



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

TEAM

**THE ANSWERS TO THREE QUESTIONS WILL DETERMINE
YOUR SUCCESS OR FAILURE.**

- ◆ **CAN PEOPLE TRUST ME TO DO MY BEST ?**
- ◆ **AM I COMMITTED TO THE TASK AT HAND ?**
- ◆ **DO I CARE ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE &
SHOW IT ?**

**IF THE ANSWERS TO THESE THREE QUESTIONS IS YES,
THERE IS NO WAY YOU CAN FAIL.**



HOPE and OPPORTUNITY



- Chan HS 8 graduating classes 2011-18
- 81 Seniors on Girls and Boys Varsity
- 56 played on 8A Travel Team
- 46 played on 5A Travel Team

- Current CNHS Varsity Senior Example

- No matter what team you make, work your hardest to improve, so you can take advantage of your NEXT OPPORTUNITY!!



CAA Basketball Leaders



- Grades 4-8 Community Leagues
 - Dave Erickson – Girls Grades 4-8 West Metro League
 - OPEN – Boys Grades 4-5 Storm Hawks League
 - OPEN – Boys Grades 6-8 Southwest League
- John Miller - Grades 1-3
- Heather Neubauer - Girls Traveling Program
- Angie Quinn - Uniforms and Apparel
- Jason Schmidt - Gym Space
- Mike Ramler – Treasurer
- Chris Potenza – Special Projects
- Player & Coach Development
 - OPEN – Boys Traveling Program
 - OPEN – Grades 1-8
 - Matt Arnold - Girls Traveling Program
- Chris Daly – Boys Traveling Program
- Susan Schmidt – Communications
- Tony Williams – Traveling Tournament
- Rachel Gustad – Co-Traveling Tournament Director
- Angie Kissock – Advisor, CNHS Girls Head Coach
- Nathan Pelowski – Advisor, CNHS Boys Head Coach
- Pam Neils – Vice President
- Bill Kemble – President



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
- Team Genius Evaluation App
- 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 before you can help



Team Genius Evaluation App



- Same App we trialed last year
- Defined evaluation criteria, all evaluators use App on mobile device
- Players rated 1-5 against overall peer group for
 - Ball Handling
 - Shooting
 - Passing
 - Defense
 - Rebounding
 - Pivoting (Footwork)
 - Effort/Attitude
- Extensive “comments” area for evaluators to add notes
- App combines all evaluators ratings into a “score” for each player for each evaluation criteria, and an overall “score”
- Team Genius generates reports that we view as a group following each session
- Goal = place every player on team that gives them best chance to succeed, improve and want to continue playing



2018-2019 Traveling Teams



- Girls – 8 or 9 Teams
 - Grade 4 – One team - A or B
 - 12 players registered
 - Grade 5 – One team - A
 - 12 players registered
 - Grade 6 – Two teams - A & B
 - 17 players registered
 - Grade 7 – Three teams? – A, B & C
 - 24 players registered
 - Grade 8 – Two teams – B & C
 - 18 players registered



2018-2019 Traveling Teams



- Boys – 15 or 16 Teams
 - Grade 4 – Two or Three teams - A, B1, B2
 - 19 players registered
 - Grade 5 – Three teams - A, B, C
 - 35 players registered
 - Grade 6 – Three or Four teams - A, B, C
 - 31 players registered
 - Grade 7 – Three teams - A, B, C
 - 30 players registered
 - Grade 8 – Three teams - A, B & C
 - 25 players registered



THANK YOU
COACHES!!!



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



2018-2019 Head Coach Needs



- Boys – 15 or 16 Teams
 - 7 Head Coach Volunteers

- Girls – 8 or 9 Teams
 - 6 Head Coach Volunteers

- ALL COACHES MUST REGISTER
 - Head and Assistant
 - Please sign up TODAY!! THANKS!!



Transition to Community League Program



- If not selected for travel team, strongly encourage playing CAA Community League Basketball
 - Travel teams posted to web site a few days after tryouts end. Will announce date and time in advance
 - 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 14th



Tryout Feedback (if not placed on travel team)



- Feedback available from CNHS Head Coaches
 - Send email no later than October 10th
 - Boys pelowskin@district112.org
 - Girls 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.



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
- Parents and Players
 - We expect that CAA Basketball is your player's primary winter sports priority – 100% to the TEAM
 - 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 15 & 22 @ PRMS – Boys Sept 23 & 30 @ CNHS
- Uniform sizing and apparel ordering - please get this done Sept 15 or 23 – anyone can be sized and order at any tryout date
- Oct TBD – Traveling teams announced – posted to CAA web site at 4:00PM
 - Coaches may or may not be finalized by team announcements. We form teams first, then name coaches.
- Oct 13 – Girls Travel Coaches Meeting, 9:00am at PRMS
- Oct 14 – Boys Travel Coaches Meeting, 9:00am at CNHS Gym 2
- Oct 15 – practices start – finish your fall sports as priority
- Nov 3-4 - first girls tournament at Eden Prairie
- Nov 2-4 – first boys tournament at Chaska
- TBD – Travel team pictures
- Dec 15-16 – CAA Traveling Tournament – all hands on deck!
- Mar 2-3 – Final girls tournament – MYAS State
- Mar 9-10 – Final boys tournament – MYAS State



Uniforms & Apparel

- Uniform Sizing & Apparel Ordering
 - Saturday, Sept 15, 9:00am-4:30pm @ PRMS
 - Sunday, Sept 23, 11:45am-7:00pm @ CNHS
 - 8:00am & 11:00am tryout groups come after tryout
 - All others please arrive 30-45 minutes early to be sized
 - OK to be sized during either boys or girls session
- Distribution of Uniforms and Apparel before first tournaments
- Please determine if you need new reversible practice jersey
 - New jerseys \$25, payable by check at uniform sizing



Tournament Schedules Boys Travel Teams



- Nov 2-4 Chaska
- Nov 10-11 Osseo Maple Grove
- Nov 30-Dec 2 Eden Prairie
- Dec 8-9 Mahtomedi (no 4th grade)
- Dec 15-16 Chanhassen
- Jan 12-13 Shakopee
- Jan 19-20 Lakeville North
- Jan 26-27 Edina (no 4th grade)
- Feb 9-10 Cottage Grove (no 4th grade)
- Feb 23-24 St. Cloud Quarry Classic (hotel stay)
- March 9-10 MYAS Grade State Tournament



Tournament Schedules Girls Travel Teams



- Nov 3-4 Eden Prairie
- Nov 17-18 Lakeville North (all your games Sat. or Sun.)
- Dec 1-2 Minnetonka (no 4th grade)
- Dec 15-16 Chanhassen
- Jan 5-6 Shakopee
- Jan 12-13 Eastview (no 4th grade)
 - Saturday, Jan 12th = Grades 5 & 7
 - Sunday, Jan 13th = Grades 6 & 8
- Jan 19-20 Orono (no 4th grade)
- Jan 26-27 Chaska
- Feb 9-10 Farmington
- Feb 23-24 Rochester (Hotel stay)
- March 3-4 MYAS Grade State Tournament



Storm Traveling Tournament
December 15-16, 2018
All Hands On Deck



- One of largest, most-respected in MN
- FUN weekend for EVERYONE!!!
- ALL HANDS ON DECK!!!
- Contact Tony Williams or Rachel Gustad for Tournament Staff Volunteer Opportunities



Q & A



- All CAA Basketball Leaders are at your disposal
- Website is a TERRIFIC RESOURCE! Use it!!
 - Contact info – Basketball Leadership page
 - Important Dates page
 - Policies and Procedures for all Programs
 - Opportunities – in-season, out of season, leadership roles, etc.
 - Training programs and Trainers, Camps, links to other training resources
- Questions?
- Thanks for attending tonight! See you at tryouts!