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Mahtomedi Basketball Association

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Registration Options

- 1) Online at: www.mahtomedibasketball.org
- 2) In person at Mahtomedi Middle School on:
Saturday, Sept. 8th, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 12th, 5:00p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- 3) By mail, print off and send completed registration forms and payment to:

MBA Registrar
15 LaCosta Way
Dellwood, MN 55115

Registration Fees

- In-House Program is \$125 per player.
- Grades 5 thru 8 Traveling is \$225 per player.
- Grade 9 Traveling is \$125 per player.
- **\$15.00 discount for any registration received prior to Sept. 15, 2007 (\$110 In House/\$210 Traveling).**

PLEASE NOTE THAT REGISTRATION MATERIALS FOR THE 1ST/2ND GRADE PROGRAM WILL BE DISTRIBUTED VIA THE 1ST AND 2ND GRADE CLASSES IN OCTOBER.

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Evaluations

- Traveling Evaluations will be held on September 22, 2007
- In-House Evaluations will be held on October 6th, 2007

Specific grade level times will be announced soon.

FOR REGISTRATION MATERIALS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, VISIT THE MAHTOMEDI BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION WEBSITE AT:
WWW.MAHTOMEDIBASKETBALL.ORG

OR

CONTACT US VIA EMAIL AT
MAHTOMEDIBASKETBALLASSOCIATION@COMCAST.NET

The Mahtomedi Basketball Association (MBA), a volunteer, not-for-profit organization, sponsors basketball programs for students that live or attend school (public or private) within the geographic boundary of the Mahtomedi School District/ISD 832.

Our mission is to provide boys and girls in grades 1 through 9, at various skill levels, an opportunity to play basketball in an organized environment that emphasizes skill development, teamwork, good sportsmanship, and fun.

The MBA relies on parent and adult volunteers for coaches and support for fund-raisers. Our success is determined by the participation of the members. The more people who take an active role and volunteer, the better this organization will be. There are numerous volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in helping, please look for the volunteer link on our website or contact a board member.

MBA Highlights

★ Participation in the MBA program continues to grow. For the 2006/2007 season, the traveling program had five girls teams and eight boys teams for grades 5 - 9. The In House program had 10 girls and 16 boys teams playing in the Maplewood League.

★ MBA offers an introduction to basketball for 1st and 2nd graders. This program helps young children learn and develop the skills of basketball, while emphasizing good sportsmanship, team play, and fun. Sign up and information will come home through the schools in Mahtomedi in October.

★ MBA board meetings are held at the Middle School at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of every month during the school year. You are encouraged to attend.

★ The MBA is supported in part by income earned at the Mahtomedi Tournaments. These tournaments substantially reduce the registration costs for both In-House and Traveling players and pay for expenses such as facility costs and uniforms. We appreciate the help of the parents who volunteer at concession stands and ticket booths. **All In-House and Traveling teams** are expected to provide adult

workers for our tournaments. Please plan on working at either the Girls Tournament on November 30th – December 2nd, 2007 and/or the Boys Tournament on December 14 – 16, 2007.

★ A big thank you to all the coaches and assistant coaches for volunteering their time and effort during the past season. Without their help our program would not exist. We hope many of you will coach again this season. The coaches need support from their players and parents. Let them know you appreciate their efforts throughout the upcoming season.

MBA Team Options

MBA offers three levels of competitive play. A summary of the three levels is as follows:

BLUE TRAVELING TEAM (Highest level of competition)

Participants will have two weekday practices and participate in 11 weekend tournaments throughout the season. Players must participate in a tryout and meet basic skill requirements. Limited roster of 10 players.

GOLD TRAVELING TEAM (Intermediate level of competition)

In the event that a sufficient number of interested players have signed up and a Blue team is filled, a Gold team may be established. Participants will have two weekday practices and participate in a couple of weekend long tournaments, but primarily participate in 7 – 9 one day tournaments or a traveling league days. Players must participate in a tryout and meet basic skill requirements. Limited roster of 10 players.

WHITE TEAMS (In-House level of competition)

Participants practice one day a week and have a game on Saturday either in Mahtomedi or a community in the northeast suburbs of Saint Paul. All players are required to participate in a skills evaluation process, but all players will be placed on a team.

Traveling Information

Traveling (Grade 5-8): The Mahtomedi Basketball Association provides traveling teams for girls and boys in grades 5 – 9. Members of the teams are selected through an evaluation process. Considerable time and effort goes into the evaluation process. Our goal is to ensure players are treated fairly and look at the overall strength of the teams. The MBA strongly supports having multiple traveling teams at each grade level provided sufficient, qualified player turn-out.

The tournament schedule will be included in the information you will receive at registration and posted on our website. Blue traveling teams in grades 5 – 8 will play in 10 tournaments held on weekends (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) from November through March, with 3 - 4 games per tournament as well as the state tournament at the end of the season. Gold Traveling teams would play in a number of one day tournaments, as well as one or two full weekend tournaments.

Traveling basketball can be a significant time commitment requiring travel (generally within the Twin Cities metro area). As perspective, the Boys “Blue” traveling teams will play tournaments in Champlin Park, Centennial, Brooklyn Park, Elk River, North St. Paul, Blaine, Cottage Grove, White Bear Lake, Mounds View and Mahtomedi. Our Girls “Blue” traveling team will play tournaments in Tartan, North St. Paul, Champlin Park, Roseville, Cottage Grove, Fridley, Woodbury, Irondale, Eastview and Mahtomedi.

Traveling (Grade 9): The 9th grade traveling season runs from late January through the middle of March – to compliment the 9th grade high school program. The 9th grade traveling season consists of 4 tournaments held on weekends, as well as the 2 state tournaments. Although the 9th grade season does not begin until January, it is important that 9th grade players register at this time. Traveling evaluations for the 9th grade team will be held in mid January. Players and parents will be contacted in January with additional details.

For more information, please see our website or plan on attending a Traveling informational meeting at the Middle School scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 12th, at 7:00 p.m.

In-House Information

The main portion of the Mahtomedi Basketball Association program starts at the 3rd grade level. We would like to welcome all incoming 3rd graders and hope you have a fantastic basketball experience!

Here are some of the details of the In-House program:

- The In-House program participates in the Maplewood League consisting of the surrounding communities in the northeast suburbs of St. Paul – usually including North St. Paul, Oakdale, Maplewood, etc. Games will be in a school in one of these communities or in Mahtomedi.
- The program objective is to work on basic skills and to have fun while learning those skills.
- Teams are comprised of 3rd/4th graders, 5th/6th graders, and 7th/8th graders. It is our philosophy to have balanced teams with a mixture of skill levels.
- All In-House players will be given equal playing time which usually means half the game. In cases where there are not ten players the coaches will make sure playing time is as equal as possible.
- Player evaluations are October 6th at the Middle School. Times will be available at registration. Please keep in mind that all players are placed on an In House team – the evaluations are simply to assist in establishing equal teams.
- For 3rd/4th graders, baskets are at 9 feet and basketballs are Youth Balls, 26.5 inches. Please have your child practice with these smaller balls, as it will help their shot.
- Team shirts/jerseys are provided.
- Teams will be assigned in late October. Coaches will contact each player/family.
- Games are on Saturdays starting in December and ending before Spring Break in March.
- Practice will be one night per week starting in mid-November. Coach will advise practice day and time.

- On the registration form please let us know anything we should consider when putting the teams together. Given our limited gym space, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to accommodate requests for practice on specific nights, but we will try. Another example of helpful information is, if you have two kids in the same age group, do you want them on the same team?
- Without the coaches and assistant coaches our program could not exist. We are commonly short of coaching volunteers. Please consider giving your time, expertise and energy to coaching a team! We will have coaching sign up sheets available online or at registration. If you are interested in coaching In-house, contact Brad Mason at 653-7591.
- There is one head coach and one assistant coach for every team. We encourage other parents to get involved and help, but there are only two official coaches.
- All coaches must be certified through the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA) program. Training is done through Mahtomedi Community Education and will be sometime in early November. A background check is also done as part of this certification process.

Player/Parent Conduct

We expect our players, parents, coaches and fans to exhibit good sportsmanship, and require all players and parents to sign a Code of Conduct that includes the following:

1. Keep cheering positive
2. Respect the opposing teams and fans
3. Learn and understand the rules of the game
4. Respect the integrity and judgment of officials
5. Accept victory or defeat with dignity

We ask that every player, coach, parent and/or fan embrace these ideas from the beginning of the season through the end. Maintaining the right perspective will make for a fun, exciting and entertaining learning experience for everyone!

Referees/Scorekeepers Wanted

Any High School student interested in working as a referee or a scorekeeper for the In-House program should contact Mark Gustafson, 651-770-1414.

Welcome to the Mahtomedi Basketball Association program!
