

MEADOWDALE MAVERICKS

BOYS FEEDER BASKETBALL PROGRAM 2022/2023

ELIGIBILITY

Boys who are eligible to tryout and compete in the program are 5th-8th grade students living within the boundaries of Meadowdale High School and/or who attend Meadowdale Elementary, Beverly Elementary, Seaview Elementary, Lynndale Elementary or Meadowdale Middle School and intend to enroll at Meadowdale High School. If any of the above does not apply to your child, this is not the program for you. Eligibility documentation will be required.

HOW MANY PLAYERS ARE ON A TEAM? HOW MANY TEAMS ARE THERE?

We select 10 players per team. Occasionally, we will place 11-12 players on a team. At this time we have one team per grade 5th-8th.

WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT OF THE PROGRAM?

Teams practice 2-3 times per week starting in mid October through March. Games are held on Saturdays and Sundays from December through early March. Additionally, all teams will compete in 2-3 tournaments. Typically our teams participate in the CPC Fall Classic (Veteran's Day Weekend) and the JBA Thanksgiving Classic (Thanksgiving Weekend). Other tournaments take place over Winter Break, Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend and President's Day Weekend. Participation in these will be decided by each team. Teams that qualify will get to attend the State Basketball Tournament held in March in Spokane, WA.

WHERE ARE THE PRACTICES AND GAMES HELD?

Practices will most likely be held at Meadowdale Middle school, Meadowdale Elementary and possibly surrounding ESD schools. You can expect 2 practices per week with weekend games. PEAK League begins end of September and will run Sundays only through the end of October. PEAK games are at Mercer Island Boys & Girls Club. Regular season games will be held at participating WESCO high schools.

WHAT IF MY PLAYER WANTS TO PLAY ON ANOTHER TEAM ALSO?

Our expectation is that players selected to be on our teams will make our program the primary focus for the duration of the season.

HOW IS PLAYING TIME DETERMINED?

As this is a select program, playing time for individual players will be earned based on a variety of factors that may include a player's skills, effort, attendance, attitude and anything else that the coach deems important.

The program provides the following guidance to coaches for allocating playing time:

- **5th & 6th Grade:** Coaches will be encouraged to play each player a minimum of 1.5 quarters per game.
- **7th Grade:** Coaches are encouraged to play each player a minimum of 1 quarter per game.

- **8th Grade:** At the coach's discretion, as earned by the player.
At all levels, playing time can be diminished due to disciplinary reasons, absences from practices, injury, etc. A primary coaching objective is to help each player improve their individual skills during the season & provide adequate game time to put those skills to work.

WHAT IS THE COST FOR THE SEASON?

The cost for the season will range between \$400-\$500. The final number will be clarified closer to season. This cost includes: Uniforms as needed, gym rentals, custodial fees, coaching travel expenses and the entry cost for 2 tournaments. Each player will be required to have an AAU membership. The cost for this is about \$15.

Additionally, teams may enter 2-3 other tournaments during the season. These tournaments will be within WA but may require travel expenses and additional fees to cover team entries.

We do not want cost to prohibit players and families. We can offer some scholarship assistance to those families that qualify. This will be based on a case to case basis and dependent on funds available.