



WOODBURY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



NOTICE

TO: Parents and Coaches of WAA Basketball players

FROM: Brad Kletscher, WAA Girls Basketball Director
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DATE: September 1, 2011

RE: Orientation Meetings for WAA Basketball

Preseason meetings for parents and coaches of WAA basketball players are coming up. Please mark the following dates on your calendar and plan to attend:

- **Traveling** – Thursday, September 15; 6:30– 7:45 pm
- **In-House** (Grades 3 – 12) – Thursday, October 13, 7:30 – 8:30 pm
- **1st/2nd Grade** – Thursday, October 13, 6:45 – 7:15 pm

All sessions are held in the Lake Middle School Cafeteria.

It is very important for you to attend the appropriate meeting(s) in order for your child(ren) to have a successful experience in WAA Basketball. We will cover basic program information, discuss changes beginning this year, and also address your questions.

This session is intended to augment the information available through the new WAA Basketball web site (www.waawoodbury.org) or your grade coordinator, as listed on the web site. Your child's basketball experience will be better if you are familiar with the program in which your child is registered, the volunteers who are managing that program, and any changes from last year. Your coming to this meeting will save our volunteers a lot of time and help you do a better job of working with your child's coach(es).

As parents of WAA basketball players, you have certain responsibilities that must be met. This meeting will be used to identify those responsibilities, and to address many other topics including:

- Program format (Traveling, In-House, 1st/2nd Grade), including where teams play
- Number of players per team and team composition
- Traveling tryout process or In-House Shoot-around process
- Traveling/In-House basketball contracts
- WAA new Code of Conduct for people in leadership roles
- Practice times and games
- Woodbury boy's & girl's Traveling Basketball Tournaments on January 28-29, 2012 and February 4 – 5, 2012 - Parent Volunteers (Longer shifts are required this year).
- Volunteer needs
- Community Education gym use policies
- Coaching certification

SCHEDULING INFORMATION

Our planned schedule is on the web site. You should become familiar with that web site and refer to it for key events. We update the status of each event from 'tentative' to 'confirmed' as we receive permit confirmations from Community Education. The feedback we have received indicates that people would rather know the tentative schedule well ahead of the dates, rather than get a 'final' schedule after confirmation and much closer to the event date. We will continue to do this in order for you to plan ahead as much as possible.

Here are some key dates that you should be aware of, with indicators as to whether the permits are confirmed from Community Education or not. Please watch the web site for updates and more specific details. Your child will be expected at their first session whether it is a traveling tryout or in-house shootaround, or the first 1st/2nd grade skills session.

Bring your own basketball to these sessions for travel dates

- Girls Traveling Tryout Prep Sessions – Thursday , 9/15/11, @ Lake Middle School (“LMS”)
 - Grades 4th – 5th , 6:15 – 7:10 pm.; Grades 6th/7th 7:20 – 8:30 p.m. Grades 8th – 9th 8:40 to 9:40 p.m.
- Girls Traveling Tryouts – 9/19/11 – 9/23/11 @ Eastridge HS
 - Mon & Wed: 5th grade @ 6:30 – 7:45 pm, 7th grade @ 8:00 – 9:30 pm@ Eastridge High School
 - Tue & Thu: 6th grade @ 6:30 – 7:45 pm; 8th grade @ 8:00 – 9:30 pm @ ERHS
 - Fri., Sept. 23 @ LMS 4th grade from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. 9th Grade from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Based on number of participants either a tryout or informal get together.
- Boys Traveling Tryout Prep Sessions - Thursday, 9/15/11@ LMS
 - Grades 4th - 6th , 6:15-7:30 pm; Grades 7th - 9th , 7:45 - 9:00 pm
- Boys Traveling Tryouts – Sat/Sun 9/24, 25 and Sat/Sun 10/1, 10/2; **THE SATURDAY 9/24 TRYOUT IS AT WOODBURY HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY CENTER. THE OTHER THREE TRYOUT DATES ARE AT EAST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL.**
 - Saturdays: 4th grade @ 3:15 – 4:45 pm; 7th grade @ 5:15 – 6:45 p.m.; 8th grade @ 7:15 – 8:45 p.m.
 - Sundays: 6th grade @ 3:15 – 4:45 pm; 5th grade @ 5:15 – 6:45 pm;
- Girls In-House Shootaround -- (Tentative)
 - 10/17 @ Red Rock or Bailey
 - 10/18 @ Red Rock or Bailey
 - 10/24 @ Red Rock or Bailey
 - 10/25 @ Red Rock or Bailey
- Boys In-House Shootaround – (Tentative)
 - 10/17 @ Middleton or Bailey
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- **Please Note: We are asking in-house participants to return uniforms at the end of this year.**
- 1st/2nd Grade Skills Development – You will be contacted by a coach on or before 10/31/2011. Most sessions will be on Wednesday evenings.

TRAVELING INFORMATION

For traveling players, please get the contract off the web site at www.waawoodbury.org. Read it carefully along with your child, make sure you both sign it and return it when you come to the meeting. **This contract must be signed by you and your child and submitted before they can try out for a traveling team.** You may also mail it to WAA at 2630 Ojibway Dr, Woodbury, MN, 55125.

Please note again that traveling players will be expected to provide their own ball as part of their standard equipment. This will ensure that every player has a ball at practice, rather than the standard allocation of 2 balls per team provided by WAA in the past. WAA will now provide only 1 game ball per team.

If a child is unable to attend the scheduled tryouts for medical reasons (supported by a doctor's slip), or in case of an emergency, then the director may, in their discretion, allow the player to be placed on the bubble between the team that the child played on the prior year, and the next lowest team. All other situations will be dealt with on a case by case basis in the discretion of the director.

COACH CLINICS

Coach clinics for travel coaches will be held on October 6 at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Woodbury High School Girl's Basketball Coach Lionel Jones will be putting this clinic on.

Coach clinics for in house coaches will be held on October 13 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Woodbury High School Girl's Basketball Coach Lionel Jones will be putting this clinic on.

ADDITIONAL SCHEDULE INFORMATION

Schedule information is posted on the web site (www.waawoodbury.org) with notation of whether it is tentative or confirmed. Please view the web site prior to your session, as occasionally there are changes to gym availability.

Please note that parents may be required to work longer shifts at the traveling tournament this year due to a decline in participant numbers for traveling basketball this year.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!