



# PELLA HOOPS CLUB



## 2020-2021 WINTER PROGRAM FLYER

### BACKGROUND:

The Pella Hoops Club, established in 2017-18 in cooperation with the Pella Community Schools basketball programs, is opening registration and holding skills evaluations for the 2020-2021 Pella Hoops Club travelling (AAU) basketball teams.

These travelling basketball teams will typically play between 5 and 10 tournaments during the winter months of October/November through early March with the option of playing a limited summer schedule (typically July) funded separately from Pella Hoops Club annual fees. Tournaments are normally located within 60 to 90 miles of Pella, such as Oskaloosa, Knoxville, Grinnell, Indianola, Ames, Grimes, and other Des Moines area locations, but can be further (ie: Cedar Rapids) on occasion.

### ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for a Pella Hoops Club Team, a player must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled in Pella Community Schools for the 2020-2021 school year  
OR be home schooled with the intent on enrolling in Pella Community Schools in the future

*NOTE: Board may approve exceptions to this rule to help fill rosters. Once granted, a player accepted into PHC by exception is grandfathered into the PHC each year as long as their participation is continuous.*

- AND be in 3rd through 8th grades

### COVID RELATED NOTES (Guidance from authorities changes over time so we will refer to the latest guidelines)

**Skills Evaluation:** Participation will be limited based on current gym policy. Masks are recommended for coaches but not required.

**Practices:** Participation will be limited based on current gym policy. Masks are recommended for coaches but not required.

**Tournaments:** Teams will abide by Tournament guidelines for each tournament they play in.

**Waiver:** Parents will be asked to sign a waiver at the time of payment (late August) regarding PHC Covid 19 liability.

**Cancellation:** There is a higher chance than normal of gyms or tournaments becoming unavailable. See Reimbursement below.

**Cases or Exposures:** We will rely on athletes informing coaches and then will adhere to the latest guidance from Marion County Health.

### TEAM STRUCTURE:

A summary of the team structure and commitment levels for the 2020-21 season is summarized in the table below.

PROGRAM	GRADE LEVEL (2020-21)	APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PLAYERS	PRACTICE TIME PER WEEK	ROSTER SKILL MIX	NUMBER OF TOURNAMENTS (MIN-MAX)	REGISTRATION COST	UNIFORM COST (LASTS AROUND 2 SEASONS)*	UNIFORMS	UNIFORM ** VENDOR
	3rd	7-10	1-3 hrs/wk	BALANCED	5-7	\$200	\$60	Top only	BSN
	4th	7-10	2-3 hrs/wk	BALANCED	6-9	\$250	\$60-70	Top Only	Alleson/Dynamic
	5th	7-10	2-4 hrs/wk	STRATIFIED	8-10	\$300	\$110	Top and Shorts	BSN
	6th	7-10	2-4 hrs/wk	STRATIFIED	8-10	\$300	\$110	Top and Shorts	BSN
	7th	7-10	2-4 hrs/wk	STRATIFIED	5-7	\$200	\$110-\$130	Top and Shorts	Alleson/Dynamic
	8th	7-10	2-4 hrs/wk	STRATIFIED	5-7	\$200	\$110-\$130	Top and Shorts	Alleson/Dynamic

### NOTES:

**BALANCED** teams mean that talent in that grade is distributed across teams relatively equally, based on the Skills Assessment

**STRATIFIED** teams mean that talent in that grade is distributed across teams by player's relative skill levels, based on the Skills Assessment

The CLUB option was removed this year due to complexities that it created in balancing teams and finding coaches.

4th Grade was changed from Statified to Balanced and Tournaments set at 6-9 instead of 8-10 to help offset the loss of the CLUB option.

Coaches may schedule optional tournaments beyond the maximum number if parents approve and pay for it separately.

\*Uniform costs are approximate and include Shipping & Handling. Uniforms can be expected to last about 2 years before kids outgrow them.

\*\*PHC will be changing uniform vendors this season due to COVID, pricing and delivery reasons. Please see email regarding Buy-Back options.

### COSTS

For transparency, the program costs above are arrived at based on the following estimates:

GRADE LEVEL (2020-21)	MID-RANGE NUMBER OF TOURNAMENTS	COST PER TOURNAMENT	TEAM ACCOUNT		PHC ACCOUNT		TOTAL COST PER TEAM	AVERAGE # OF PLAYERS PER TEAM	TOTAL COST PER PLAYER
			TOTAL TOURNAMENT COSTS	TEAM MATERIALS (Cones, Balls)	ADMIN COSTS FROM WEBSITE, GYM FEES, SKILLS, INSURANCE				
3rd	6.0	\$175	\$1,050	\$50	\$570	\$1,670	8.0	\$209	
4th	7.5	\$175	\$1,313	\$50	\$638	\$2,000	8.0	\$250	
5th	9.0	\$175	\$1,575	\$50	\$705	\$2,330	8.0	\$291	
6th	9.0	\$175	\$1,575	\$50	\$705	\$2,330	8.0	\$291	
7th	6.0	\$175	\$1,050	\$50	\$570	\$1,670	8.0	\$209	
8th	6.0	\$175	\$1,050	\$50	\$570	\$1,670	8.0	\$209	

### REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

If the season is cancelled prior to any tournaments being played, parents will receive a **full program refund** (no refunds on uniforms)

Once the season starts if a team does not meet it's minimum number of tournaments as listed in the **PROGRAM** table above:

Reimbursement for missed tournaments = \$175 / average of 8 players = **\$22 for each tournament below the minimum.**

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available. During the payment of annual fees later in August, parents will get:

- >>> \$100 reduction in fees if the player is eligible for the free or reduced school lunch program at school
- >>> \$50 off for each child of theirs that participates in PHC after the first one (2nd, 3rd, etc.)

This program is funded through donations and other fundraising and is not included in the costs that determine program fees above.

## SKILLS EVALUATIONS:

Skills Evaluation sessions will be held in August to evaluate all players who have registered to be part of the Pella Hoops Club program. These evaluations will be one of several factors that will be used to determine team rosters. These factors include but are not limited to: Skill Evaluation, Position, Prior Experience, Attitude, and Exhibited Skill Level (from prior seasons).

Player Evaluations will be performed by experienced staff including but not limited to coaches from the Pella Community School basketball programs. To maintain impartiality, current travelling team coaches may help administer the evaluations but will not participate in the skill evaluations of players if at all possible. The Evaluation Forms from these sessions will only be available to the Team Building committee who will build the team rosters using the evaluations as one of their inputs.

The Evaluation schedule for 2020-21 is as follows:

BOYS	GRADE (2020-21)	EVALUATION DATE & TIME	EVALUATION LOCATION
	3rd-4th	Aug 13 5-6 pm	PC Grade School
	5th-6th	Aug 13 6-7 pm	PC Grade School
	7th-8th	Aug 13 7-8 pm	PC Grade School

GIRLS	GRADE (2020-21)	EVALUATION DATE & TIME	EVALUATION LOCATION
	3rd-4th	Aug 12 5-6 pm	PC Grade School
	5th-6th	Aug 12 6-7 pm	PC Grade School
	7th-8th	Aug 12 7-8 pm	PC Grade School

**Please show up 15 minutes early to get your Evaluation Number and to be ready for the Evaluations to begin.** Evaluations will typically involve various "stations" where the players will be asked to perform various athletic (running, jumping) or skill (ball handling, shooting, passing) drills in addition to 1 on 1, 3 on 3 and 5 on 5 competitive play, so they should dress accordingly.

**IF YOU HAVE PLAYED WITH PHC BEFORE, PLEASE WEAR YOUR UNIFORM TOP  
SO WE CAN USE YOUR NUMBER TO IDENTIFY YOU WHILE PLAYING.**

**To register for the PHC 2020-21 season, please use the link in the communication email or go to [www.pellahoopsclub.com](http://www.pellahoopsclub.com)**

## TEAM CONSTRUCTION:

After the Skills Evaluations, a committee consisting of (at minimum) a Pella Hoops Club Board Member and a coaching representative for each gender and grade will take the Evaluation Forms and other inputs and build the team rosters.

Starting in 5th grade, if there are 2 or more teams within a Grade, team rosters will be "stratified", meaning that players of a higher skill will be placed together on the same team, rather than "balanced" as done in 3rd and 4th grade.

This allows coaches to structure practices and schedule tournaments to match their players' current skill levels so that all players in the program are put in the best position to develop more quickly. Rosters are rebuilt each year - this is typical in all developmental programs we've benchmarked.

Once rosters are finalized, a notification will be sent to each player via email indicating the team they were placed with and the team's coach. Players will have 24-48 hours to perform **SEASON REGISTRATION** and make payment, as non-acceptance would affect rosters.

**NOTE:** An attempt will be made to place every player who registers on to a team, but due to constraints on the number of teams based on limited gym time this may not be possible in some cases. As an alternative, an Offer Letter may include the option of participating as a Practice Player at a reduced cost. Players who participated on a Pella Hoops Club team from the prior year in almost all cases will find a spot on a roster, although based on evaluations it could be with a different team.

Once rosters are finalized, coaches will communicate practice schedules and tournaments as they are determined.

## COACHING:

Any parents interested in potentially serving as a coach for the Pella Hoops Club can apply for a role via the Coaching Registration link sent in the communication email, and will be considered by the committee during the Team Building phase. The committee may reach out to you at that time to better understand your background and availability. **If we do not have coaches for a team, that team may not be able to play.**

## QUESTIONS:

If you have any questions concerning Skills Evaluation, Team Construction, Coaching, or other aspects of the Pella Hoops Club program, you may contact a Board member at the following:

BOARD MEMBER		TENURE		CONTACT INFORMATION	
MEMBER	POSITION	BOARD MEMBER SINCE	POSITION	PHONE	EMAIL
Dan Tauke	President	2017		641-780-6806	<a href="mailto:taukedan@gmail.com">taukedan@gmail.com</a>
Carrie Naig	Treasurer	2017		641-629-0445	<a href="mailto:naigcj@pella.com">naigcj@pella.com</a>
Louis Hartke	At-Large	2019		641-780-9931	<a href="mailto:lhartke@vermeer.com">lhartke@vermeer.com</a>
Joe Van Hemert	At-Large	2017		641-780-0909	<a href="mailto:joe.vanhemert@pellaschools.org">joe.vanhemert@pellaschools.org</a>
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