



2025-2026 Season Parent Letter 3rd Grade

Orono Basketball Parents of 3rd 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. Please go through and select a jersey number and uniform during the registration process. Once you complete the uniform ordering process on the Signature Concepts website, please make sure you go back to the registration window and complete your registration. Late registration questions can be directed to info@oronobasketball.com. OBBA will accommodate requests for late additions, however, there is no prorated registration amount.

If you get lost or misdirected during the registration process, the uniform order site:
<https://orono3gbasketball.signatureconcepts.shop/>



Fees

Grade Level	2025-2026 Fee
3rd Grade	\$350

Uniform Items	2025-2026 Fee
Youth Jersey <i>(required)</i>	\$25.00
Youth Shorts <i>(required)</i>	\$12.00
Shooting Shirt <i>(optional)</i>	\$25.50

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 3rd grade program consists of skill development, team practices and game play (3 tournaments & State). The 3rd Grade Program will include 7 Saturday Skills Sessions, one (1) weekday practice, AND four (4) weekend tournaments.

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 hour-long 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, that 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).

- **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/Team Practice (Saturdays)**

Grade Level	Gender	Commitments	Time	Location
3rd Grade	Girls	Skill Sessions	12:30pm - 1:30pm	OAC
		30 min team practice	1:30pm - 2:00pm	
3rd Grade	Boys	Skill Sessions	1:30pm - 2:30pm	
		30 min team practice	2:30pm - 3:00pm	



PRACTICES:

Each team will have 1 practice during the week, and a 30-minute practice on Saturdays immediately following their skills session. Weekday practices will begin the week of November 10th and will be loaded into SportsEngine once finalized.

If facilities and volunteer support are available, OBBA will seek to arrange separate scrimmages or other events as we are able through the course of the season.

TOURNAMENTS:

Teams will play a total of three (3) tournaments with a minimum of three (3) games per tournament.

Girl's Tournament Dates	Boy's Tournament Dates
January 11 – White Hawk Classic (Mound)	January 3/4 – New Prague
January 24/25 – Eden Prairie Winter Slam	January 10 – White Hawk Classic (Mound)
February 7/8 - White Bear Lake Girls Bear Down Classic	Jan 17/18 – Hopkins Royal Rumble
February 21/22 – MYAS State Tournament	February 1 - Buffalo
	February 7/8 - Stillwater Super Weekend
	Feb 28/Mar 1 - Watertown
	March 7/8: MYAS State Tournament

*Please note, not every team will play at every tournament listed above. Each team will be assigned a total of 3 tournaments plus MYAS State Tournament.



Team Formations

If registration numbers support forming more than one team per gender, parity teams (talent distributed evenly) will be created to ensure as even and balanced teams as possible. Team formations will begin at the weekday practices at the start of the season.

A Parent Meeting will be held once the session starts to provide more information on practices, skills sessions and the Saturday skills session.

Coaches

We rely upon parent volunteer coaches for our 3rd Grade Teams. Please consider coaching if your time and talents allow. Coaches must apply by October 31, 2024. Parent Coaches are responsible for the mid-week practice and the last 30 minutes of the Saturday Skills sessions.

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



Saturday Skill Session - 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 work with our younger Spartans. 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.

Our goal is for all children to have fun while beginning to develop basketball skills and a love for the game. Jared will coach the first hour of Saturday sessions while parent coaches will work with the kids for the remaining 30 minutes each week



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.*

Visit our [website](#) and our [Instagram](#) page frequently for updates throughout the remainder of the summer and into the season.

Thank you for your support and commitment to Orono Basketball.

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