



## TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

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# BOYS & GIRLS 5TH GRADE BASKETBALL PARENT INFORMATION

### SPORTS DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District's Sports Department is committed to enhancing the quality of life for all its participants. The programs strive to establish a safe and caring environment that allows for individual and social growth by providing and facilitating positive fun and educational opportunities organized with responsible leadership.

**PROGRAM PURPOSE:** The purpose of 2009-10 Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation Elementary Basketball Program is to provide an opportunity for 5th grade girls and boys residing within THPRD and/or School District #48 and Lenox School boundaries to participate in basketball. Students attending a private school, or home schooled, living within the THPRD boundaries, are also eligible to participate. They will be placed on a team within the school attendance area in which their residence is located. The program will emphasize instruction and playing to build the fundamental skills of basketball and the concept of teamwork and sportsmanship in a fun sports activity for youth.

**REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:** At least one parent/guardian must complete the registration form for each participant. Parents can fill out the form online at: [www.thprd.org](http://www.thprd.org) or submit a hard copy to the THPRD Athletic Center. All players will be contacted with their team assignment no later than November 25.<sup>th</sup>

**PLAYERS:** All players must be in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Players will be placed on a team with other players from the same school or if not enough players from one school they will be combined with a nearby school. Individuals may request a coach; however, the request may be considered if all players are from the same school but cannot be guaranteed. THPRD will make the final decision on the rosters of 10-12 players. Once teams are established, coaches will contact their players. Under no circumstances will players be reassigned after being placed on a team. Late registrants will be placed on a team depending on space availability.

**TIME COMMITMENT:** Once teams are formed, coaches will contact players with practice and game schedules. Every team will be scheduled approximately two one-hour practices a week in the evening (between hours of 4-8pm). Games will begin mid-January and will be held on Saturdays at BSD schools.

**PLAYER FEES:** \$96.00 per player. **ALL parents must have a valid THPRD Residency card to register their child (see <http://www.thprd.org/activities/howtoreg.cfm> for details).** Parents currently with cards that have expired **must** renew their card. To receive the THPRD Residency card each In-district parent **must** provide proof of residency within the THPRD boundaries. Parents without a THPRD I.D. card or number will be unable to participate in the league until proof of THPRD I.D. is provided. The District will work with qualified In-District families needing financial assistance but arrangements must be made **prior** to the **registration**. For more information on financial assistance please call **Anne Bookless** at (503) 645-6433. The fee includes equipment use, tee shirts, gym usage fees, school and THPRD staff, and officials. Players will be supplied tee shirts, which they will keep. **No refunds will be given after the first practice.**

**COACHES:** The youth basketball program depends on volunteer coaches who lead the athletes. The volunteer coaches are a committed group of people, giving many hours of their time to help young athletes enjoy the sport. Coaches must have an understanding of, and commitment to, fair play, ethical behavior and integrity. **Coaches must be NYSCA certified (training provided by THPRD).** If you or anyone you know is interested in coaching call us at (503) 629-6330 and we'll help you get started!

**PRACTICES:** Practices will start the week of November 30<sup>th</sup>. Every team will be scheduled approximately two one-hour practices a week in the evening between 4:00 and 9:30pm at Beaverton School District elementary schools.

**SPORTSMANSHIP:** In order to maintain a safe and competitive environment the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Sports Department has adopted a **ZERO TOLERANCE**, Code of Ethics for players, parents and coaches. Examples of unruly behavior, include but are not limited to: negative outbursts and comments, taunting, offensive language, inappropriate or threatening actions and gestures. Actions of unsportsmanlike conduct will result in removal from the facility, suspension from games, and/or expulsion from further involvement in league play for at least one year. A refund of fees will not be made if a player is removed from the program either by THPRD or parent.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS/GUARDIAN**

- 1) Provide transportation to and from all practices and games (it is not the coach's or THPRD's responsibility).
- 2) Pick up your child from practices and games on time.
- 3) In an effort to enable the coach to focus on coaching, parent(s) should volunteer to help in any way.
- 4) Read, sign and support the Code of Ethics agreement for parents.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF PLAYER**

- 1) Attend all practices and games; contact the coach if missing an event.
- 2) The desire to play with other students in a constructive, recreational activity.
- 3) Demonstrate good sportsmanship before, during and after each practice and game.
- 4) Read, sign and support the Code of Ethics agreement for athletes.



**PLAYING TIME:** The **minimum** playing time in the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade program for each player is twelve (12) minutes per game and each player must sit out eight (8) minutes. The playing minutes **do not** have to be played consecutively. Players may be kept out of games for reasons of injury, illness or disciplinary action. The coach will notify all parties involved. If you feel your child is not playing the minimum playing time please consult the coach or contact April Hammel at (503) 629-6330 or email [ahammel@thprd.org](mailto:ahammel@thprd.org)

**INSURANCE:** There will be **NO** insurance coverage. All players play at their own risk.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER:** THPRD will follow the Beaverton School District closures. Therefore, when the schools close because of weather, all basketball activities will be canceled. When the weather turns severe in the afternoon, a decision will be made by 4:00pm as to whether activities will be held. Decisions will be made by 7:30am on Saturdays. Coaches will contact team members for canceled Saturday games.

**STUDENT SUSPENSION:** Students participating in the THPRD basketball program that are suspended or expelled from school will not be allowed to participate in the basketball program until readmitted to school. **Any player(s) found to be playing while suspended or expelled will be removed from the league and forfeit all fees paid.**

**UNIFORMS:** Each player will be provided a tee shirt, which is theirs to keep. Please indicate appropriate tee shirt size on the registration form. The tee shirts provided by THPRD must be worn during all league games. Participants will need to supply shorts **without pockets or belt loops**.

**EQUIPMENT NEEDS:** **Jewelry, hard barrettes, and earrings are not permitted to be worn in practices or games.** Non-black soled athletic shoes, gym shorts and a t-shirt should be worn to practices. If your child has a basketball, they are welcome to bring it to practices. Please write name and phone number on basketball.

**TEAM PICTURES:** Team pictures are not included. It is the responsibility of team to arrange and pay for this. Independent photographers will be provided coach contact information and will work directly with the coach.

**GAME OFFICIALS:** THPRD referees are ages 16 and older and attend required training sessions. If you or anyone you know is interested in officiating 5th grade basketball games, please call April Hammel at (503) 629-6330.

**SCHOOL RULES:** **Food and drinks may not be taken in to the gyms at any time.** Water bottles must remain outside the gym but can be kept close to the gym doors for easy access.

**YOUNG CHILDREN:** Non-participating young children **must** be under adult supervision at all times.

**Any player(s) found to be playing on a team not within the above guidelines will be removed from the league and forfeit all fees paid.**