

MYAA BOYS BASKETBALL 2008-09 INFORMATION SHEET

PLEASE READ AS THERE ARE MANY CHANGES FOR 2008-09

Team Organization – MYAA Boys Basketball will institute a new system this season, we will no longer hold the October clinics that we have for many years. This season boy's basketball is adopting a system that has been successful in our baseball program for many years. Players returning to the same league that they were in the prior year will remain on the same team and will not be required to attend any pre-practice clinics. Players that are new to the program, or are moving up to the next age group will attend what we call a tryout on Saturday October 11.

Tryouts - While it is called a tryout, it is actually an opportunity for the coaches to watch the players go through some skill drills prior to drafting the teams. The draft will not be held at the time of the tryouts, but will follow within a short time. Players will be notified by their coaches of the first practice once the draft is held. Since the tryouts are essential to help coaches in selecting players, every effort should be made to attend.

Special Requests – Since teams will be formed by a formal draft, we can not honor any requests for placement of players based on friends, car pooling or other situations. Only the head coach's son will be placed on a specific team.

League Ages – Unlike past years, we will be following the same procedure that we have in baseball regarding league placement by age. The basketball cutoff date, by rule, is September 1, so it is simple to determine your son's league age; it is how old he is at the time that you are registering him. All registrations will be determined strictly by age. After registration we will consider requests for exceptions based on individual skill levels.

Coaches – Prior to the tryouts we will need to have coaches in place. There will be one coach assigned per team and assistant coaches will come from the parents of the players on the team. We will not assign assistant coaches sons to rosters.

Roster Limits - Since rosters will be limited to ten per team we will have to limit the number of players based on the number of coaches. Although we hope not to have to, if enough volunteer head coaches are not found, refunds may have to be made to some registrants.

Late Registrations – Registrations will be cutoff on September 30 (or earlier based on league capacity) and anyone wishing to register after that date will be placed on a waiting list.

Season – The season starts with practice in late October and November. The games are played from December through February. The November practices and the games will be held at various locations including McDowell, Walnut Creek and Westlake.

Attendance - After the month of October, all practices and games will be scheduled on Saturdays. There is limited practice time prior to starting games, it is very important that players attend those practices. Consistent game attendance is also important because it affects the competitive balance of the league. Players that miss three consecutive scheduled practices or games can be considered to have quit and be replaced by someone on the waiting list. We are

attempting to secure weekday evening gym time for all of the teams, if we do practice attendance will be encouraged but not mandatory.

Playing Time – What quarter each player plays will no longer be dictated to the coaches, but as always the rule is that everyone gets equal time. Every player must play at least 2 quarters and we will record time to ensure that it is as equal and fair as possible.

Referees – Registrations will be taken for referees and scorekeepers. The minimum age for referees will be 13 and for scorers 11 adults are welcome. You do not have to be a player to be a referee or scorer. Games assignments will be scheduled in advance and officials will be paid by check monthly. There will be a mandatory meeting prior to the season for all who wish to officiate.

Major League – Major League will be for players from 13 through 17. The league will be structured like all of the other leagues and will not allow the participation of unregistered players. The players will attend a tryout on October 11 and be drafted like all the other leagues.