



Northern Twin Cities Basketball League Coaches Meeting

MINNESOTA YOUTH ATHLETIC SERVICES (MYAS) STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

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NORTHERN TWIN CITIES BASKETBALL LEAGUE (NTCBL) INTRODUCTIONS

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NORTHERN TWIN CITIES BASKETBALL LEAGUE (NTCBL)

MISSION

Our mission is to build a multi-community recreational basketball league whose primary purpose is to foster a fun environment for kids to develop their skills while increasing the participation levels for youth basketball. This translates into the following guiding principles:

- 1. We will provide a fun environment for our youth to play basketball with their peers.**
- 2. We will create a positive, safe environment for basketball skill and character development.**
- 3. We will foster good sportsmanship and a love of the sport**
- 4. We will strive for competitive balance and fun, no stacked “all-star” teams.**
- 5. We will place an emphasis on skill development at the second and third grade level.**
- 6. We will foster a parent community that strives to model good sportsmanship and a positive learning environment for the players on their teams**

MINNESOTA YOUTH ATHLETIC SERVICES

MISSION – VISION - GOALS



ATHLETICS HELP YOUNG PEOPLE

- set worthy goals
- achieve a sense of accomplishment
- learn valuable leadership skills
- understand group goals and common commitment
- build skills in empathy, humility, generosity and compassion
- learn life lessons on and off the field of play

GOALS

- To provide a safe, positive and productive experience for Minnesota's youth athlete.
- To promote sportsmanship, teamwork and cultural interaction through sporting competition
- To provide the highest quality athletic programs for Minnesota's young people.
- To link regional volunteer youth sports programs with others statewide



MISSION

To improve the delivery of youth sports services to athletes, coaches, parents, officials, and the associations that serve them.

DID YOU KNOW

- Est. 1991
- We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
- We have over 150,000 annual participants
- We are the largest multi-sport organization in Minnesota

VISION

Youth Sports Done Right
by putting Youth 1st

MINNESOTA YOUTH ATHLETIC SERVICES (MYAS) ROLE

- **MYAS will serve as the administrative service agent for the NTCBL.**
- **MYAS is responsible for scheduling league games and end of season playoffs.**
- **MYAS will communicate with facility owners during the season.**
- **Working collaboratively with NTCBL Board/In-House Directors.**



BENEFITS

OF MYAS LEAGUE ADMINISTRATION



- **Consistency**
- **Providing the infrastructure to sustain the NTCBL**
- **Dedicated full-time staff committed to our mission of enhancing the delivery of youth sports**
- **Elevating status for in-house participants in the NTCBL**
- **Connecting other in-house leagues**
- **Eliminating the time and burden of parent-volunteer board members**

NORTHERN TWIN CITIES BASKETBALL LEAGUE (NTCBL) ROLE

- Handle team registration and organization.
- NTCBL Board and In-house directors provide MYAS with initial facility/gym information and team participation.
- Handle communication with coaches and parents in their respective association.



NORTHERN TWIN CITIES BASKETBALL LEAGUE (NTCBL) COMMUNICATION POLICY

- Coaches should communicate all team and scheduling concerns with their respective director. In-house directors will contact MYAS if there is a need to adjust schedules. Schedule changes will not be honored, other than in extreme circumstances (weather, facility issues)
- All issues related to score reporting should be communicated directly with MYAS by emailing basketball@myas.org or ashlie@myas.org.
 - Please have only 1 team representative contacting MYAS.



NORTHERN TWIN CITIES BASKETBALL LEAGUE (NTCBL) OFFICIAL WEBSITE

- The [Northern Twin Cities Basketball League](#) has a dedicated website that will house all pertinent information for the league.
 - Contact information
 - [Score Reporting](#)
 - [League Rules](#)
 - [Timeline Information](#)
 - [Schedules](#)
 - [Game Locations](#)
- Website:
<https://www.myas.org/page/show/8793165-ntc-girls-basketball-2024-2025-?subseason=938106>

NORTHERN TWIN CITIES BASKETBALL LEAGUE (NTCBL) LEAGUE RULES

- Rules are broken down by grade throughout the document.
 - [NTCBL Rules Document](#)
- Be sure to read through your grade's rules carefully so all coaches and officials have a clear understanding.
- Please pass along “Sportsmanship” portion found on page 3-4 to all players, coaches and parents. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated!



SPORTS ENGINE: USER ACCOUNTS

- Each head coach should have received a SportsEngine invitation to connect to the NTCBL site. If you did not receive this please email ashlie@myas.org.
- You will need to be connected to the SE NTCBL site in order to report scores.
 - When reporting scores make sure you are reporting under the NTCBL site, not your association site.
 - 2nd grade teams should NOT be reporting scores.



SportsEngine: SCORE REPORTING

- Scores should be reported within 24 hours.
 - On your team's last date of play (December 7th or 8th), scores must be reported no later than 8:00 pm to allow adequate time to schedule playoffs.
- Winning coaches should report scores, but both coaches should check to ensure scores are entered.
- Detailed instructions on how to report scores can be found on the [NTCBL website](#) or by clicking [here](#).



SEASON TIMELINE

- Important dates document can be found on the [NTCBL website](#) or by clicking [here](#).
- Upcoming important dates:
 - October 26, 2024 - League play begins
 - December 9, 2024 - Playoff schedule published
 - December 12-15, 2024 - Postseason Tournament - 3rd-8th Grade
 - 3rd & 4th grade - Single Elimination
 - 5th/6th & 7th/8th - 2-Game Guarantee



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Bring printed copies of rules in your coaches bag**
 - Have available for referee for any rules disputes.
 - Referee is the final authority on rules.
- **Referees are not employed by the league**
 - They ref many different leagues and grade levels.
 - Wouldn't hurt to make sure they know the nuances of your grade's rules prior to the start of the game.
 - Be patient with them, we will not tolerate abuse of referees by coaches, players, or parents



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- **Aggressive behavior** (pushing, hitting, punching, swearing, etc.)
 - The league will not tolerate aggressive behavior by players, coaches, or parents.
 - Any issues should be reported to your respective director who will report it to MYAS.
 - Reports of any negative conduct/poor sportsmanship will be reviewed by the conduct committee, which will be made up of NTCBL Directors.
 - Committee will recommend any disciplinary action



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Inclement Weather Policy**
 - If districts close facilities, communication will come from MYAS to head coaches via email.
 - Will reschedule games as needed.



FACILITIES

- Games will be hosted at a number of different sites throughout the North Metro. We tried to keep them as centralized as possible.
- Here are the current sites for games:
 - Andover Elementary - Andover
 - Anoka Middle School, Fred Moore - Anoka
 - Enter door on West side of school on 4th Ave
 - Coon Rapids Middle School - Coon Rapids
 - Roosevelt Middle School - Blaine
 - Sunrise Elementary - Blaine



IMPORTANT RULES

- **Playing time should be equally distributed at ALL grades**
- **2nd Grade is all about development, not competition**
 - No records tracked, no tournament, everyone gets a medal
 - Girls play 4-on-4 and there is no stealing, no free throws
 - EVERY player should bring the ball down during games
 - No Officials for the first 8 games - each team will provide a coach to help facilitate the game.
- **3rd Grade**
 - Tracks records and has a tournament
 - Games are 5-on-5, no lane violations, no free throws
 - First six games, NO stealing, after that it is allowed (mercy rule)
- **4th - 8th Grade**
 - Time in between periods shortened to 30 seconds and halftime shortened to 2 minutes.



2nd Grade Important Information

- There will no officials at the 2nd grade level for the first 8 games
 - One coach from each team will be on the court to help manage the game.
 - Coaches should use this as an opportunity to teach during the game.
- There will be no records tracked
 - We will track the score on the score clock, but we will not report the score.
- Individual and team fouls will not be tracked when there is no official, but should be called as teaching moments.
 - No free-throws.
- Teams will need to ensure that their game starts on time and ends on time.
 - All games must be finished 5 minutes before the next scheduled game.
- See 2nd grade rules for other league-specific rules.



NORTHERN TWIN CITIES BASKETBALL LEAGUE



Thank you for your dedication to youth sports!