grades 1-8. All children are encouraged to participate, regardless of skill level. We want children to have a positive experience and come back every year. The MYBA coaching philosophy is to create an atmosphere for:

- *Improving physical well being and having fun*
- *Learning and developing skills*
- *Creating positive social interaction*
- *Instilling teamwork*
- *Creating a spirit of good sportsmanship*

Competitive games are played, as appropriate for each age level. Equal playing time for all participating in the In-Town program is mandatory and the opportunity for players to play a variety of positions is highly encouraged.

<https://www.medfieldbasketball.org/page/show/4000335-medfield-youth-basketball-mission-statement>

Board of Directors

The MYBA Board is chartered with maintaining the mission and overall objectives of the program as well as the responsibility to administer and manage the league's In-Town and Travel basketball programs.

Board members provide guidance, oversight, review, and recommend and promulgate changes to the league's programs.

Dave Bartolotta - President

Colleen Deignan - Clerk

Sara Sokolowski - Treasurer

Danny Blood - In-Town

Ed Ariel - Travel

Mike Donovan - Equipment

Dave Higgins - Registration and CORI

Sean McCarthy - Website/SportsEngine Administrator

Tara Dunn - Sponsorships

Kelli Nolan - Director

Chuck Abba - Director

Jeff Farmer - Director

Ann-Marie Pages Hart - Director

<https://www.medfieldbasketball.org/board-members-roles>

Medfield Youth Basketball provides youth basketball for over 600 children in Medfield on a year basis.

- In-Town (grades 1-8) and Travel Basketball (grades 4-8)
- November into March
- 12 in-town programs, 71 teams
- 10 travel programs, 20 teams
- We're playing basketball every day of the week across 9 different gyms
- Not possible without our Schedule Coordinator - Colleen Deignan
- MYBA relies on Grade Coordinators to manage individual programs.
- Your Grade Coordinators is always your first point of contact
- Most importantly, MYBA relies on all of you as volunteer coaches
- <https://www.medfieldbasketball.org/>
- Snow/Weather - Check with Coordinator. Notifications will be sent.

Grade Coordinators

1G - Chuck Abba
2G - Matt Postulka
3G - Ed Ariel
4G - Chris Olenik
5G - Kiren Annigeri
6G - Eric Baacke
7G - Allen Manuel
8G - Colleen Deignan

1B - Eric Burman
2B - Meredith Chamberland
3B - Rich Sullivan
4B - Kevin Huther
5B - Jeff Herrick
6B - Jeff Farmer
7B - Danny Blood
8B - Dave Bartolotta

<https://www.medfieldbasketball.org/grade-coordinators>

Safekids Program - Guidelines

Safekids Program for Medfield Youth Basketball Association (“MYBA”)

The following guidelines constitute the policies of MYBA with regard to awareness and prevention of abuse within our organization.

- MYBA is committed to provide a safe environment and prevent child abuse and sexual misconduct.
- MYBA will make every reasonable effort to ensure that each individual involved in coaching/training/managing a sport activity in our organization will abide by the Safekids guidelines.
- MYBA will perform a criminal background check (CORI) on every adult responsible for supervising registered participants in our programs and will exclude any adult with a legally documented history of child abuse/molestation or any other conviction or record that would bring unnecessary risk to health and safety of the participants of this organization.
- MYBA will take appropriate action on all allegations of child abuse and or sexual misconduct. All allegations will be reported immediately to the authorities for investigation and we will cooperate fully with any such investigation.

<https://www.medfieldbasketball.org/safekids>

Safekids Program - Prevention

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The following guidelines represent the preventive measures of our organization with regard to abuse:

- Physical, mental, and verbal abuse of any of the participants, coaches, managers, volunteers involved in our sponsored activities is not permitted.
- Inappropriate touching of any kind is forbidden.
- MYBA will strive to provide more than one adult supervising every activity whenever possible.
- Coaches/volunteers should not ride alone with a non-related child or participant in the car. In the event a participant is stranded at an activity, the supervising adults will attempt to contact the participant’s parents and make the necessary arrangements to find a ride home for the participant.
- Parents are encouraged to attend sponsored activities.
- It is the intent of MYBA to deny a position to anyone convicted of a crime of violence or a crime against another person.

<https://www.medfieldbasketball.org/safekids>

Safe Sport Act

The Safe Sport Act expands existing mandated youth abuse reporting laws and requires abuse awareness training for youth sports organizations.

- Any adult (mandated reporter) who is authorized to interact with youth athletes are required to report suspicions of abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies within 24 hours.
- All adults working with youth are required to go through abuse prevention training of some sort that is proactive rather than reactive. The abuse prevention training must include educational material about the process of sexual grooming, how to recognize it, and how to prevent it.
- Organizations working with youth should have a criminal background check policy in place that addresses obtaining background checks for those that will have direct contact and oversight of children during a youth program or race.
- **Training program is coming soon.**

Travel Basketball

In addition to our in-town recreation league, MYBA provides boys and girls in grades **4 to 8** the opportunity to participate in a local (Metrowest) competitive travel league.

Overview

- MYBA travel teams compete in the Metrowest league
- <http://www.metrowestbball.com>
- Over 80 programs and more than 1100 teams
- 4th grade teams play in one of 2 balanced divisions
- 5-8 play in 1 of 5 divisions
- Games on Sundays - December through February with playoffs in March

Coaches

- Make sure your teams are properly entered into Metrowest website. Coordinator should verify.
- Update site with score and feedback after each game
- Know the code of conduct! It's on the website.
- Cancellations and changes - work with Travel Coordinator (Ed Ariel). Do not do it yourself. **There is a 9 day advance notification policy.** Fees and referees may need to be paid if policy is violated.
- **Playing Time** - adhere to the defined policy. Spirit of policy is equitable, not equal.

In-Town Basketball

In-town basketball is offered for boys and girls in grades 1 through 8. In-town will begin the first week in December and end late February.

Season kicks off week of 12/2 and runs through 2/23.

Overview

- Coordinator is direct program manager and your primary contact.
- Grades 1-3 - once a week, 60 or 75 minute session. December is skills and drills focus.
- Week 1, all skills and drills. Individual teams can incorporate 3v3
- Weeks 2 & 3 - skills and drills focus with about 20 minutes for short game
- Use these short games to set program rules and framework based on MYBA rules/guidelines
- Girl Scout Parade 12/7 - one day changes for 1G, 4G, and 4B
- Angel Run 12/8 - one day of changes for 2G, 3G, 3B
- Teams and schedules will be sent out by coordinators no later than end of day Sunday 11/24.

Coaches

- Kids should bring water and a basketball
- Bring a whistle - use it to control games and practices
- Keep games under control
- Don't let the best players dominate all the play
- Kids must NOT be running around the schools. Siblings must be with parents. They cannot be playing in the hallways, the stage, or running around outside unsupervised.
- Treat school staff with respect

MYBA Equipment

Equipment Coordinator is Mike Donovan.

- Grades 1-2 get tee shirts
- Grades 3-8 use reversible Medfield Basketball pinnies. Used for in-town games and travel practice. Grades 3 and 6 all kids get new pinnies. Replacement pinny is \$12. Parents should reach out to coordinator.
- Basketballs are distributed to coordinators who distribute to coaches.
- SquadLocker is our new partner for gear. [MYBA store is open!](#)

Coaching

MYBA appreciates all parent volunteer coaches and the time and commitment they make to coaching children in the program. It is critical that all coaches create a constructive environment and encourage the development and participation of children of all skill levels. MYBA's objective is to be inclusive and ensure kids return to play every year.

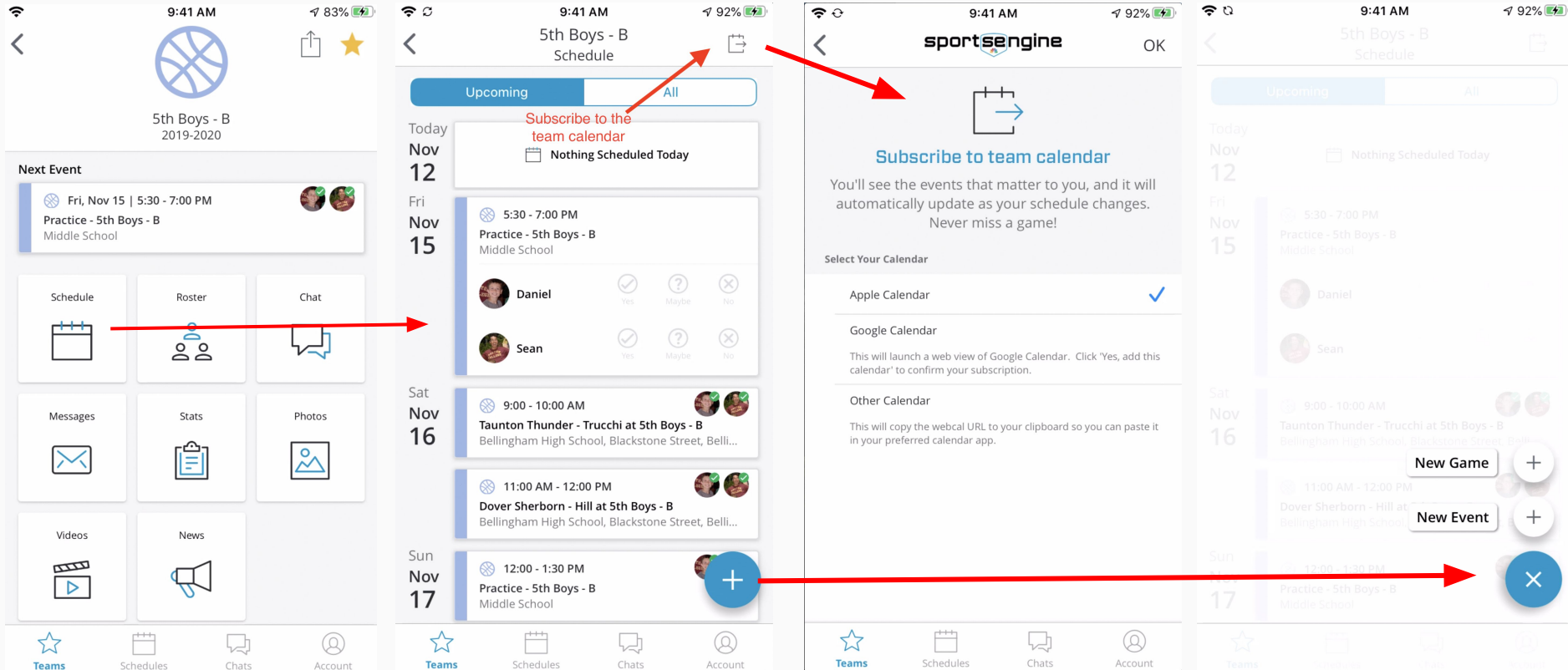
Coaching

- This is about fun for the kids. It's your job to keep kids engaged and having fun. The goal is to have all kids return to play every year.
- Always remember - they are kids! Be patient. Build their confidence.
- In-town Program rules - know them. Available on website.
- Travel Basketball - know the rules, code of conduct, and policies.
- Travel Coaches - Free Metrowest clinic in Mansfield on 11/21. See - <http://mpcourts.com/Categories/CatListing.aspx?catid=3>
- Practice - Coaches should be prepared and be engaged. Focus on skill development and fun.
- Learn from your team. Where do they need work? Create a practice plan to develop those skills. How are the skills used in the game? Practice it that way.
- Be the awesome coach. Build relationships with your players in your own style.
- Make sure all of your players are handed off to a parent/adult.

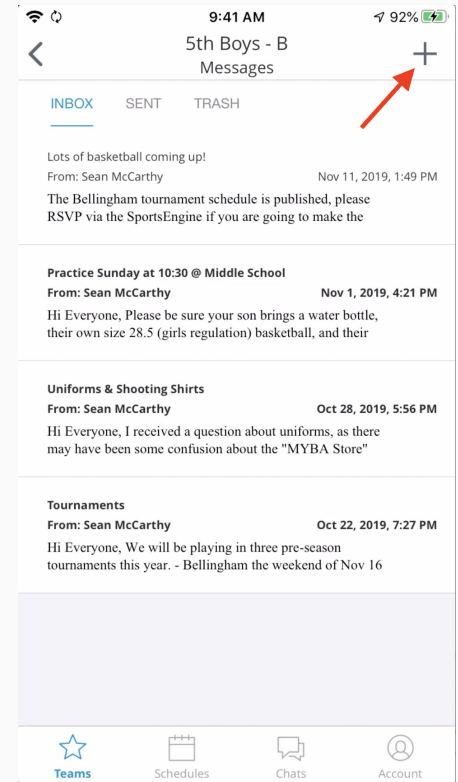
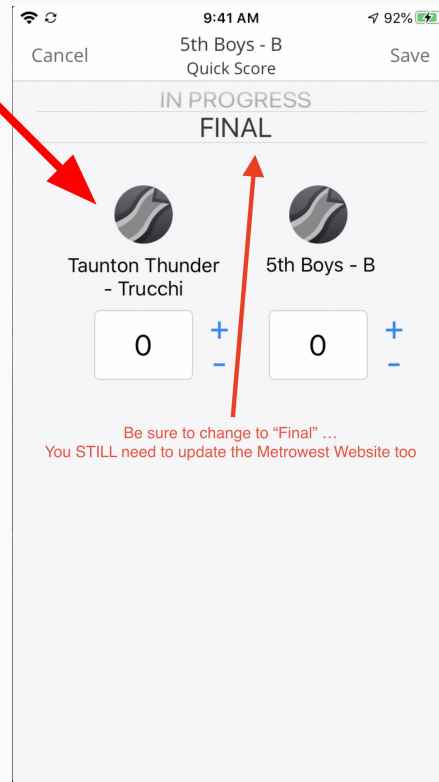
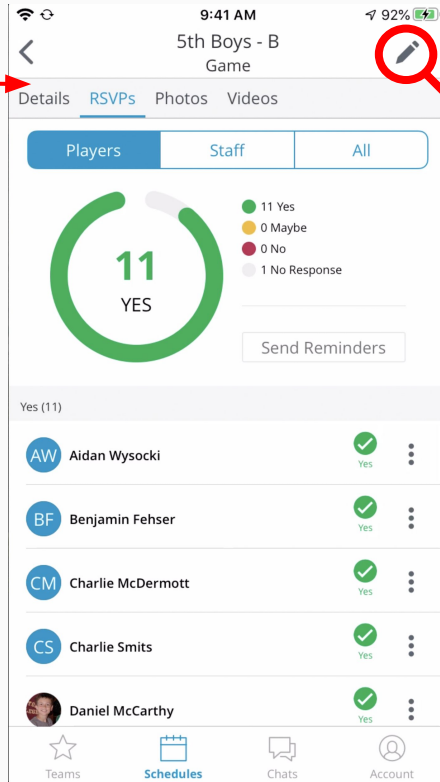
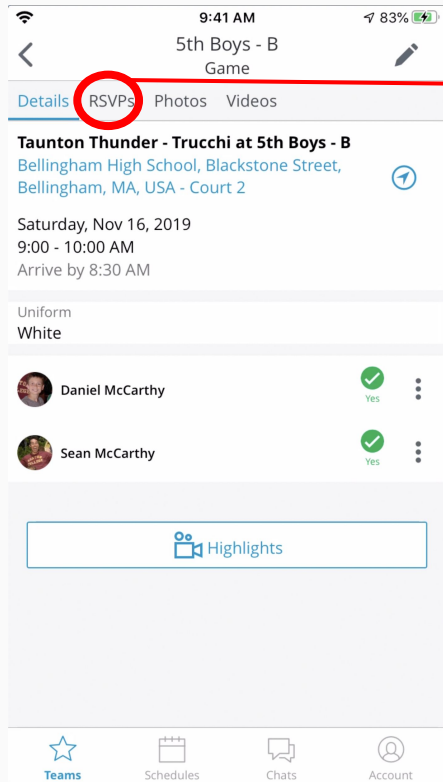
Coaching Resources

- Website/SportsEngine Administrator - Sean McCarthy
- <https://www.medfieldbasketball.org/coachresources>
- <https://www.medfieldbasketball.org/coaching-guidelines-resources>
- SportsEngine Team Management
- Free Coaching Conference 11/21 in Mansfield at Mass Premier - [2019 5th Annual Premier Basketball Coaches Conference](#)

SportsEngine Mobile App - Team Home, Schedule, Sharing Calendar, Adding Game/Practice



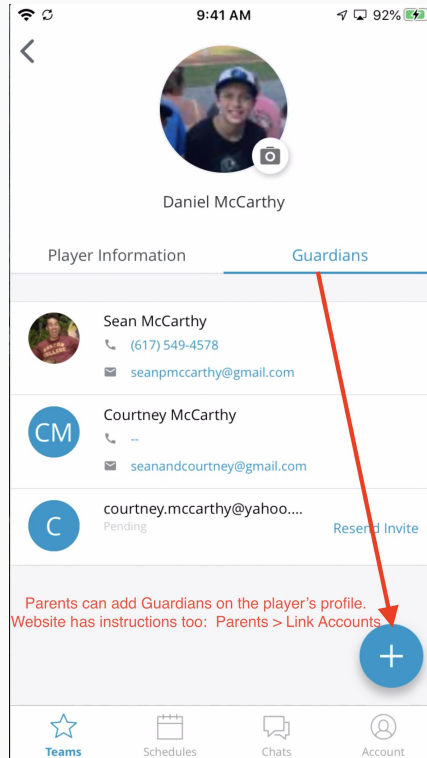
SportsEngine Mobile App - Event Details & RSVP, Messaging,



SportsEngine - Adding a Guardian & Merging Duplicate Profiles

Adding a Guardian

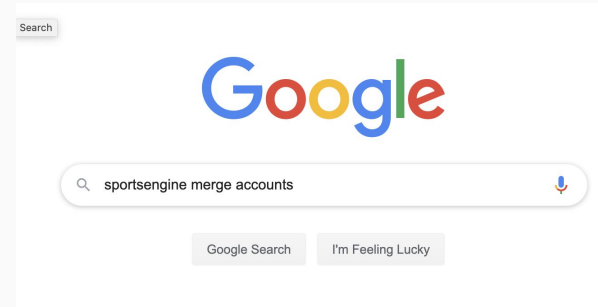
Parents who sign the player up can share guardianship with their spouse by using the app. This will allow both parents to see games/practices, receive emails, and RSVP.



Merge Player Profiles

Players may have multiple profiles if one parent signed player up for in-town, and the other signed player up for travel.

If you have parents with this issue, please have them email info@medfieldbasketball.org for instructions or Google to get instructions:



70%

70% of kids will drop out or quit sports by the time they are 13 years old.

“It’s just not fun anymore.”

But, the #1 reason kids play sports is consistently “to have fun.”

<https://stopitsolutions.com/blog/calling-it-quits-why-kids-are-dropping-out-of-youth-sports-in-droves/>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/parenting/wp/2016/06/01/why-70-percent-of-kids-quit-sports-by-age-13/>

It's all about the kids

We want children to have a positive experience and come back every year.



Thank you!

Medfield Youth Basketball is not possible without your volunteerism. You are MYBA.

Contact us:

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Travel Coordinator - Ed Ariel

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