



TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

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SPORTS DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District's Sports Department is committed to enhancing the quality of life for all its participants. The programs strive to establish a safe and caring environment that allows for individual and social growth by providing and facilitating positive fun and educational opportunities organized with responsible leadership.

2014-15 BOYS & GIRLS 5TH-8TH GRADE BASKETBALL PARENT INFORMATION

PLAYER FEES- 5th Grade \$108, 6th-8th Grade \$177

PROGRAM PURPOSE: The goal of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District youth program is to put the needs of the children first in focusing on their overall physical and emotional development. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for the 5th through 8th grade girls and boys to build fundamental basketball skills and to emphasize the importance of teamwork and sportsmanship. The program is open to participants residing within the THPRD and/or Beaverton School District #48 and Lenox School boundaries.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES: Each parent/guardian must complete a registration form for each participant via online @ www.thprd.org. If you have a problem with the online registration, contact the **Athletic Center** at 503-629-6330. Player registration form, league fee, concussion form, and emergency contact and medical consent forms need to be received by the Athletic Center staff before player registration is complete. All registered players will be contacted by their coach once teams are set.

PLAYERS:

NO Team Registration

Players will be placed on a team with other players from the same school or if not enough players from one school, they will be combined with a nearby school and then feeder schools. THPRD will make the final decision on the rosters of 9-12 players. Once teams are established, coaches will contact their players. Under no circumstances will players be reassigned after being placed on a team. Late registrants will be placed on a team depending on space availability.

PLAYER FEES: ALL parents must have a valid THPRD Residency card to register their child (see <http://www.thprd.org/activities/howtoreg.cfm> for details). Parents currently with cards that have expired must renew their card. To receive the THPRD Residency card each In-district parent must provide proof of residency within the THPRD boundaries. Parents without a THPRD I.D. card or number will be unable to participate in the league until proof of THPRD I.D. is provided. The District will work with qualified in-district families needing financial assistance but arrangements must be made **prior** to the **registration**. For more information on financial assistance please call **Juan Mercado** at 503.645.6433. The fee includes equipment use, uniforms, gym usage fees, BSD and THPRD staff, and officials.

6th-8th Grade registration includes a Portland Trail Blazer game ticket.

No refunds will be given after the first practice.

COACHES: The youth basketball program depends on volunteer coaches who lead the athletes. The volunteer coaches are a committed group of people, giving many hours of their time to help young athletes enjoy the sport. Coaches must have an understanding of, and commitment to, fair play, ethical behavior and integrity. If you or anyone you know is interested in coaching call us at (503) 629-6330 and we'll help you get started!

Additional clinics are provided.

PRACTICES & GAMES: Once teams are formed, coaches will contact players with practice and game schedules. Depending on gym availability, every team will be scheduled approximately two practices a week in the evening (between hours of 4:30-9:30pm). Games will be played on Saturdays between 9:00am-7:00pm. Games will begin in January and will be held on Saturdays at BSD schools and the THPRD Athletic Center.

***Practices will start the week of December 2nd**

****Games will start on Saturday, January 10th**

SPORTSMANSHIP: In order to maintain a safe and competitive environment the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Sports Department has adopted a **ZERO TOLERANCE**, Code of Ethics for players, parents and coaches. Examples of unruly behavior include but are not limited to: negative outbursts and comments, taunting, offensive language, inappropriate or threatening actions and gestures. Actions of unsportsmanlike conduct will result in removal from the facility, suspension from games, and/or expulsion from further involvement in league play for at least one year. A refund of fees will not be made if a player or parent is removed from the program by THPRD.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS/GUARDIAN

- 1) Provide transportation to and from all practices and games (it is not the coach's or THPRD's responsibility).
- 2) Pick up your child from practices and games on time.
- 3) In an effort to enable the coach to focus on coaching, parent(s) should volunteer to help in any way.
- 4) Read, sign and support the Code of Ethics agreement for parents.
- 5) Read, sign and turn in a copy of Concussion Training for parents to the front desk.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PLAYER

- 1) Attend all practices and games; contact the coach if missing an event.
- 2) The desire to play with other students in a constructive, recreational activity.
- 3) Demonstrate good sportsmanship before, during and after each practice and game.
- 4) Read, sign and support the Code of Ethics agreement for athletes.
- 5) Read, sign and turn in a copy of Concussion Training for athletes to the front desk.

PLAYING TIME: The minimum playing time in the 5th-8th Grade program for each player is twelve (12) minutes per game and each player must sit out eight (8) minutes. The playing minutes do not have to be played consecutively. Players may be kept out of games for reasons of injury, illness or disciplinary action. The coach will notify all parties involved. If you feel your child is not playing the minimum playing time please consult the coach or contact the THPRD representative. **Emily Kent at (503) 629-6330 or email ekent@thprd.org.**

INSURANCE: There will be **NO** insurance coverage. All players play at their own risk.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: THPRD will follow the Beaverton School District closures. Therefore, when the schools close because of weather, all basketball activities will be canceled. When the weather turns severe in the afternoon, a play or no play decision will be made by 4:00pm. Decisions will be made by 7:30am on Saturdays. Coaches will contact team members for canceled practices and/or games.

STUDENT SUSPENSION: Students participating in the THPRD basketball program that are suspended or expelled from school will not be allowed to participate in the basketball program until readmitted to school. **Any player(s) found to be playing while suspended or expelled will be removed from the league and forfeit all fees paid.**

UNIFORMS: Each player will be provided a t-shirt for 5th graders and a Blazers jersey for 6th-8th graders, which is theirs to keep. Please indicate appropriate shirt size when registering your child. The jersey provided by THPRD must be worn during all league games. Participants will need to supply shorts **without pockets or belt loops**. For 6th-8th graders matching Blazer's shorts will be available for purchase if wanted. Sizes and quantity are limited.

EQUIPMENT NEEDS: Jewelry, hard barrettes, and earrings are **not** permitted in practices or games. Non-black soled athletic shoes; gym shorts and a t-shirt should be worn to practices. If your child has a basketball, they are welcome to bring it to practices. Please write name and phone number on basketball.

TEAM PICTURES: Team pictures are not included. It is the responsibility of team to arrange and pay for this. Independent photographers will be provided coach contact information and will work directly with the coach.

GAME OFFICIALS:

***5th Grade** THPRD referees are ages 16 and older and attend required training sessions. If you or anyone you know is interested in officiating 5th grade basketball games, please contact Emily Kent at 503-629-6330 or ekent@thprd.org.

****Middle School:** OFFICIALS ORGANIZATION: Universal Whistles LLC

BSD SCHOOL RULES: Food or drinks may **not** be taken in to the gyms at any time. Water bottles must remain outside the gym but can be kept close to the gym doors for easy access.

YOUNG CHILDREN: Non-participating young children **must** be under adult supervision at all times.

Any player(s) found to be playing on a team not within the above guidelines will be removed from the league and forfeit all fees paid.

Dates to Remember

Registration Deadline: November 2nd, 2014

Practices Begin: week of: December 2nd, 2014

5th Jamboree: December 6th, 2014

6th-8th Jamboree: December 13th, 2014

Games Begin: January 10th, 2015

Trail Blazer Game (THPRD Night): January 24th, 2015

5th Tournament: February 28th, 2015

6th-8th Tournament: March 7th, 2015

