



2016-2017 Prior Lake Boys Basketball 9th Grade - Varsity Handbook

Section 1 - Coaching Contact and Responsibility List

Bob Schweim - Coach Schweim serves as the Varsity Head Coach and is responsible for all communication with Prior Lake High School, recruiting questions, Booster Club, Athletic Director Russ Reetz, directors of the P.L.A.Y. program and/or anything under the umbrella of the Prior Lake boys' basketball program. Coach Schweim runs all Summer basketball camps and programs. He will also guide formation of Fall teams.

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Craig Johnson - Coach Johnson is a varsity assistant and our guards coach. Craig will be the direct contact for P.L.A.Y. tournament questions and will serve as the go-to for scheduling our athletes into work slots for tournaments we host. Responsibilities also include entering official tournament rosters on the MSHSL site and will perform accountability checks for attendance and, along with coach Schweim, work to keep up to date on policies and rules designed by the state and high school.

Phone: 612-710-3223
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Steve Ray - Coach Ray is the varsity defensive coach and JV Head Coach. Coach Ray will be responsible for uploading and sharing games on Hudl, and is main contact for all apparel questions that are not directly ordered through the Athletic Department. Coach Ray also, in conjunction with Moe Hodges, runs Spring basketball and serves as the lead coach under coach Schweim during Summer basketball camps. Coach Ray and Coach Johnson will keep the uniform manifest.

Phone: 952-221-3167
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Maurice Hodges - Coach Hodges is one of the two Co-Head Coaches of our Sophomore program. Moe will be in charge of video tape organization on varsity game nights as well and running the Spring program with Coach Ray. Coach Hodges will distribute and collect uniforms and upload any current information or announcements on the basketball website.

Phone: 952-486-1683
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Dane Schad - Coach Schad is one of the two Co-Head Coaches of our Sophomore program. Coach Dane schedules all transportation and bus times. He will also serve as a bench coach during varsity contests.

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Matt Holden Matt is the 9A coach. He coaches summer camps with coaches Schweim and Ray and organizes all 9th grade practices as well as serving as the contact for all 9th grade questions. Coach Holden will be in charge of uniform handout and collection. Matt switches with coach Schad as the bench coach at varsity contests.

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Will Sandifer Will is our 9B coach. He works directly with coach Holden and they will practice with each other every day. Will assists at varsity contests and is the direct contact for all 9B related concerns.

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Section 2 - Program Mission

"A championship high school athletic program must be built from the ground up. For it to be successful, we will create an atmosphere that encourages athletes, parents, and the community to be a part of what we're trying to accomplish and never let that exciting atmosphere diminish. As a coaches, our jobs are to teach players not only about the game of basketball, but what it means to represent our school, our community, and our basketball program. If this foundation is built, excitement, success, and personal growth will come with it. Winning is only the by-product of successful program"

Section 3 - Tryout Process and Player Placement

1. Tryouts occur every year in November on a date prescribed by the MSHSL. 9th grade tryouts will occur the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the week before Varsity and Sophomore tryouts.
2. Cuts will be made on the third day of tryouts at the very end.
3. Player placement is traditionally based on grade of player but sometimes a player may be moved up because of raw talent or need to fill a specific position. Coaches evaluations of players who may move up vary from year to year, and if the staff believes there are athletes who deserve a chance to try out for an upper level, they will determine who tries out. Coach Schweim is responsible for any athlete who moves up, on any level.
4. The number of players on each level will ideally be 12 on 9B, 12 on 9A, 12 on Sophomore, and 18 on Varsity. This may be slightly changed based on JV need or future implications.
5. Although it is our desire to play all players as much as we can, making a 9-12 team does not guarantee playing time.

Section 4 - Player Conduct

1. Student Athletes at Prior Lake are subject to all MSHSL conduct rules as well as specific rules designed by PLHS. All parents and athletes should attend the Winter PAC meeting then carefully read all codes and rules designed for our players.
2. Parents are asked to attend a meeting conducted by coach Schweim and his staff on the Monday immediately after cuts are made and the season starts.
3. Discipline beyond punishments already imposed by the MSHSL or PLHS for academic, behavior, or substance violations are usually not necessary. However, athletes may be subject to team intervention if the player is engaging in conduct detrimental to the team. Examples include but are not limited to:
 - A. Verbal confrontation with staff**
 - B. Malicious treatment of a teammate verbally or physically**
 - C. Punctuality in regard to travel times, games and practices**
 - D. Showing disrespect for the game, opponents, or the program**
 - E. Disregarding roles or commitments concerning the team or program**
 - F. Negative attitudes concerning playing time or undermining coaches or teammates**
4. If any of the above are a concern, the head coach of that level will address the issue with the player first, and if loss of playing time or suspensions are necessary, the parent will be notified.
5. Removal of a player from a team is very rare, but happens. If the problems listed in point 3 continue to manifest, the player may be removed from the team and the parent and Athletic Director will be informed of a meeting concerning dismissal.
6. When traveling or as an individual of the PLHS basketball program, athletes are expected to exhibit qualities that will reflect well on the basketball community. This includes the use of social media, which is also outlined in PLHS activities rules and MSHSL conduct rules. Refrain from putting anything negative on social media, once its out there, it never goes away.

Section 5 - Player and Parent Communication with Coaches

1. Parents may feel free at any time to contact coaches regarding anything basketball-related, however, it is encouraged that if there is a question of playing time, the players, coaches, and parents should always follow these basic guidelines:

- A. Coaches should be reminding players of what they need to work on and speak directly and truthfully to the player**
- B. If the player feels he has earned more playing time, he should address it with his head coach**
- C. If the player is not satisfied with the conversation, the parent, player and coach may have a meeting**
- D. If there is still disagreement, Russ Reetz, our Athletic Director, may be asked to be in another face-to-face meeting**

2. The "24 Hour" rule is a general rule that coaches and parents should abide by. It states that if there is something that happens in a contest that one party feels the need to address immediately regarding coaches or players decisions, 24 hours to cool down and think is needed. Coaches and parents should refrain from punishments, calls, texts, or emails until everything has been thought through for at least a day.

3. Coaches use texts, remind apps, and other forms of communication to keep players and parents informed. All players are required to give coaches contact info or sign into the Remind app (varsity example).

Section 6 - Spring/Summer/Fall Ball

1. Spring teams can be made through Coach Ray and Coach Hodges. Other AAU programs are fine as this season is the most low key and low pressure part of our year.

2. Summer camps are essential for young players wishing to get better within our program. Other camps or trainers may be beneficial to the individual athlete, yet have little relevance to how our "system" works. Older players are encouraged to coach the camps and be paid for time served.

3. Power and Precision camp, typically run in August, are for players in 7-9 (coached by the varsity staff) and 10-12 (coached by program or Fall coaches and 9th grade coaches). This is an extremely valuable camp. No camps are mandatory, but this training is for skill building in perimeter and post play for ALL players. It is highly recommended.

4. MSHSL mandates that "undue pressure" to play is a direct violation of by-laws. Coaches may not, cannot, and will not use verbiage such as "if you don't do summer ball, you won't be on the team". All we, as coaches, can recommend is that the players participate to get better in our system.

5. Summer tournaments and leagues may change yearly.

6. Fall ball teams are usually comprised of players who were in the program the previous year. Coach Schweim can only recommend who plays with whom on what teams. Players who earned varsity time the year before should always play with each other.

Section 7 - Valuable Links

Transportation Policy

<https://sites.google.com/site/plcoacheshandbook/pre-season/transportation-policy>

Prior Lake Athletics General School Policies and State Guidelines

<https://sites.google.com/site/plcoacheshandbook/philosophy>

***Please keep up to date with our Backcourt Club Boosters and LABC announcements and information sharing. A Booster will be assigned to all parent, program and player communication every year.**