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Girls Basketball Information

Dear Parents & Players,

We're excited to kick off another great season of Discovery basketball! Our first practice is scheduled for **October 19th.** Below are some important expectations for our student-athletes. As coaches, we remind players that basketball is an extracurricular opportunity, and academics and good citizenship take precedence over wins and losses. Please review the following guidelines carefully:

1. Practice Attendance

Practices are everyday after school until 5:15. There are occasions where a team needs to practice in the morning before school and the coach will communicate that beforehand with players and parents. We do not practice on weekends.

If your athlete will miss practice, please notify the coach in advance whenever possible.

Unexcused Absences

- **First Offense:** Warning
- **Second Offense:** Parent contacted; athlete sits one full game
- **Third Offense:** Meeting with Mr. Larson (Activities Coordinator) to discuss eligibility and possible removal from the team

If an emergency prevents advance notice, please contact the coach as soon as possible.

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2. Academic Eligibility

Eligibility is checked every **three weeks**.

Athletes who are failing **more than one class** become ineligible for competition until grades improve and are verified by a coach in PowerSchool.

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3. Athlete Pick-Up

Please arrange for your child to be picked up promptly after practices and games.

We encourage every family to establish a backup transportation plan (carpool, family member, neighbor, etc.) in case of emergencies.

If an athlete remains at school more than **30 minutes** after practice:

- **First Occurrence:** Coach speaks with parent and athlete
- **Second Occurrence:** Activities Coordinator contacts parent to discuss a solution
- **Third Occurrence:** Athlete may be removed from the team

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4. Game Jerseys

Athletes who forget their game jersey will not participate until the jersey is retrieved.

Lost jerseys must be replaced at the family's expense.

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5. Behavior Expectations

All Fargo Public Schools athletes are expected to follow the Code of Conduct acknowledged during registration.

Failure to meet these expectations may result in reduced playing time, suspension, or removal from the team.

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6. Game Schedule

Middle school schedules are finalized after the season begins.

Coaches will distribute game schedules during the second or third week of practice.

Once schedules are finalized, we do upload the game schedules into Arbiter.

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7. Spectator Expectations

We appreciate enthusiastic support of all teams and players.

Unsportsmanlike behavior—including arguing with officials, coaches, players, or spectators, or using inappropriate language—may result in removal from the facility. The Activities Coordinator will follow up with any additional consequences.

NDHSAA's spectator ejection policy will be strictly enforced.

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8. Team Placement

Teams are formed to provide the best competitive experience for every athlete by grouping players with others of similar skill and experience.

Team assignments are not permanent. Coaches and the Activities Coordinator may adjust rosters during the season if necessary, although this occurs infrequently.

This year, we'll be combining our 7th and 8th grade girls basketball players into one league. Doing this allows us to create four teams across three skill levels — A, B, and C — so players can be placed where they'll learn and compete best.

If we kept the grades separate, our numbers would only allow for two teams per grade, which often leads to players being placed on teams that don't match their ability. By combining grades, we can form more balanced teams, provide more meaningful playing time, and give every athlete the opportunity to develop at an appropriate pace.

We look forward to a great season and appreciate your support of Discovery Middle School Activities. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the coaching staff or the Activities Office.

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7th & 8th Grade Athletic Requirements

1. **Physicals must be completed and turned in to the front office before student can practice/play.** Please make sure you have the doctor fill out the NDHSAA Physical Evaluation form – can be found on the FPS Activities website, but all doctors will know what you are talking about if you tell them.
2. **Complete all forms in PowerSchool:**
    a. HIPPA
    b. Consent to treat
    c. Concussion
3. **Pay the $50 activity fee** through schoolpay in PowerSchool or to the main office.