2017-2018 Skyline Boys Select Basketball

Congratulations on making a Skyline Boys Select Basketball (“SBSB”) team. The following contains important information regarding the program, games, practices and other general information.

Please understand that it is a privilege to play in this program and full commitment is essential to our success. There are up to two practices a week. Games are played on Saturdays and Sundays. Each team will compete in tournaments that take place over weekends throughout the season. It is typical that teams play in one to two tournaments in November. Tournament are chosen at the coach’s and team’s discretion, additional tournaments may be added (additional payment may be required for additional tournaments).

Mission Statement
SBSB’s mission statement is to develop passionate, intelligent, competitive, spirited, team-oriented basketball players.

SBSB is intended to teach the game of basketball with a level of intensity above that of basketball programs offered by the Parks and Recreation departments, while promoting sportsmanship and teamwork. This program offers more practice, greater intensity and faster-paced teams that travel to compete in tournaments and with other teams within the Eastside Travel League (ETL), PEAK League and Cascade Basketball Travel League (CBTL). The emphasis of the program is to heighten the skills of players in preparation for their later playing years. Though the amount of playing time is not equal, all players get the opportunity to play based on effort and team need. The program focuses on rewarding great attitudes, and not just athletic performance.

Commitment
As participants in the SBSB program, there is both a financial commitment and volunteer commitment as follows:

Financial Commitment. The player fee is $675 for non parent coached teams and $500 for parent coached teams. (Partial scholarships and payment plans may be available for demonstrated hardship. Please contact the SBSB Board for additional information. Players will not be allowed to participate in practices or games until payment is received, financial assistance is granted or a payment plan is executed). The player fee includes AAU membership, a shooting shirt, a team sweatshirt, participation in the ETL/CBTL/PEAK basketball league during the winter season (including the end of season tournament), up to three tournaments, weekly practices and paid coaches. For those players who do not have SBSB uniforms, there will be an additional cost of approximately $125. (2017/18 uniform change. Players on 2016/17 4 Silver, 5 Green and 5 White may wear last season’s reversible uniform is it still fits)

In addition, throughout the season, SBSB will try to add technical clinics/trainings for the players to participate in. These clinics, if offered, may be for an additional cost.

Volunteer Commitment.
A primary element of a successful sports club is committed, supportive families. The success of our club and its teams is dependent upon the volunteer efforts of every family. There are several other volunteer positions that need to be filled for each team, including team parent and running the clock and keeping the scorebook at league games. Parents and players may also from time
to time be asked to support the Skyline high school basketball program with their fundraising efforts.

**Practices**
The success of the team is dependent on players making as many practices as possible. While we understand that players play multiple sports and have other school and personal functions, it is strongly encouraged that you prioritize participation in team practices to the extent possible. Where necessary, coaches may consider participation in practices in determining playing time for games throughout the season. If it becomes a problem to make practice on a regular basis, the coach and/or the program may take additional action, including dismissal from the program.

**Playing Time**
There is no minimum playing time requirement for league and non-league games. Playing time is earned and determined at the coach’s discretion.
If your son is unhappy with his playing time, he is more than welcome to speak with the coaches about it. We encourage the boys to first approach the coach to discuss the matter. However, parents are welcome to set up an appropriate time to meet with coaches outside of practice and games in order to discuss this issue.

**Parental Conduct**
This is probably one of the most important aspects of how successful we will be as a program. Here are things that will be frowned upon:
1. Yelling anything from the stands that would upset your son, another player, coach, opponent, or referee will not be tolerated. Remember: “Coaches coach, players play, referees ref and parents cheer.”
2. Yelling for your son to “SHOOT” or otherwise coaching from the stands will undermine what we are trying to teach.
3. Talking negatively in the stands about another player, coach, or opponent.
4. Coaching your son on the way home from a game (it is really hard to resist) will only make him not want to talk about it.
5. Talking negatively about any of your son’s teammates.
6. Talking negatively about the coaches. This will undermine your son’s respect for the coach and impede his ability to grow as a player. If you have a problem with the coach, you are always welcome to address the coach directly outside of practices and games. Additionally, you are welcome to discuss coaching matters with any member of the SBSB Board if you are uncomfortable talking with a coach.
7. If you have an issue with how a coach handled a situation in a game, the 24-hour rule is in effect. That is, wait 24 hours before you call, email, text, write or otherwise contact the coach. Sometimes this period allows parents to get a perspective on a situation that they did not have as they were watching the game. Again, coaches are happy to talk with parents outside of games and practices.

**Family Commitment and Responsibility Agreement**
Please sign and return the Family Commitment and Responsibility Agreement at the Parent Meeting, September 24.
Family Commitment and Responsibilities Agreement
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I, ___________________________________________________, the parent or legal guardian
of _____________________________________________________ (player) acknowledge that
I have been informed of the financial and volunteer commitments and obligations required by
the Skyline Boys Select Basketball program. I further understand that if my son accepts a roster
spot on a select team the following obligations must be met.

- Pay the Player Fee of $625 for non parent coached teams and $425 for parent coached
teams as outlined in the Financial Commitment section above.
- Volunteer as requested.
- Commit for my son to attempt to attend all practices and understand that games are played
  on both Saturday and Sundays.
- Understand that the consequence for missed practice could result in less playing time during
games.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _______________________________