

CRCBC Parent Meeting Information

Welcome

Thank you for giving your kids an opportunity to participate in traveling basketball. Our mission is to provide a quality and competitive basketball experience and prepare our players for High School basketball.

Registration Fees

The \$340.00 (\$260 4th grade) registration fee does not cover all the costs of having a player in the program. It actually costs about \$650-\$700 to have a (5th-8th) player participate in our program. The biggest cost for the organization is gym time. It will cost us over \$28,000.00 just for gym time. Reminder-if your player does not make a team, your registration fee (minus the \$20.00 tryout fee) will be returned approximately three weeks after tryouts. Partial Scholarships are also available and are based on free and reduced lunch to qualify.

Note: **3rd grade lite program costs is \$160.

Tryout Process

New this year, we are having an outside association conduct the evaluations at tryouts. This year we are partnering with the MN HEAT, an AAU organization. The HEAT will evaluate, and score each player, and will also recommend which level the teams should play at in tournaments. I want the kids to be independently evaluated by outside sources, so that every kid is given the exact same opportunity to score well, without the pressure of having someone they know, or look up to (Varsity Coaches) watching them tryout. There are policies in place to determine the number of players required to be taken on teams, as well as coach picks. Rosters will be posted (by tryout number) on the website, www.CoonRapidsHoops.org, Friday September 21st at 5:00pm.

Teams

Teams are usually made up of 10 players. However, numbers can dictate less team members. PLUS, coaches have the option of taking less players for a team...this may be done by older grade "A" team coaches that want to be more competitive in a higher level of playing. We let our coaches decide what level they want to play...i.e. "A" or "B". Usually 4th grade is played at a "B" to "C" level. If there are multiple teams at a grade level there is usually an A team and a B team. As players get older, coaches may elect to play more "A" tournaments to offer better competition for the players. Some organizations play at levels that allow them to win a lot. Playing at a lower level than your team's skills doesn't improve our teams. We, as an organization, would rather challenge our players at a higher level of play. Coaches will discuss this in more depth at the team parents meetings.

Practices

Most teams practice 2 times a week. We will be practicing mainly at ARCC, but may have another practice site based on number of teams in the program. We are very fortunate to be associated with ARCC and their fantastic facilities. Not many other traveling programs have the luxury of college practice facilities for their players. Practices are roughly 1 hour 30 minutes in length. PLEASE HAVE YOUR PLAYER AT PRACTICE AND READY TO GO AT THE START OF PRACTICE, NOT JUST ARRIVE AT THE START TIME. Arriving late to practices disrupts the coaches' practice schedule. Consistent tardiness at practices will effect playing time.

Playing Time

Specific playing time parameters are set for coaches...with some leeway. For example, 4th graders should have equal playing time. As players get older, playing time is dictated more by skill level and practice participation. REMEMBER, we are preparing players for our High school program. **Note: **3rd grade level will have equal playing time.**

Tournaments

We participate in roughly 11 tournaments (4th grade 9, 3rd grade 5 or 6) a year including one out of town tournament: Boy's & Girls are at Brainerd in February (grades 4-8.) Tournaments are on Saturday's and Sundays. Our Board believes in having ALL our teams attend tournaments as an organization. Some programs let coaches decide where to play and often time's teams are going to many different tournaments at the same time. Going to tournaments as an organization gives all of us the opportunity to watch and cheer on all our teams. Plus, we have families that have multiple players in the program and this makes it easier for coordinating rides and seeing all their players participate. Note: ****3rd Grade will have approximately 6-7 tournaments. No out of town for 3rd grade.** Please know that there is a door fee at all tournaments, normally \$5-7 per adult. Kid rates vary by tournament.

Uniforms

Returning players will use their uniforms from last year. If a player has outgrown their uniform, they will have the ability to purchase a new set. Or just a shirt or shorts if needed. We used Rebyl sports last year, and had a very good experience with them. They have quick turnaround, and are local. We had many compliments on our uniforms last year from other organizations, and they were surprised when they found out that they weren't Nike or Under Armour! New Players should have requested a uniform at the time of their online registration.

****3rd Grade includes Jersey.**

Player Conduct

We expect our players to conduct themselves in a manner that positively represents Coon Rapids and its traveling basketball program on and off the court. The expectations will be discussed by each coach at the beginning of our practice schedule.

Parent Conduct

We also expect our parents to conduct themselves in a manner that positively represents Coon Rapids and its traveling basketball program. * Also see the MYAS new expectations for player and parent conduct this year. Our ability to play in the state tournaments could boil down to our parent's behavior in the stands!*

Each team will conduct a parent meeting at the beginning of the practice schedule. The meeting will detail expectations of players and parents.

If a parent has concerns, questions of their coaches, they should ask away from the team. If there are issues at tournaments, we would like a 24 hour waiting period before talking to coaches. Emotions can often influence discussions right after games.

There are also Board Reps for each team that are available should anyone feel they need to talk to someone other than a coach. Your team's board rep will reach out via email, to introduce themselves.

Volunteer Time

We require families to work approximately 8 hours at our tournaments. We can't run a tournament without family participation. We require a \$200 volunteer deposit check that is only cashed if the volunteer commitment is not fulfilled. You may opt out of the volunteer commitment by paying a \$150 fee upfront.

Fundraising

We try not to fundraise you to death. We have a Shoot-A-Thon that we hope raises a significant amount of money to be put toward expenses. We will be requiring a minimum amount of \$25 to earn for the Shoot-A-Thon. Team pictures are also usually taken at the Shoot-A-Thon.

Questions!?!?