

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING REGISTRATION FORM

CBA TRAVELING BASKETBALL



Dear Parents and Players;

On the other side of this letter, you will find a sign-up form for the 2016-17 Central Basketball traveling season. The goal of Central Basketball is to have fun learning and playing basketball while building strong, competitive teams for the future. At younger grade levels, more emphasis is placed on skill development and lots of playing time. At older grade levels, we'll continue to emphasize basic skill development and will make every effort to see that all players get game experience, although playing time may not be equal for every player. Our teams will play tough but fairly and, as always, good sportsmanship is expected of all players, parents and coaches at all times.

We must commit to the number of meets we want to play and host in August and need to know how many teams to register. We strongly urge you to fill out the paperwork now to take advantage of the lower registration fee. As you can see from the sign-up form, we have implemented significant penalties for late sign-ups. Each year we enroll a single team at some grade levels and then, after the registration deadline, the coach receives calls from three or more additional players who want to play. This is difficult for the coach, the players and the Association, all of whom have made plans based on a certain number of players per team. Late sign-ups mean we have to try to accommodate teams with too many kids and not enough playing or practice opportunities. It is very important for us to receive accurate numbers as early as possible.

Each 5th-8th grade team will participate in 3-4 Saturday basketball tournaments which are sponsored through The Great Northwest Basketball League (large teams may participate in more meets with the goal of having each child play on 3-4 Saturdays). Each season we host a home tournament for each team to help keep costs low; the monies from home meets goes back into the program to pay for equipment, jerseys, game participation, etc. (All families are needed to help with the success of these events.) The traveling team coaches will have practices scheduled when gym time has been arranged. These schedules will be communicated to parents by each coach.

The 3rd and 4th grade practices will begin in October and the season will end in December. Each team will have the opportunity to participate in two or more Saturday non-competitive meets (2½ hours long) with other area schools. Coaches will communicate the schedule to parents before practices begin.

The Central Basketball Association is run completely by volunteers. We work in association with, but are not sponsored by SCC schools and we are not affiliated with or a part of the Central St. Croix Rec program.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Kopacz at 715-688-9491, Josh Chladek at 612-670-8243 or Jenny Myer at 715-977-2291.