

COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL PROGRAM

General Information: The IBA Competitive Basketball program is more intense and competitive and is designed to give the top players in our community an opportunity to compare their basketball skills with other communities' top players in 8 or more weekend tournaments and possibly also a weekly league schedule. Players are selected through tryout.

Competitive Basketball requires player, parent and financial commitment. Competitive Teams practice two nights per week and will play in approximately 6-8 weekend tournaments (with 3-5 games per tournament). Tournaments are located throughout the metro area. Some teams may have one out of town tournament. Dates, times and locations of tournaments are determined by the Board and coaches. Transportation is the responsibility of each player/parent. Practices begin in October and continue through early March.

Eligibility: IBA Competitive Teams are comprised of players from the Irondale High School (IHS) attendance area for each grade level 4 - 8. Players must have their primary residence in the Irondale High School attendance area or be open enrolled in an Irondale feeder school. Persons who wish to play IBA Competitive basketball who do not live in the IHS area must try-out for only one team, Irondale or their high school, **NOT BOTH. No exceptions!**

Registration and Fees: Players must pre-register online at www.irondalebasketball.org for their grade level's Competitive Program. Players must provide a completed registration form, including all signatures, the Medical Information Form, the signed Code of Conduct form, AND the appropriate fee at the time of registration.

The registration fee for the Competitive Program is \$125 for the 2010/2011 season (\$250 maximum per family). Make checks payable to *Irondale Basketball Association*. **No refunds** for players that do not make a Competitive team and still play in the In-House league.*

In addition to the program registration fee, parents should expect to pay an additional \$200-250 per player for yearly tournament fees. (Unfortunately, we are unable to provide financial assistance for our Competitive program. Players needing financial assistance are welcome to play in our In House league.) Families of players should also be prepared to incur other miscellaneous expenses at tournaments, such as admission fees, concessions, etc. Some Competitive teams MAY also attend an out of town tournament, which involves transportation, food and lodging expenses.

Mandatory Tryouts: TRYOUT DATES WILL BE IN EARLY OCTOBER, AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED at WWW.IRONDALEBASKETBALL.ORG BY MID-AUGUST. All former IBA players and all players registered at that time will be informed by email. ATTENDANCE AT TRYOUT SESSION OR SESSIONS IS MANDATORY. Please refer any questions regarding attendance to the Competitive Directors. Players should arrive 15 minutes prior to their scheduled try-out session. Players interested in trying out for the Competitive program will do so at their own grade level. Players may not "play up" or "play down".

Gym shoes must be worn at tryouts. Only IBA Board members, the evaluators, and the players will be allowed in the gymnasium during the tryout sessions. At least three evaluators will be present at each session. Evaluators rate players on basic skills, form, court presence, teamwork and attitude. Scores from the evaluators are averaged and players are ranked by scores. The first seven players are placed on the team. The remaining team slots are determined through consensus of the evaluators and the coach of the team. If the evaluators determine that there are enough players that demonstrate quality skills, a second team will be formed. The decisions of the evaluators are final. Players who are not selected for the Competitive Teams will be placed on In-House teams, unless players ask for registration to be returned.

Irondale Great Shoot-Out Tournaments: The IBA sponsors these yearly basketball tournaments (one for girls in November, for boys in January). All Competitive team parents are expected to assist at the tournament as timekeepers, scorekeepers, or in admissions and concessions. Proceeds help offset some of our equipment and uniform expenses.

**Exception: If a 4th grade player registers for Competitive, but instead plays in-house, a refund of \$30 (the difference in registration cost between 4th grade in house and Competitive) will be given*