

Bluejackets Spring Basketball Opportunity

It is that time of year again! With our entire program competing in their final month of the season, it is time to think about Spring basketball. This will be the 6th year of providing our own players with an opportunity to play basketball throughout the spring. Last year, numerous teams competed in MYAS Spring Tournaments. Once again, we are checking to see if we have enough interest over all of our grade levels to field teams.

We are sending this letter home with your son to see if all of you have interest in being a part of a Bluejackets Spring Traveling Team. Our goal with this is to have our players continue to play with as many of their teammates as possible throughout the Spring in a highly competitive atmosphere. Historically, we have had one night of practice per week with the team being scheduled to play in four tournaments starting as early as the first weekend in April. These tournaments would likely be in the Metro Area and are sometimes Saturday and Sunday tournaments. The opportunity will cost players \$250 for the Spring season. This is a significant fee for this activity and we understand if that is a deterrent. This fee covers tournament entry fees and also helps defray the expenses of the coaches that would be running practices and coaching in the tournaments. The coaches typically include current coaches in our program, former players, and sometimes parents.

If you have interest in signing up your son, please let me know by sending an email or text message to the address/phone number below by Friday, March 15th. We typically keep rosters to 8 players to maximize playing time and could form two teams if there is enough interest. For 7th-12th grade levels, rosters will be selected from what players have done during the season. Work ethic, coachability, attitude, and skill level will be some of the factors we use to determine these rosters. For 4th-6th grade levels, similar factors will be used for rosters. With rosters of 8 team members, players will be guaranteed equal playing time until the last 5 minutes of each game (depending on foul trouble, injury, behavior, repeatedly making the same mistake, etc.). With this being a financial commitment for families who participate, I want to make the experience worthwhile regarding playing time. Thank you for your time and commitment to Bluejackets' basketball and let me know if you have any questions!

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