

Thunderbird Basketball



Coaches Pre-Season Meeting for the 2009-2010 Season



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Thunderbird Charter

- Promote boys and girls basketball in the Lakota School District area.
- Develop individual & team basketball skills in grades 3-8.
- Establish teams based on player skill assessment and formal selection process.
- Require and enforce code of conduct for coaches, parents, and players.
- Work to integrate with Lakota School System and AAU basketball programs.
- Place teams in quality leagues and facilities to provide a successful experience for the players & coaches

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Player Eligibility

- All players must reside in the Lakota School System boundaries.
- All players must complete a Thunderbird sign-up form.
- All players must attend the skills assessment.
- All players must pay the \$135 sign-up fee.
- All parents must sign player's release & parent's permission agreement.
- All players and their parents must sign a Good Sportsmanship code of conduct agreement.
- A player cannot play for more than one Thunderbird team in a season.
- Players are not permitted to play concurrently on any other basketball team in the same league(s) as their Thunderbird Team.

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Key Dates for 2009-2010 Season

- Assessments (3rd-6th) Sat Sept 12 Liberty Jr.
 - 8:30am - 11:30am Girls
 - 11:30am - 5:00pm Boys
- Assessments (3rd-6th) Sun Sept 13 Liberty Jr.
 - 1:00pm - 2:00pm Girls
 - 2:00pm - 4:00pm Boys
- Make-up Assessments (3rd-6th) Wed Sept 16 Hopewell Jr.
 - 7:00pm - 9:00pm Boys & Girls
- Coaches Clinics - Details to be confirmed - Tentative
 - Girls Tuesday Oct 13 7-9pm LW Freshman Bldg
 - Boys Wednesday Oct 14 7-9pm Location TBD
 - Conducted by East and West varsity coaches

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Key Dates for 2009-2010 Season

- Equipment Handout (3rd-6th) Sat Oct 31 Hopewell Jr.
 - 9:00am - 12:00pm
 - **Turn in fees.** Get equipment, uniforms, & practice schedules
- Practices Start (3rd-6th) Wed Nov 4 (day after election day)
- Assessments (7th-8th) Sat Nov 14 Liberty Jr. TBC
 - 12:00pm - 1:00pm Girls
 - 1:00pm - 4:00pm Boys
- Equipment Handout (7th-8th)
 - equipment handed out at team draft
 - uniforms handed out ~ Nov 30 (call Joe Mills 265-2303 to schedule pickup)
- Season Starts ~Dec 4
- Team Photos ~Jan 8,9,10 Hopewell Jr.
- Regular Season Ends ~Feb 28
- Post season Ends ~Mar 21

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Sign Ups & Skills Assessment Times for Grades 3-6

Saturday, September 12th, at Liberty Jr.

	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>
6 th Grade	8:30 - 9:15 am	11:30 - 12:30 pm
5 th Grade	9:15 - 10:00 am	12:30 - 2:00 pm
4 th Grade	10:00 - 10:45 am	2:00 - 3:30 pm
3 rd Grade	10:45 - 11:30 am	3:30 - 5:00 pm

Sunday, September 13th, at Liberty Jr.

<u>Girls</u>	1:00 – 2:00 pm	3-6 grade
<u>Boys</u>	2:00 – 3:00 pm	3-4 grade
	3:00 – 4:00 pm	5-6 grade

All coaches are strongly encouraged to be at the skills assessment to evaluate talent & help with sign-ups

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Grade Coordinators

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Boys</u>		<u>Girls</u>	
3	Mike Goldman	759-0536	Brian Johnston	779-4708
4	Matt Lykins	777-8931	Brian Johnston	779-4708
5	John Noyen	777-6033	Scott Canneteli	200-6006
6	Steve Nguyen	942-6181	Larry Driscoll	678-8808
7-8	Jeff Flynn	673-3838	Janet Habedank	755-9498

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Preliminary Team Count

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>		
3 rd	10	6		
4 th	14	6		
5 th	14	6		
6 th	14	6		
7 th	8	1		
8 th	6	1		
	64	26	=	90 teams

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Coaching Requirements

- All head coaches & assistant coaches must fill out coach's sign-up form
- All Thunderbird coaches are requested to attend Coaches Clinics
- Looking for coaches with the following qualities
 - good track record working with children
 - basketball knowledge
 - work within the Thunderbird Charter and rules
 - be a positive role model and representative for the Tbird program

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Team Selection Process

- 3rd grade teams drafted to ensure teams are competitive with each other
 - no 3rd grade select or athletic teams
- 4th-6th grade teams
 - Select Teams in each division will be drawn first
 - Athletic Teams in each division will be drawn next
 - Competitive teams will then be drawn and will be balanced as closely as possible
- Select, Athletic, or Competitive?
 - The goal is for each player to play at the correct level of competition.
- Try-out scores are used as a guideline to place children on team
 - We do not aim to put the top 8-10 scorers on the select team
 - Selection is based on a combination of tryout scores and observed basketball & physical skills (3 on 3 station)

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Leagues

- 3rd grade Boys, in-house league vs other TBird teams
- 3rd grade Girls, expanded league with Kings & Mason
- 4th-6th grade teams
 - TBirds will sign each team up for 1 league of their choosing
 - We cover the cost of one league, refs, and post season tourney
 - Coach pays for referee fees each game and gets reimbursed at equipment turn in
 - Your team must cover the cost of any additional league
 - You must select the “no home game” option and play all games away
 - Recommended Leagues are Metro, McGee’s Courts 4 Sports, Southwestern Ohio, Kingdom, Greater Cincinnati Youth Basketball League, Sports Plus

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Additional Thunderbird Functions This Year

- Teams will play at halftime of East and West basketball games
 - Girls at Varsity & JV games, Boys at JV games
- Team Photos 2nd Week in January at Hopewell Jr. High
 - Mandatory team participation
 - Pam Naber will contact you to arrange a photo time

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Fees

- Fee is \$135 per player
 - Covers entry into one league, referee fees, post-season tournament, uniforms, equipment, 1 practice/week, insurance, etc
- Budget based on 10 players / team
 - team fee is \$1,350 per team
- Exceptions
 - Maximum family fee is \$270
- Ref fees
 - are paid by the coach at each game during the year
 - are refunded at the end of the year when you turn in your eqpt

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Practice Times & Game Schedules

- **ALL** gym time will be coordinated by Jaime Colon
 - 860-4599 home 374-2481 cell email: Jxcolon@roadrunner.com
 - 1-1/2 hr practice slot per week
- Home games coordinated (but not scheduled) by Jaime
- Game conflicts which are the result of participation in multiple leagues are the responsibility of the coach/team
- All communications with League officials is to be through Jaime (ie, complaints, protests, etc.)

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Schedule Conflicts

- Lakota Schools may preempt your practice if there is a school function.
- **Known conflict** schedule will be posted on Web page and communicated via email
- Make-up practices will be communicated via email
- **Additional conflicts will occur**
 - If conflicts occur:
 - Leave the school
 - Check with Jaime for a make-up time
- **Reminder:**
 - If for some reason there is no school on a given day, the gym is also closed
 - If school is cancelled mid-day (e.g. bad weather) the gym is closed
 - Schools are closed during Christmas break and so are the gyms

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Use of Lakota Schools

- Use of Lakota Schools is a privilege
- TBirds must protect school property
- Coaches must control their teams
 - Discuss & set expectations with players & parents at start of season
 - Keep your players in the gym; supervise restroom breaks
 - No bouncing basketballs in the school lobbies or hallways
 - All visitors, especially siblings, must stay in the gym & be supervised
 - Absolutely no wandering around school facilities is permitted
- Assign a team Parent to help supervise players
- Report any problems to the Coordinator

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Uniforms & Equipment

- Coordinator is Joe Mills phone: 265-2303
- Uniforms ordered are based on Assessment/Sign Up data
 - We will collect player size data at sign-ups
 - It's important that every participating player try on the uniforms to ensure correct sizing
- Equipment: each coach gets:
 - 3 basketballs
 - mesh bag
 - score book
 - first aid kit (upgraded basketball kit will be provided this year)

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Misc Info

- Web Page: www.TBirdHoops.org
- Mailing Address: Lakota Thunderbird Youth Basketball
c/o Renee Williams
6394 Belmont Park Court
West Chester, OH 45069

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Good Luck & Have A Great Year!

See you on Saturday, September 12th for
Assessments @ Liberty Jr.