NWI Thunder
Girls AAU Basketball
2018 Spring/Summer
Tournament Schedule



Addidas Invitational	4/7-4/8	ALL grade levels	Chicago
Legacy Hoosier Hardwood	4/14-4/15	5th & 6th grade	Lafayette
USJN Windy City Classic	4/20-4/22	7th grade-HS	Chicago
IGBRR	5/5-5/6	ALL grade levels	Indy
USJN Mid-America	5/19-5/20	7th grade-HS	Indy
Hoosier Co-Op (Battle of the Border)	5/19-5/20	5th-6th grade	Indy
Legacy ***or*** Hoosier Co-Op	6/2-6/3	5th-7th grade	Lafayette or Indy
USJN Great America ***or*** Hoosier Co-Op	6/23-6/24	5th-7th grade	Chicago or Indy
Run for the Roses	7/5-7/8	8th grade-HS	Louisville, KY
Nike Tournament	7/10-7/12	8th grade-HS	Chicago
Hoosier Co-Ops (Hoosier Hysteria)	7/21-7/22	5th-7th grade	Indy
AYBT Nationals	7/27-7/29	5th-7th grade	Grand Rapids, MI
TFN Nationals	7/27-7/29	8th grade-HS	Atlanta, GA

Please note that this list of events is our intended objective. There are a couple of tournaments in June that we are still deciding on, as noted above. Furthermore, please note that while grades for each tournament are listed here, there may be modifications on which teams go to which events once tryouts have been completed. This will be decided once we know many girls and teams we will have in our Spring/Summer program this year. The above list is posted on our website, but it may be adjusted once we have finalized rosters.

NWI Thunder Program Information

Tryouts:

Sunday, February 25th, 4 – 7pm, Valparaiso HS Main Gym*

The first part of this tryout will be a parent meeting and registration

Tuesday, February 27th & Wednesday February 28th, VHS Fieldhouse as follows:

6:00 – 7:30pm, grades 4th – 7th

7:30 – 9:00pm, grades 8th - HS

Everyone should plan on attending the meeting/tryout on Sunday. For Tuesday and Wednesday, it is not mandatory to come to both days, however we encourage this, especially for new players, so that we may have adequate time to evaluate everyone for team selections

What does our Program include?

Once teams have been decided, in addition to the included list of tournaments, we will have two scheduled practices each week. This schedule will be outlined at tryouts. Unlike in years past, we will not be participating in Courts leagues as we feel that time and money is better spent in practices and at events.

We have our website completed this year which is a great source for NWI Thunder information. Once players are registered, all correspondence, invoicing and tournament details will be sent directly out from there. Additionally, we will arrange for pictures and profiles on all of our Thunder players. We will be using the Hudl program again this year for HS players to use with college recruitment programs, and obviously will be communicating regularly with colleges about our players at events.

This season, we will be assigning “team parents” who will aid us in communication efforts. This will greatly facilitate faster, better correspondence as our program continues to grow!

Our Facebook page is NWI Thunder. If you have not joined our group, please go ahead and do so, and I will approve you as a member. Our twitter account is nwithunder(@nwithunder). We will be using social media to disseminate information about our program and players.

Program costs:

New players will have a one-time uniform fee of $225. This will cover two jerseys (white and black), shorts, a shooting shirt and a practice jersey. All uniforms will have player name, and the shooting shirts are embroidered with logo and player number. At tryouts, we will size all new players for orders, and also any existing players for new items they may wish to purchase. Ordered will be placed shortly thereafter so we have them in time for our first tournament.

The costs listed below for participation include all practices throughout the Spring/Summer season, and all tournament fees as scheduled.

5th & 6th grade = $500
7th grade = $600
8th grade - HS = $750

Please note that our program is non-profit. Our coaches dedicate an immense amount of time and energy because of their love of the game and the girls. The fees noted above are strictly pass-through costs.

Because of our great new website, all invoices can be paid online via credit card. If you wish to pay cash or check, please let me know so that we can arrange this. **Please note that all payments must be made IN FULL prior to our first tournament on April 7th. There are NO exceptions to this**. If you have a financial hardship, please contact us directly to see how we can help you.

For travel tournaments, if you are interested, we will have hotel blocks posted on our website as they become available for each event. It is important that you watch deadlines carefully as they sell out quickly, and well in advance of tournaments. Once a block has been released, you are responsible for making your own arrangements. We can try and help you, but there are no guarantees so PLEASE check the website early and often and mark down deadline dates. We do not control room blocks as they are arranged via agencies in conjunction with tournament organizers.