



2025-2026 Season Parent Letter Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grade

Orono Basketball Parents of Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Graders:

We hope your school year is off to a fantastic start! Planning for the 2025–2026 season is in full swing, and we’re excited to get the season underway. Please take a moment to **read this message thoroughly**, as it includes important information to help you prepare for the upcoming season. We’re looking forward to a great season ahead and can’t wait to get started!

Registration

Registration is open, please access the link via our [website](#). Registration is set to close **October 20th**, so please register as soon as possible. Late registration questions can be directed to info@oronobasketball.com. OBBA will accommodate requests for late additions, however, there is no prorated registration amount.

Fees

The registration fees include a spartan basketball reversible jersey as well as a basketball. Additional items will be available for purchase through our Spirit Store (details to follow).

Grade Level	2025-2026
Kindergarten	\$250
1 st & 2 nd Grade	\$250



Scholarships

OBBA provides scholarships to families who qualify. Please complete the application [here](#) or see the link on the OBBA [website](#).

OBBA Families: We ask you to consider contributing to the OBBA Scholarship Fund. Your support ensures that every child has access to participate in our programs, regardless of financial circumstances.

When completing your online registration, please look for the option to donate to the scholarship fund. You may also contact OBBA directly to make a donation. **100% of your contribution goes directly toward scholarships for children in our program.**

Every donation—no matter the amount—is deeply appreciated and makes a difference. As a thank you, OBBA will recognize family donations on our website and other advertising. Thank you for supporting our community and helping us build a stronger, more inclusive program!

Program Overview

Our OBBA youth program consists of skill development and game play through our new House program. Kindergarten participants will participate in Saturday morning skill sessions, while 1st and 2nd graders will participate in both Saturday morning skills sessions and Sunday games.

This new combination of skills and games is designed to help our youngest athletes build foundational basketball skills in a fun, relaxed environment. Through both structured skill development and 3v3 games, kids will learn the fundamentals of the game while enjoying the experience of team play. The basketball hoop height will be at 8ft for Kindergarten – 2nd grade.



SKILL SESSIONS

OBBA believes that developing strong fundamentals is essential for our youngest athletes. That's why our **Skill Sessions** are designed to focus on the core elements of the game: **dribbling, shooting, passing, and rebounding.**

These one-hour sessions are led by experienced professionals, **Jared Berggren** and **Courtney Boylan Douglas**, who bring a wealth of knowledge and passion to the court. It is our goal through these sessions, athletes build confidence and a solid foundation in a fun, supportive environment. Jared and Courtney will alternate Saturdays. We always welcome parent volunteers to help assist our coaches in drills. *Scroll down to learn more about Jared and Courtney in their bios below.*

Skill sessions will be held on Saturday's beginning in November, located at the Orono Activity Center (OAC). See schedule below.

HOUSE LEAGUE:

OBBA is thrilled to enhance our program this season by introducing a House league for first and second grade boys and girls—in addition to our traditional Saturday Skills Sessions.

Through our House League, players will be split into teams of 5-6, and will play three, twenty minute, 3v3 games each Sunday. The goal of these games is to teach players the rules of the game, while increasing their involvement, and skill development.



Coaches Needed:

House basketball relies on volunteers for coaching. Volunteer coaches will coach/ref the games, stopping the game to enforce game rules, and teach players. If interested, please indicate it during the registration process.

Coaching application link [here](#) (Please use the 1st/2nd/3rd Grade Coaching Application). OBBA provides coaches with all necessary equipment. Coaches are required to complete safety training as well as pass a background check.

Team Formation: Team formations will be formed based on parity (talent distributed evenly) will be created to ensure as even and balanced teams as possible. Team formations will begin during skill sessions at the start of the season.

SCHEDULE:

- **Skills - Saturdays:**
 - 11/8, 11/15, 11/22
 - 12/6, 12/13, 1/3
 - 1/10, 1/24, 1/31
 - 2/7, 2/14

Skills (Saturdays)

Grade Level	Gender	Session	Time	Location
Kindergarten	Boys	Skills	8:30-9:30am	OAC
Kindergarten	Girls	Skills	9:30-10:30am	OAC
1st Grade	Girls	Skills	9:30-10:30am	OAC
1st Grade	Boys	Skills	10:30-11:30am	OAC
2nd Grade	Boys	Skills	11:30-12:30pm	OAC
2nd Grade	Girls	Skills	12:30-1:30pm	OAC



- **House League - Sundays:**

- 11/23, 12/14, 1/4, 1/11, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15

- House League – 3 on 3 (Sundays)**

Grade Level	Gender	Session	Time	Location
1st Grade	Boys	House	1:00pm -2:00pm	OAC
1 st /2nd Grade	Girls	House	2:00pm – 3:00pm	OAC
2nd Grade	Boys	House	3:00pm – 4:00pm	OAC

Schedule Notes:

- There are no skill sessions on: 11/29, 12/27, and 1/17
- The Skill Sessions begin on 11/8
- House league begins on Sunday 11/23
- OAC = Orono Activity Center

Saturday Skill Sessions – Trainers

Jared Bergerren will be back this year to continue his work with our youngest Spartans. Jared played basketball at the University of Wisconsin where he had a successful collegiate career that led him to playing in Europe, Asia and in the NBA Summer Leagues. He works all over the state training players from youth to professional levels. He is committed to helping young players build skill and knowledge and brings a ton of energy to his coaching.

Courtney Boylan Douglass will also be back this year to continue her work. Since graduating and winning Miss Basketball Minnesota in 2008, Courtney has continued to stay involved with her passion for basketball. She was a 4-year scholar athlete and letter winner at the University of Michigan. Courtney then went on to be a Division I assistant basketball coach at Northern Kentucky University where she helped lead NKU to two consecutive winning seasons and post-season tournaments. She then played professional basketball in Israel for 8 seasons and recently retired after winning an Israeli League Championship this past season. During those 8 years, she would spend her summers in Minnesota working with thousands of basketball players and helping



with the skill development at some of the top high school programs in the state. She now lives in Minnesota full-time and is continuing her passion for mentoring and developing basketball players at every age and level.

SPREAD THE WORD!

Please share this email with others who may not know about OBBA. Our emails are only sent to those currently associated with our program and we would love to see some new faces this season. *If you wish to NOT receive our emails, please reply to this note and we will remove you.*

Updates and changes will be communicated primarily via email or Sports Engine, however please utilize our [website](#) and [Instagram](#) page for announcements or changes up until and throughout the season.

Thank you for your support and commitment to Orono Basketball.

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