

“KIDSPORTS Middle School Basketball for Winter 2008-2009”

Welcome to another great season of KIDSPORTS basketball.

There have been some minor changes to our middle school program this year, so we would like to clarify the details of our program as a whole here:

1. **TEAM FORMATION** -- At 6th, 7th, and 8th grade, teams are formed in each high school area by skill level (AAAA, AAA, AA, A). Ideally, all of the players interested in playing on the highest level team from a particular high school area at each grade will come together as one group and go through the team formation evaluation process (minimum of 3 sessions) to see who makes the QUAD (AAAA, highest) level team (10-12 players). The remaining players and any others that are interested will then be placed on the AAA, AA, or A teams as appropriate. For example, all of the 6th grade girls from the Churchill area middle schools that want to be on the QUAD level team will all come together at one site for the team formation evaluation process by the coach(es). Once a QUAD team has been selected, the remaining players and others interested will then go to the (AAA, AA, A) team formation practices the following week to be placed on a team. **Those players that have no intention of “trying out” for the upper level teams are still very much welcome and encouraged to join teams during the week after the QUAD teams are being formed when the team formation process is a lot less stressful and is more geared toward creating teams that will be the most enjoyable for all involved.**
2. **INITIAL REGISTRATION** – The registration deadline for all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade players, regardless of skill level, is Dec. 5th. The fee is \$100. **ALL PLAYERS MUST REGISTER WITH KIDSPORTS AND PAY THE \$100 FEE BY DECEMBER 5th EVEN IF YOU “PLAN” ON BEING ON THE QUAD LEVEL TEAM. YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE TEAM FORMATION EVALUATIONS IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED!!! THIS IS AN INSURANCE LIABILITY ISSUE.**
3. **QUAD (AAAA) REGISTRATION** – Once the team formations have been completed, the players that have made the QUAD level team will then need to pay an additional \$50 registration fee (on top of the \$100 already paid by the Dec. 5th deadline). This \$50 fee will be collected from each team member by the coach and submitted to KIDSPORTS all at once with the team roster.
4. **UNIFORMS – New this year, QUAD (AAAA) level teams now get to select and purchase their own team uniforms (with the requirement that the KIDSPORTS logo and Les Schwab logo are on each uniform). We will have information from Terry Lee with McKenzie Athletic on 3 different pricing level options for teams to order uniforms at the QUAD coaches meetings. All of the other levels of teams (AAA, AA, A) will still get their uniforms from KIDSPORTS as in year’s past.**
5. **IMPORTANT DATES**
 - a. 7th and 8th grade team formation practices for QUAD level begin the week of Dec. 1st. Time/Location information will be posted in the schools and on the KIDSPORTS website.
 - b. 6th grade team formation practices for QUAD level begin the week of Dec. 8th. Time/Location information will be posted in the schools and on the KIDSPORTS website.
 - c. All of the other levels 6th-8th grade (AAA, AA, A) team formation practices will begin the week of Dec. 15th. Time/Location information will be posted in the schools and on the KIDSPORTS website.
6. **GAMES**
 - d. QUAD level teams will have 14 regular season games + pre-season tournament + post season tournament (All included in the \$150 fee)
 - e. All other 6th-8th grade levels of teams will have 10 regular season games and an option to participate in the post season tournament for a fee.

ANY QUESTIONS? Contact your area Sports Manager right away.

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