

# **SHAKOPEE BOYS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION HANDBOOK**

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The Shakopee Boys Basketball Association's responsibility is to plan and coordinate the Shakopee Youth Boys Basketball Program for Grades 1 to 12 for any program that is not under the direction of the Shakopee High School Athletic Director.

This includes the following:

1. Grade 1 and 2 In-house programs that are run in March, April and May of each year.
2. Grade 3-4 In-house program that is run from November to January of each year.
3. Grade 5 and 6 In-house program that is run from November to February of each year.
4. Grade 7, 8, and 9 In-house program that is run from January to March of each year.
5. Travel programs for Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 that are run from November to mid March of each year. Grade 3 players may try out for a Grade 4 travel team.
6. Spring League program for Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 that are played in April and May of each year.
7. Shakopee Saber Summer Boys Basketball Camp for Grades 1 to 5 held one week in June of each year and for Grades 5 to 8 held twice a week from mid-June to late July of each year. Coordinated by JV High School Coach Jon Miller.
8. Summer Team Camps and Various Tournaments for Grades 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 that are played in June and July of each year.
9. MYAS Fall League program for Grades 4 to 8 that are run in September and October of each year, and for Grades 9 to 12 that are run in late October to mid-November of each year. Shakopee is one of the host sites which allow us to earn some dollars for the Association.
10. We hold one Youth Tournament each winter for the Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 Travels Teams in January. This is a major fund-raiser for the Association.
11. Currently we do not have a fund-raiser where you have to sell some product to your friends and relatives.

In the 2010-2011 season we had 516 boys registered in our programs. It is a major challenge to find gym time for all these players to practice and play games twice a week, as we have to share gym space with girls basketball and girls winter volleyball programs.

## **PURPOSE AND GOALS:**

**To offer basketball playing opportunities to every young boy who wants to learn and play the game of basketball. We conduct our programs to provide the opportunity for the development of all players who live or are open enrolled in the Shakopee School District. In the past some of the traveling team players who live in the Shakopee School District have played for both our Shakopee Traveling Teams and SACS or other Church Schools in the area. In the distant past the conflicts between playing on two teams had been so few that they were considered excused absences from games and practices that involved the Church School teams, but we have been having more conflicts in recent years, and now any player missing games and practices for this purpose is an unexcused absence.**

## **SOME SIMPLE RULES FOR ALL PLAYERS AND PARENTS:**

- 1. When practicing or playing games in any of the Shakopee School buildings, no food allowed in the gyms, all beverage containers must have a cover.**
- 2. Coaches and players should wear a different pair of shoes on the gym floor than they wear to and from the school.**
- 3. No one should arrive more than 10 minutes prior to an In-house practice or game start time or a travel team practice.**
- 4. If your team is practicing or playing a game second, do not enter the gym until the other team leaves.**
- 5. This is mainly for coaches, no basketballs should ever be out of the ball bags until a team has entered the gym for a practice or game, so we do not have anyone bouncing basketball's in the hall of any school building in Shakopee or and or any tournament location.**
- 6. Parents are welcome to all practices, brothers, sisters are not unless under complete supervision of the parent, which means they stay in the gym at all times. Friends of players are never welcome at practice.**
- 7. Players are expected to leave the building immediately after practice or games, so parents need to make sure they pick up their son at the time practice or the game is scheduled to finish, because the coaches are required not to leave the gym site until all their players have left the building with their ride home.**
- 8. Players found in other parts of the school buildings will be subject to one to two weeks' suspensions from their team.**
- 9. Travel Team Players must provide their own transportation to all games, and each player and coach is expected to be at the game site 1/2 hour before game time. Coaches who are not parents should not give player's rides to tournaments games.**
- 10. Each player is responsible to keep his game uniform in good condition and return it at the end of the season. Travel Team Game uniforms are to be worn for games only.**
- 11. One last point, if your team is the last one to leave the gym on a practice or game night, make sure the gym is left clean, this means no bottles or anything else is left in the gym, because if you leave anything in the gym, the next day we will receive a e-mail or phone call from that school building informing us our boys basketball players and coaches left the gym in a mess.**

## **COACHES CODE OF ETHICS:**

**As a coach I recognize:**

- 1. My position as a role model for all players in terms of behavior and attitude, showing good sportsmanship to the game officials and the opposing team.**
- 2. My responsibility is to treat all players fairly, remembering the difference in physical development of players in the same age group.**
- 3. I will organize the practices to be fun and challenging.**
- 4. I will make sure I am knowledgeable of the game rules, and will teach these rules to all players.**
- 5. I will remember that I am a youth coach, and the game is for the players.**
- 6. I will demand a drug, alcohol, and tobacco free environment**
- 7. I will not leave any practice until all players have been picked up to avoid any problems in the school buildings.**

## **PARENTS CODE OF ETHICS:**

**As a parent I recognize:**

- 1. I will show good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive attitude for all the players, coaches, and officials at every game or practice.**
- 2. I will demand a drug, alcohol, and tobacco free environment at each game or practice.**
- 3. I will remember that the game is for the players not the parents.**
- 4. I will insist that my child will treat all other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect.**
- 5. I will promise to help my child enjoy the game of basketball within my personal constraints by being a respectful fan, and helping with the program when asked, such as working at our local tournaments.**
- 6. I will always have my child to practices and games on time, and make sure my child is picked up as soon as the practice or game is over so the coach does not have to spend long periods of time in the school buildings waiting for all players to leave.**

## **PLAYERS CODE OF ETHICS:**

**As a player I recognize:**

- 1. I will do my best at all practices and games.**
- 2. I will listen to my coaches when at practices and games.**
- 3. I will practice good sportsmanship by treating all players, coaches, parents, and officials with respect.**
- 4. When in any school building I will respect all the aspect of the building and its employees and will not be found in any other parts of the school building except the gym area and the entrances to the gym area.**
- 5. I will always be to games and practices on time.**
- 6. I will always leave practices as soon as they are complete.**
- 7. I will keep all issued equipment in good condition and return on the last day of the season.**

## **PLAYER SUSPENSIONS:**

**We will handle suspensions of players by following the Minnesota State High School League guidelines as they relate to Chemical Use, Academics, or Behavior Issues, and make our rulings based on good judgment for each individual case.**

## **GRIEVANCE POLICY:**

**If a player or parent has a concern regarding anything, they should follow the procedure listed below.**

- 1. Player or Parent contacts the coach directly, but not at a game or practice, think about your concern and then talk to the coach by phone the next day. Usually by the next day your problem will be discussed in a more professional manner or will not be a problem anymore as you go home and sleep on your concern.**
- 2. If you still have a concern after talking to the coach, please contact Bob Techam, Basketball Association President at 952-445-6029, who will act as the mediator.**

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