



# Is Traveling Basketball a Good Fit for Me?



## ● YES!!

- I love to play basketball! Can't get enough!
- My parents have to drag me off the court all year round!
- Don't care who my teammates are, I just want to play
- Strong desire to improve, work hard on my game, and COMPETE at a higher level
- During the winter sports season, my CAA Basketball team is my sports priority
- I WANT to be at every practice and game, all season long
- My family and I will be committed to the season
- My family and I will help make it FUN for the entire team!

## ● Maybe not???

- My parents want me to play. Maybe more than I want to play traveling basketball.
- Who my teammates are matters more to me than just playing the game.
- My friends say they will play if I do.
- I'm very busy with lots of activities during the winter basketball season, and I may have conflicts with practices and games
- I can't promise I will be as committed to the season as my teammates will be



# Players Thought for the Season





# CAA Basketball Leaders



- OPEN - Grades 4-8 Community Leagues
- John Miller - Grades 1-3
- Heather Neubauer - Girls Traveling Teams
- Angie Quinn - Uniforms and Apparel
- Jason Schmidt - Gym Space
- Mike Ramler – Treasurer
- Jeff Tiran – Player Development
- Monte Johnson – Boys Traveling Teams
- OPEN – Communications
- Tony Williams – Traveling Tournament & VP
- Angie Kissock – Advisor, CNHS Girls Head Coach
- Nathan Pelowski – Advisor, CNHS Boys Head Coach
- Bill Kemble – President

A white rectangular sign with rounded corners and a blue border is hanging from a chain-link fence. The sign is held in place by two white plastic ties, one at the top and one at the bottom. The background shows a green grassy field and a line of trees under a blue sky with some clouds.

**BEFORE  
YOU  
COMPLAIN...  
...HAVE YOU  
VOLUNTEERED  
YET???**



# Tryouts & Team Formation



- Tryouts are CLOSED – players & evaluators only
- CNHS Basketball Coaches
  - Drills and scrimmaging
  - Goal = place every player on team that gives them best chance to succeed, improve and want to continue playing
- Previous CAA Travel Coach Evaluation
- Quick Reference Sheet
- CAA Basketball Leaders
  - Leaders NOT allowed to participate in groups involving their own children
- Teams formed before coaches assigned
  - Head coaches determined by board interviews, past performance, coach experience, commitment to our philosophies
  - Head coaches select assistants
  - Want to coach? You **MUST REGISTER** on web site
    - If you register and actually coach, you get free coach shirt





# 2017-2018 Traveling Teams



## 🏀 Girls – 9 Teams

- 🏀 Grade 4 – One team - A or B

  - 🏀 7 players registered

- 🏀 Grade 5 – One team - mostly B

  - 13 players registered

- 🏀 Grade 6 – Two teams - A & B

  - 🏀 20 players registered

- 🏀 Grade 7 – Two teams - B & C

  - 🏀 17 players registered

- 🏀 Grade 8 – Three teams? – A, B & B/C

  - 🏀 23 players registered



# 2017-2018 Traveling Teams



## 🏀 Boys – 16 Teams

🏀 Grade 4 – Three teams - A, B1, B2

🏀 36 players registered

🏀 Grade 5 – Three teams - A, B, C

🏀 38 players registered

🏀 Grade 6 – Three teams - A, B, C

🏀 37 players registered

🏀 Grade 7 – Three teams - A, B, C

🏀 34 players registered

🏀 Grade 8 – Four teams - A, B1, B2, B/C

🏀 46 players registered





# Coaches Thought for the Season



**A**  
**COACH**  
**WILL IMPACT**  
**MORE YOUNG PEOPLE IN A YEAR**  
**THAN THE AVERAGE**  
**PERSON DOES IN A**  
**LIFETIME.**  
**BILLY GRAHAM**



# 2017-2018 Head Coach Needs



- Boys – 16 Teams
  - 10 Head Coach Volunteers
  
- Girls – 9 Teams
  - 4 Head Coach Volunteers



# Transition to Community League Program



- If not selected for travel team, strongly encourage playing CAA Community League Basketball
  - Travel teams posted to web site Monday, Oct 2 @ 4:00PM
  - Be prepared for result, decompress
  - Registration will be transferred to Community League
    - Fee difference refunded via check
    - If you choose not to play Community League, please contact us
  - Community League Evaluations October 15th



# Tryout Feedback (if not placed on travel team)



- Feedback available from CNHS Head Coaches
  - Send email no later than October 7th
    - Boys [pelowskin@district112.org](mailto:pelowskin@district112.org)
    - Girls [kissocka@district112.org](mailto:kissocka@district112.org)
  - Include your player's name, grade, and tryout pinnie number if you know it.
  - Feedback discussions center around your player's tryout performance, placement, strengths and improvement needs. No comparisons with other players.



# Parents Thought for the Season



- 🏀 Your kid's success or lack of success in sports does not indicate what kind of parent you are...But having an athlete who is coachable, respectful, a great teammate, mentally tough, resilient and who tries their best is a direct reflection of your parenting.



# Program Philosophies



## ● Roster Size

### ● 8-10 players/team

- Lean toward 9-10 for most teams, depends on best fit
- Emphasis on placing all players appropriately, including assigning some to Community League program

## ● Fundamentals Development

- ALL players need consistent fundamentals work – important element of EVERY practice
- EVERY player improves as much as possible over season
- Utilize your resources
  - Coach Clinics – Info from CNHS Coaches
  - CAA Skills Curriculum
  - Coach & Player Resources on web site
  - CAA Player Development Resources
  - Your fellow coaches

# Program Philosophies



## ● Sportsmanship & Fun

### ● Proper perspective – Play your role

● Coaches coach

● Players play

● Referees ref

● Fans cheer positively for entire team

### ● Represent our program & communities with pride – players, coaches, parents, leaders

● Play hard, cheer for all our teams, win and lose graciously



# Program Philosophies



- Chanhassen High School Spirit!!
  - Connect with CNHS Teams All Season
  - Halftime Scrimmages
  - 10,000 Shots Winners Recognized at Home Openers
  - Storm the House Events
  - CNHS Game Schedules on CNHS Web Site





# Program Philosophies



- Equal Playing Time is Required and Enforced
  - Policy on web site – PLEASE READ IT
  - Coach discretion for attendance, actions, effort, attitude, conduct, end-of-game situations
  - Coaches - Set your lineup rotations in advance, assign in-game implementation to assistant



# Program Philosophies



- Equal Playing Time is Required and Enforced
  - Parents and Players
    - We expect that CAA Basketball is your player's primary winter sports priority – 100% to the TEAM
    - Measure playing time over tournaments and longer, not individual games
    - Address concerns directly, professionally and in private with head coach
    - Parents - make sure you understand the entire policy - read the FINE PRINT, not just headlines



## Program Philosophies



- Fundamentals + Hard Work + Equal Playing Time + Fun = Success
- Winning is an outcome... not an objective

# Important Dates



- Tryouts – Girls Sept 16 & 23 (@ **PRMS**) – Boys Sept 17 & 24 @ CNHS
- Uniform sizing and apparel ordering - please get this done Sept 16 or 17 – anyone can be sized and order at any tryout date
- Oct 2 – Traveling teams announced – posted to CAA web site at 4:00PM
  - Coaches may or may not be finalized by Oct 2nd. We form teams first, then name coaches.
- Oct 14 – practices start – your team may not start that day – fall sports
- TBD – Travel Coaches meetings
- Nov 4-5 - first girls tournament at Eden Prairie
- Nov 4-5 – first boys tournament at Chaska
- TBD – Travel team pictures
- Dec 16-17 – CAA Traveling Tournament – all hands on deck!
- Mar 3-4 – Final girls tournament – MYAS State
- Mar 10-11 – Final boys tournament – MYAS State



# Uniforms & Apparel



- Uniform Sizing & Apparel Ordering
  - Saturday, Sept 16, 9:00am-3:30pm @ PRMS
  - Sunday, Sept 17, 11:00am-6:00pm @ CNHS
    - 8:00am & 11:00am tryout groups come after tryout
    - All others please arrive 30-45 minutes early to be sized
- Distribution of Uniforms and Apparel before first tournaments
- Please determine if you need new reversible practice jersey
  - If you need new jersey, bring \$25 check to uniform sizing

# Tournament Schedules

## Boys Travel Teams

- Nov 3-5 Chaska
- Nov 11-12 Osseo Maple Grove
- Dec 1-3 Eden Prairie
- Dec 9-10 Mahtomedi (no 4<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Dec 16-17 Chanhassen
- Jan 13-14 Shakopee
- Jan 20-21 Lakeville North
- Jan 27-28 Edina (no 4<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Feb 10-11 Cottage Grove (no 4<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Feb 24-25 St. Cloud Quarry Classic (hotel stay)
- March 10-11 MYAS Grade State Tournament

# Tournament Schedules

## Girls Travel Teams

- Nov 4-5           Eden Prairie
- Nov 18-19       Armstrong Cooper
- Dec 2-3           Mahtomedi (no 4<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Dec 16-17       Chanhassen
- Jan 6-7           Shakopee
- Jan 13-14       Eastview (no 4<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Saturday, Jan 13<sup>th</sup> = Grades 5 & 7
  - Sunday, Jan 14<sup>th</sup> = Grades 6 & 8
- Jan 20-21       Orono (no 4<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Jan 27-28       Chaska
- Feb 10-11       Farmington
- Feb 24-25       Rochester (Hotel stay)
- March 3-4       MYAS Grade State Tournament

Storm Traveling Tournament  
December 16-17, 2017  
All Hands On Deck

- One of largest, most-respected in MN
- ALL HANDS ON DECK!!!
- Contact Tony Williams for Tournament Staff Volunteer Opportunities





## Q & A



- 🏀 All CAA Basketball Leaders are at your disposal
- 🏀 Questions?
- 🏀 Thanks for attending tonight!