HOWARD PULLEY



BASKETBALL

2024 PARENT/PLAYER INFORMATION PACKET

The Howard Pulley Basketball Program has it all; History, Tradition, and the formula for Success!

Congratulations!!!

Your child has been selected to compete with the Howard Pulley Basketball Program. The **E17** coach is Dedrick Jenkins. The **E16** coach is Eric Bronaugh. The **E15** coaches are Paul Hill and Aaron Buchanan. Percy Wade and Keith Wilson will lead the regional **15U** group.

In addition to our HS level programs, we are excited to offer our support and sponsorship to PJ HOOPS Mpls as they compete in the Jr. EYBL for the 2024 season.

The Panthers will compete in the most prestigious elite invitational tournaments against the best competition in the nation.

The Howard Pulley Panthers are one of the top programs in the nation. The program has a very strong reputation of sending many kids to top Division 1 and 2 college programs on athletic scholarships which include: North Carolina, Kansas, Seton Hall, Marquette, Minnesota, Boston College, Utah, South Carolina, St. Francis, Duke, Oklahoma, Iowa State, UConn, Wisconsin, Harvard, Duke, Stanford and Northeastern. The LA Lakers, Memphis Grizzlies, Chicago Bulls are NBA teams that had filled rosters with former Pulley players. This summer will be a springboard to your son's Basketball dreams. We look forward to working with him to develop his game and take the final step toward college.

The fee for 2024 will be \$3,000 for the 17U, 16U and 15U. This includes practice uniforms, gym bags, shooting shirts, gym rental, tournament fees and travel expenses for players. If arrangements need to be made, please contact me at 612-770-0309.

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Rene Pulley
Executive Director

PROGRAM FOCUS

The Howard Pulley Basketball program focuses on providing our players with a rich experience that centers on life skills, family/community orientation, and basketball skill development and exposure. We have developed a pathway and platform that supports the needs of today's youth and are deeply engaged in facilitating processes that assist all our athletes going forward.

We believe that this program will allow youth, particularly at-risk youth the opportunity to become better prepared in making good decisions and recognizing opportunities that life has to offer. Through a partnership with adult 'real models', professional athletes, along with cross-cultural youth connections, we believe we can and will make a difference.

The Howard Pulley program brings young people together to engage in a way that builds community; brings adults together in a way that allows them to better understand our youth; and it brings the community together to share in their success stories and achievements. This program also builds on meaningful relationships that promote harmony throughout the community, which in turn translates into a true formula for success in the real game of life.

BEING THE COMPLETE STUDENT-ATHLETE

As much fun as basketball is, it is only one part of your life. Whenever it, or anything else for that matter, becomes too overly important, your whole life (yes, even your basketball game) suffers. For this reason, it is necessary to keep basketball in perspective. In other words, you need to maintain a good balance of activities and commitments in your life rather than concentrating on just one thing. Here are some additional areas of your life that are part of the balanced living equation.

Family: Your family is much, much more than your personal cheering section at your basketball games. Family activities are vital to your development as a whole person and should always come before basketball.

Spirituality: Many players find that they do not feel "whole" unless they regularly attend to their spiritual needs along with all their other needs. Some do this through prayer or meditation, while others meet these needs through a worship service or some other means. Take time during the season to make sure that you are not neglecting this portion of your life.

Academics: Keep your grades up. Do not fall behind in your homework. As you continue to play in high school or even college, you will be expected to maintain good grades.

Other extracurricular activities: If you play an instrument, are part of a choir, debate team, or in a school play, then bravo! All these activities contribute towards you becoming a complete person.

PLAYER EXPECTATIONS

- 1. All players must be on time and fully committed to practices and games.
- 2. Each player must notify the coaches when unable to attend a scheduled practice or tournament.
- 3. The Howard Pulley Basketball program will travel together, play together, and compete together.
- 4. While on the road and playing in tournaments, please remember that you are representing the Howard Pulley Basketball Program, yourself, your family, your community, and the State of Minnesota. We expect nothing but the best behavior and conduct from you as young college bound men.
- 5. Drugs, alcohol, and weapons are banned and will not be tolerated at any time.
- 6. When on the road, each of you will be expected to respect the curfew set by coaches.
- 7. Respect others belongings, stealing will not be tolerated. If it doesn't belong to you, don't touch it.
- 8. No player, under any circumstance will be allowed to leave the team between tournament games unless given clearance by coach. This includes lunch/ dinner breaks, going to the mall, movies, etc. Players may leave with their parents following the final game of the tournament with notice to a coach in the program.
- 9. We expect players to be respectful in how they conduct themselves and communicate on all social media platforms. Any behaviors that are deemed derogatory or inappropriate may result in removal from the program, without refund.

Depending on the violation, penalties of the athlete will range from forfeiture of a game or tournament to immediate dismissal from the program.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS

- 1. Support your son's team by cheering positively in the stands, and volunteering to help with things like operating the clock or keeping the scorebooks at select events. If you volunteer, admission will be free.
- 2. Support your son's coach to your son and other parents in the decisions that they make as it pertains to in-game strategy and playing time.
- 3. Encourage your son to talk with their coach about any issues before getting involved yourself.
- 4. Contact a director if negative behavior is happening by anyone surrounding your son's team or the club.
- 5. Respecting officials, opposing teams, and other fans during tournaments.
- 6. Refrain from talking negatively about your son's coach to your son or other parents.
- 7. Refrain from talking negatively about the club, the team, or players on the team to anyone.
- 8. Refrain from coaching your son from the sideline in games or practices.

The Howard Pulley Program is athlete focused committed to doing what is in the best interest of our teams and players. Parents and other family members agree to abide by these expectations. Any behavior that is contrary to this could be grounds for action (including but not limited to suspending a parent from attending practice or tournaments or suspending your son from playing with the team, without refund). If you have a problem with any of these expectations, please contact a director prior to the start of the season.

Please click here to attest to your receipt, understanding and agreement that the player and parent will comply with the expectations set forth in this information packet. A parent and player must acknowledge to participate.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM

Click <u>here</u> to complete the required emergency information form.

The digital form can also be found on the **Howard Pulley webpage**.