

GRASSLAND

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Grassland Families,

Basketball Registration for the 2020-21 season will open Friday, October 23, at 8:00 AM. This season will be much different than years past. **PLEASE CAREFULLY READ EVERYTHING BELOW BEFORE REGISTERING YOUR CHILD.**

Any refunds will have a \$20 processing fee deducted. If uniforms have been ordered, that fee will be deducted as well. If you wish to drop out after games have begun, you may not be eligible for a refund.

GYM PROCEDURES and MISC.

- Only 2 adults per player will be permitted in the gym. Siblings are allowed, but no more than 2 adults per child.
- **All spectators, scorekeepers, and supervisors must wear a mask while inside the gym.**
- **Masks are optional for players, coaches, and referees. All coaches and referees must have a mask with them if needed for close conversations.**
- Everyone entering a gym must have their temperature checked, no exceptions. Anyone with a temperature of 99.9 degrees or higher will not be permitted to enter the gym.
- Everyone entering the gym must also answer the standard Covid questions required to enter a WCS building.
- **Only two sets of teams and their families will be allowed inside the gym at any given time.** Everyone from the previous practice or game must be cleared from the gym, high contact areas of the gym cleaned and sanitized, before a new group of teams and families are allowed inside.
- Teams will be given 5 minutes to leave the gym after a practice and up to 10 minutes to leave the gym after a game.

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- No Lost & Found items will be stored in the gyms. Coaches will be asked to not leave until all of their families have left. Any personal belongings left behind will be given to the coach or discarded in the trash.
- People are not allowed to congregate in the hallways during practices or games. If parents or siblings begin to congregate, the supervisor may ask them to wait in their vehicles.
- No one is allowed on any the elementary school playgrounds after dark.
- The gym coaches frequently leave things out that they use during the school day. **Nobody is allowed to touch these items except the gym supervisor.** Anyone caught playing with or touching those school items may be asked to wait in their vehicles.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for all players, referees, and coaches.
- No food or drinks will be allowed in the gym, only water.
- The head coach, assistant coach, or designated team parent must keep GAA informed and up to date on any COVID-19 related issues (i.e. positive test, quarantines, etc.) for their team that occur within basketball, school, etc.
- **There will be Sunday games, potentially for all age groups.**
- **GAA and WCPR reserve the right to modify these procedures as needed.**

CLEANING PROCEDURES

- Our full checklist of procedures and cleaning products to use is still being developed.
- High contact areas such as door handles, player benches, restroom faucets, game balls, etc. will be cleaned between practices and games by gym supervisors, scorekeepers, referees, and any volunteer staff needed.

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FEES & GAMES

- Teams will only play six games this season with no end of season tournaments. Games will begin either January 9 or 16.
- Fees will be the same as in previous seasons with our 6u division costing \$150 per player and 8u-14u will cost \$160 a player. The 17u division will only be \$120 per player and the reason for the lower cost is they will not receive a weeknight practice. The 17u division will get a weekend practice in the pre-season only.
- The reason for the same cost and fewer games is GAA will incur extra costs for cleaning and extra staffing during practices and games.
- **Instead of games beginning on the hour, they will begin every hour and a half. This is to allow families to leave and give the gym staff time to be clean and sanitize before new families enter the building.**
- There will be no handshake lines or high fives between opposing teams.
- All team huddles will be spaced out.
- Only the head coach, one assistant coach, and players will be allowed on the team bench.
- **GAA and WCPR reserve the right to change and modify the game schedules as needed.**

PRACTICES

- **Practices will begin November 30.**
- **There will be at least 30 minutes between all practices, which means fewer teams can practice each night.**
- Teams will initially be scheduled for one weeknight and one weekend practice.
- Once games begin, the weekend practices will go away.

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- The only difference as mentioned previously is the 17u teams will only practice on the weekends and once games begin those will go away.
- The bleachers will not be out during practices. Parents and siblings may sit on the floor or stay in their vehicles.
- All team huddles will be spaced out.
- Teams will be allowed to scrimmage.
- **GAA reserves the right to modify the practice schedule if needed.**

TEAM FORMATIONS

- **All players registered will be placed on teams.**
- **We are having to limit overall registrations this season due to limited gym space.**
- We are giving coaching priority to returning coaches as opposed to those new to GAA Basketball. New head coaches will only be allowed to coach if needed.
- **There will be no player evaluations this season.**
- **All teams will consist of one head coach, one assistant coach, and up to eight players (except for the open division and they may carry more players if they desire).**
- **All divisions are recreational and must go through a draft. The only players protected are the head and assistant coaches' children. There are a few age group exceptions**
 - A. The 6u division will be formed based of requests first, then according to schools attended.
 - B. The 17u is a bring your own team division; however, we will find room for Free Agents.

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- Coaches will draft all returning Free Agents based off end of season evaluations from 2019-20 first, and then they will draft all new Free Agents.
- **Players on the wait list will be activated if and when needed. GAA strongly encourages you to place your child on the waitlist as players will be activated from there in the order they register.**
- Our competitive open division for ages 10u-14u boys/girls is a bring your own team division. This division will be limited to returning open division teams first, or returning coaches within GAA who are creating a new open division team.
- **Our competitive open division will only receive a half court to practice on this season. The Open division will be limited to six teams this season and returning teams get priority.**

SEASON DATES

- **Friday, October 23 – Registration opens**
- **Friday, November 13 – Registration closes**
- **Saturday, November 14 – Dick’s Sporting Goods Shop Day at the Cool Springs location**
- **November 16-20 – Coach meetings and player drafts**
- **Monday, November 30 – Practices begin**
- **Friday, December 18 – Last day of practice for 2020**
- **Monday, January 4, 2021 – Practices resume**
- **January 9 or 16 – Games begin**
- **Sunday, February 28 – Last day of games**