

## **MEDWAY AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION INTRAMURAL PROGRAM**

The Medway Amateur Basketball Association (MABA) offers an intramural basketball program that is designed to provide Medway children in grades 2-8 with the opportunity to learn and play the game of basketball in a recreational setting which focuses on fun, instruction, skill development, and social interaction.

All participants in the Intramural Program (i.e., players, coaches, and parents) must: (i) register as a member of MABA; and (ii) agree to comply with the MABA Code of Conduct. Links to the electronic registration process and a copy of the Code of Conduct is available on the MABA website at [www.medwaybasketball.com](http://www.medwaybasketball.com).

All children participating in the MABA Travel basketball program are strongly encouraged to participate in the Intramural Program as a way to gain additional practice time while enjoying social interaction with classmates and friends who do not participate in the Travel Program.

**Note to Referee/Timekeeper Candidates:** MABA will be accepting applications for referees and timekeepers at a later date. *An announcement concerning referees and timekeepers program will be posted on the MABA website and communicated through the MABA e-mail distribution list and the High School Athletic Department.*

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### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs) CONCERNING THE MABA INTRAMURAL PROGRAM FOR GRADES 2-8**

#### **1. How often do intramural teams practice and play games?**

The Intramural Program meets once per week on Saturdays and utilizes a combined practice/game approach in sessions which typically last 75 minutes for Grades 2&3, and 90 minutes for Grades 4-8.

#### **2. When does the Intramural Program begin and end?**

The Intramural Program for Grades 2-8 begins on the first Saturday of December. The program consists of 11 weeks for grades 2-3. For grades 4-8, the program lasts for 12 weeks with a March Madness Tournament to complete the year.

An Intramural Season calendar will be posted on the MABA website no later than November 1.

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### **3. Where, and at what time, will my child be playing each Saturday?**

The location/time for each grade/session is dependent on several factors including gym availability and the number of players per gender/grade. Here is a typical schedule:

- Sessions for Grades 2&3 are held at the Memorial School between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.
- Sessions for Grades 4-8 are held: (i) at the Middle School between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM; and (ii) at the High School between 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM.

The specific locations and times for the Intramural season will be posted on the MABA website by November 30.

### **4. Why do I have to register in September? Can I register at a later time? What if I register now but my child changes his/her mind or has a conflict /injury when the season starts?**

The Intramural Program accommodates over 600 children each year. With such a large number of participants, we need all potential players to register as early as possible in order to complete the planning process. Late registrations will be accepted as team/session space permits, but a late fee will be assessed.

MABA will refund the registration fees to any player which has a conflict (e.g., time, injury, etc.) which prevents them from participating after they register.

### **5. Can I request a specific coach or teammate for my child?**

Due the logistical issues involved, we discourage special requests. Special requests can be made, but there is no guarantee that they will be honored. We appreciate your cooperation in this regard.

### **6. Does my child have to “try-out” to participate in the Intramural Program? How are the teams made up? Does everyone get equal playing time?**

There are no try-outs or other qualifications to play intramurals except a desire to play basketball, improve your skills, and have fun. Teams are made up as follows:

- **Grades 2&3.** The sessions are split by gender and by grade. Given the instructional / introductory nature of the program, all players in Grades 2&3 are assigned to a specific session on a random basis.
- **Grades 4-8.** The sessions are split by gender, and grades are grouped as follows: Grade 4; Grade 5/6; and Grade 7/8. Given the range of basketball competency and competitiveness, players in Grades 4-8 are assigned to team rosters by the MABA Intramural Subcommittee working in concert with the Lead Coaches for each grade/session. During the player assignment process, every effort is made to achieve a fair and balanced distribution of travel/non-travel players and more-skilled/less-skilled players to ensure a fun and fair experience for all participants. In addition, all games in Grades 4-8 are played under strict guidelines adopted by the Board (e.g., mandatory player rotation, documentation of playing time) to ensure equal playing time.

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### **7. I would like to participate as a head or assistant coach. How can I get involved?**

All coaching applicants must register via the MABA registration process.

All coaching applicant agree to abide by the MABA Code of Conduct and to submit to a CORI background check as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

### **8. Who is responsible for administering the Intramural Program?**

The Intramural Program is administered by a 5-person subcommittee (“the Intramural Subcommittee”) of the MABA Board of Directors. The Intramural Subcommittee is appointed by the Board prior to the start of each basketball season. Among other things, the Intramural Subcommittee is responsible for developing and implementing: the player assignment process; the coach selection process; coaching clinics and skills development programs; session times/locations; game schedules; the annual March Madness playoff tournament; and other special events. All intramural-related policies, programs, rosters, teams, coaching assignments and other activities are subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

### **9. Where can I find more information about MABA? How will Intramural Program details be communicated?**

The MABA website at [www.medwaybasketball.com](http://www.medwaybasketball.com) and the MABA e-mail distribution list are the primary means of communication for all MABA-related programs, information, schedules, updates and changes. Parents and players are responsible for monitoring the website for updated information and advising MABA of any e-mail address changes.

The names, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, and subcommittee assignments for each member of the Board of Directors are posted on the MABA website. We welcome your feedback, questions and comments.