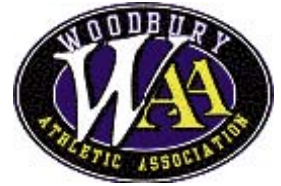


WOODBURY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



NOTICE

TO: Parents and Coaches of WAA basketball players
FROM: Jim Basten, WAA Girls Basketball Director
Steve Pittman, WAA Boys Basketball Director

DATE: September 1, 2008
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** – Wednesday, September 24; 7:30 – 9:00 pm
- **In-House** (grades 3 – 12) – Thursday, October 2, 7:30 – 9:00 pm
- **1st/2nd Grade** – Thursday, October 2, 6:30 – 7:15 pm

All sessions are held in the Lake Junior High 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 WAA Basketball web site (waa.woodbury.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)
- Number of players per team and team composition
- Traveling tryout process or In-House Shoot-around process
- Traveling teams basketball contract
- WAA policy on playing time
- Practice times and games
- Woodbury boys & girls Traveling basketball tournaments in January & February - parent volunteers
- 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.

- Girls Traveling Tryout Prep session - Sunday, 9/28/08, 6-9pm @ WJH (tentative)
- Girls Traveling Tryouts – 9/29/08 – 10/02/08 @ LJH (tentative)
 - Mon & Wed: 5th grade @ 6:10pm, 7th grade @ 8:10pm
 - Tue & Thu: 6th grade @ 6:10pm; 8th grade @ 8:10pm
- Boys Traveling Tryout Prep session - Wednesday, 9/24/08 @ LJH (tentative)
 - Grade 4/5, 6-7:30; Grade 6/7, 7:30-9:00; Grade 8/9, N/A
- Boys Traveling Tryouts – Sat/Sun 9/27,28 and Sat/Sun 10/4,5 @ LJH (tentative)
 - Saturdays: 8th @ 10am; 9th @ 12:10pm; 7th @ 2:30pm; 5th @ 4:40pm
 - Sundays: 4th @ 5pm; 6th @ 7pm

- Girls In-house Shootaround -- 10/13, 14, 21, 22 @ Red Rock and Bailey (confirmed)
- Boys In-house Shootaround – 10/13, 14, 21, 22, @ Lib Ridge/ Middleton (confirmed)

- 1st/2nd Grade Skills Development – You will be contacted by a coach on or before 10/15/2008.

TRAVELING INFORMATION

For traveling players, please get the contract off the web site at www.waa.woodbury.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 this year 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 5 balls per team provided by WAA in the past. WAA will now provide only 2 game balls for the team.

ADDITIONAL SCHEDULE INFORMATION

Schedule information is posted on the web site (www.waa.woodbury.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.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!