

POWERPLAY HOOPS

PARENT HANDBOOK 2019-20



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GENERAL INFORMATION

ABOUT PPYA- PowerPlay Youth Academy & Athletics

PowerPlay Youth Academy was founded as an organization established in support of youth development in athletics and academics. We believe that the skills emphasized by our athletics programs are essential lessons needed to achieve success in any sport as well as in life. In order to reinforce the fundamentals of greatness, PPYA supports our youth in gaining a competitive advantage and maintaining a power position. Our mission is to support our youth in mastering their skills, striving for greatness and playing the game and life to WIN!

PPYA offers the basketball team, **POWERPLAY HOOPS**, for boys and girls ages 8-15. Our team was founded by a husband and wife combination, dedicated to creating options and opportunities for youth to get active and to be successful. They know personally the advantages of belonging to a team and believe wholeheartedly in the benefits of basketball. Our program will help the youth to develop a positive attitude and outlook, good sportsmanship and respect for self and others. It is our fundamental belief that our initial training program is at the core of success in all sports. The skills our participants master are transferable and will indeed help them achieve success in life.

Our club is committed to developing the talent of our youth, encouraging both physical fitness and strong mental health. Our goal is to instill pride in the youth, a sense of healthy competition and personal responsibility while encouraging positive self esteem, strong character and leadership. ****We are committed to each of our athletes therefore our policy does not allow our athletes to participate on other AAU teams simultaneously.**

We are a member organization of AAU Athletics and agree to abide by their Rules and Regulations. We look forward to welcoming youth from Rancho Cucamonga and surrounding cities for the first time in several years.

SEASON DATES

Club Team September 2019 – July 2020
Practice Days: Mondays & Wednesdays (additional days tbd)

AGE DIVISIONS

3 rd grade (9U)	Born 2010 or after	5 th -6 th grade (12U)	Born 2007 or after
3 rd - 4 th grade (10U)	Born 2009 or after	6 th -7 th grade (13U)	Born 2006 or after
4 th -5 th grade (11U)	Born 2008 or after	7 th -8 th grade (14U)	Born 2005 or after
High School-	Born 2004 or after		

PAYMENT OF FEES

PowerPlay Youth Academy/Empower Sports accepts online payments, personal checks, money orders, Visa, MasterCard, and cash for payments of all fees. For any returned checks you are responsible for the check amount plus a return check fee of a \$40.00 per check. If you have more than one returned check in a season, you will no longer be allowed to submit checks for payment.

If an athlete's account becomes delinquent, the athlete will not be allowed to participate in any games until the account becomes current. Should you need a payment plan, this should be brought to the attention of the board immediately.

****MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE OR TRANSFERABLE FOR ANY REASON****

UNIFORMS

Uniforms must be worn at all basketball games. This is mandatory and there will be no exceptions. The costs for the uniform is NOT included in your registration fee. Uniforms are not to be worn to practice or other occasions unless specified by your coach.

FUNDRAISING

All money raised through fundraising helps to pay for equipment, tournament fees, gym fees and club expenses. Every member of **PowerPlay Hoops** is required to participate in fundraising activities.

*Parents will have the option to BUY-OUT a fundraiser for the profit amount of the activity.

**** FUNDRAISERS ARE NOT REFUNDABLE OR TRANSFERABLE FOR ANY REASON****

CLUB WEBSITE

The club website information will be used to obtain updates including game locations, team assignments, results, and other information important to the parents and athletes of our club. The website address is: www.powerplayhoops.com

PRACTICE

All practices will be held at Empower Sports Facility in Rancho Cucamonga from 5:30-8:30pm. More information on any gym changes and/or days will be provided no later than one week prior to the start of practice. Strength training, conditioning and specialty activities will also be part of our training program.

ATTENDANCE

Practice is essential to every Athlete's success. Athletes who do not participate in at least one practice per week will not be eligible for participation in that week's tournament. Repeated absences may result in losing future funding for the championship season, certain recognition and awards. Please notify the coaching staff when your child will miss practice including Assistant Director/ Coordinator, NaKisha Crawford at 909.285.4301.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE For the athletes protection please escort your child to and from the practice gym. Athletes will not be allowed to leave until the gym until the parent arrives.

EXPECTATIONS

Athletes are required to follow the direction of the coaching staff. No distractions will be allowed, including parent coaching from the sidelines or stands. Athletes unwilling to cooperate or becoming disrespectful will be asked to leave and not allowed to return until the coach has spoken with their parent and resolved the issue. Repeated dismissals from practice will be grounds for dismissal from the **PowerPlay Hoops**. Membership fees will not be refunded if a membership is terminated.

PRACTICE EQUIPMENT/GEAR

Athletes are required to come to practice in the correct practice gear (see below). Athletes should clearly mark all of their belongings and keep them in their bag with their name clearly labeled.

Basketball Shoes **Leather Basketball**

SPECIALTY PRACTICE

This practice will focus on specific areas or expertise and will have fewer athletes than regular practice for more personal attention to your athlete. This is not required but encouraged.

TRASH

Anyone allowing us to use their facility deserves our appreciation. It is our responsibility to keep it clean. If you see any trash or bottles left behind please help us out and pick it up. Also have your Athlete clean up after themselves at practice as well as games.

GAME DAY

Athletes should arrive at the game 30-45 minutes prior to the start of the game to ensure they have adequate time to warm-up. Again, proper warm-ups will reduce the risk of injury to your athlete. Games generally run one hour each.

ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION

Athletes are required to attend all scheduled games. If you are unable to attend please notify Assistant Director and your coach as soon as possible prior to the game that will be missed.

NUTRITION

There are snack bars available at all games however the food from the snack bars is not always good for the performance of the athlete. We recommend that the athlete bring or purchase appropriate food/snacks so they perform at their best. These are some suggestions:

Sandwiches	Fruit (Banana/oranges/grapes)	Granola/Energy Bars
Rice cakes/Bagels	Vegetables	Breakfast Bars
Low-fat muffins	Low fat/nonfat yogurt	Crackers/pretzels
Sports drinks	Water	Pasta salads
Snack packs	String cheese	Grilled Chicken

Please do not bring soda, candy, chips, or anything high in sugar, fat or salt.

MERCHANDISE

Various **PowerPlay Hoops** items will be available throughout the season. These items will include, but are not limited to: T-Shirts, sweat shirts, hoodies, hats, tank tops, bags, socks, and more. All sales are final and must be paid in full at the time of order.

COACHES

The coaches assigned to each division have volunteered their time to help your child achieve their goals and meet their potential. The purpose of the coach is to teach the athletes proper technique while instilling good sportsmanship. Please respect your child's coach and their decisions. If you have a problem or are dissatisfied with a coach, please contact the Director so that the situation can be reviewed and resolved.

PARTICIPANTS

Participants in the organization may be extended to any boy or girl between 8-17 who desires to participate in the activities of the organization. Once accepted for participation, each individual must meet all of the following to be considered in good standing:

FEES

1. Pay the initial Registration fee of \$125.
2. Pay the annual AAU Membership fee of \$14 to the Annual Athletic Union which is required for each player to be a part of any AAU roster.
3. Pay Club fees in payments of a minimum of \$150 per athlete on a monthly basis.
4. The costs for the uniform will be \$225 and includes a Jersey and Shorts, Warm-up top and bottom and a backpack. A minimum deposit of \$100 is due up front with the remaining balance including registration due upon receipt.
5. Fees will cover insurance costs, gym fees and tournament fees.
6. There may be multiple fundraisers during the year. One fundraiser will be mandatory for all participants and is held in an effort to raise funds for our finale tournament. D1 teams will be required to participate in 2 fundraisers. A minimum

amount will be required for the team and is determined based on the total number of participants on the team.

7. Participants whose dues are delinquent more than one month, endanger the club's well-being and therefore are suspended from participation in club activities until such time as the dues and any delinquent fees are paid.

Note: In the case of family hardship, the Board by a majority vote may grant an extension of time for payment of dues or registration.

AAU MEMBERSHIP/REGISTRATION/CLUB FEES

Registration Fee/Club Fee- The registration fee for the 2019-20 PowerPlay Hoops season is \$125. In addition to the one-time registration fee is the club fee. The club fee is \$150 per month for 11 months and cover gym rental for practices, insurance and tournament fees. Uniforms are not included in registration or club fees.

AAU Membership Fee- An annual membership fee of \$14 is required for each athlete to become part of the Annual Athletic Union and therefore all AAU travel team rosters. This fee will be paid directly to AAU and each player will be connected to the PowerPlay Hoops club team.

Uniforms- The costs for the uniform will be approximately \$95 and includes a Jersey and Shorts, \$95 for Warm-ups and \$30 for backpack. A minimum deposit of \$100 is due up front at the time of the order with the remaining balance due upon receipt.

Fundraisers- There will be fundraisers during the seasons. One fundraiser is mandatory for all participants and are held primarily in an effort to raise funds for our final tournaments. A minimum amount will be required for the team and is determined based on the total number of participants on the team. D1 teams will be required to participate in an additional fundraiser to support Power Tournaments.

Payment Options- Payments will be due on the 5th of each month and late after the 10th of each month. We require online payments however if you pay before the 5th, you may pay with personal checks, money orders, cashier checks and cash for payments of all fees. For any returned checks you are responsible for the check amount plus a return check fee of a \$40.00 per check. If you have more than one returned check in a season, you will no longer be allowed to submit checks for payment.

Financial Assistance- For athletes who are unable to pay the full costs of membership to PowerPlay Hoops, scholarship packets are available. Athletes will need to submit a financial assistance packet including a letter explaining athlete's financial situation along with additional financial documentation. Financial aid will be considered on a case by case basis. Dues may be

discounted by a maximum of \$75/month plus 10 volunteer hours/month at EmPower Sports Facility.

If an athlete's account becomes delinquent, the athlete will not be allowed to participate in any games until the account becomes current. Should you need a payment plan, this should be brought to the attention of the board immediately.

****MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE OR TRANSFERABLE FOR ANY REASON****

PERFORMANCE OBLIGATIONS

1. Participants must register annually with AAU and provide to the club a copy of the athletes' Birth Certificate and report card.
2. Participants must provide a medical release to the organization, signed by a parent or guardian.
3. Participants must enlist the support of their parents or guardians to raise funds for training, equipment, tutorial supplies, gym fees and travel expenses for the participants and administrators.

TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION

1. Any athlete who consistently disagrees with coaches and staff or continually disrupts practice or exhibits improper behavior at meetings or outings may be suspended from the club.
2. Any parent or adult who exhibits behavior unbecoming of a representative of **POWERPLAY HOOPS** at practice or an outing will not be welcomed at subsequent practice or outings.
Note *Behavior included but are not limited to: fighting, foul language, Intoxication, stealing or any other violent behavior.
3. All decisions resulting in a participant's suspension or termination must be reviewed and approved by a simple majority of the Board of Directors.
4. Suspended or terminated parents are entitled to a "Right to Challenge" or hearing at a meeting of their peers. All decisions resulting from this "Right to Challenge" must be approved by a simple majority of the current Board of Directors.

PARENT HANDBOOK ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By signing below, I acknowledge that I received a copy of the 2019-20 Parent Handbook, including Code of Conduct for Athletes and Parents. I will ensure my child and I understand the rules of the club. I understand that if I have any questions, I may contact the Team Coordinator or Head Coach.

Athlete(s) Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

“THE POWERPLAY ADVANTAGE”

1. Our Philosophy stems from our CREED which ALL PowerPlay Athletics learn:

“Drive is to strive vigorously towards a goal or objective. I will demonstrate drive during work and play trying wholeheartedly and with determination to meet my ambition.

Ambition is an earnest desire for achievement or distinction as in power, honor, fame or wealth. I will demonstrate ambition in my willingness to strive for its attainment. Without drive and ambition, I will not get far. With PowerPlay, I will develop drive, I will develop ambition, I WILL EXCEL!”

2. Accountability for All Players, "Don't make excuses, make it happen!"

3. Life Skills through fundamental basketball training

4. Advanced Level teams play in top ranked tournaments

5. Well trained & educated staff; Coaches w/experience playing at advanced level

6. Online registration and payment capabilities

7. Player evaluations and mental toughness component

8. Hustle mentality- “IT’S GRINDING SEASON; GRIND. SHINE. REPEAT.”

9. Open and clear communication with parents and players, family environment

10. NIKE Sponsored Program-AVAC Alliance

11. Our OWN Facility incl multiple discounts to PPH players

Similar to other sports programs, we expect athletes to commit to the following:

1. School First, Sports second
2. Respect for self and others
3. Respect for Coaches and Parents
4. Good Sportsmanship
5. Positive Attitude

Basketball Uniform Order Form- SIZES

Student - Athletes Name: _____

Parents Name: _____ Phone #: _____

JERSEY # (3 choices): _____, _____, _____

I. Recommended Items (Sizes available in Youth and Adult)

Uniform-
Jersey

____ Youth Small ____ Youth Medium ____ Youth Large ____ Youth XLarge
____ Adult Small ____ Adult Medium ____ Adult Large ____ Adult XL

Shorts

____ Youth Small ____ Youth Medium ____ Youth Large ____ Youth XLarge
____ Adult Small ____ Adult Medium ____ Adult Large ____ Adult XL

Warm-Ups-
Hoodie

____ Youth Small ____ Youth Medium ____ Youth Large ____ Youth XLarge
____ Adult Small ____ Adult Medium ____ Adult Large ____ Adult XL

Bottoms

____ Youth Small ____ Youth Medium ____ Youth Large ____ Youth XLarge
____ Adult Small ____ Adult Medium ____ Adult Large ____ Adult XL