

Clinic Parent Meeting

- Medical Release Forms and Lindsay's Law Forms
 - These have to be returned week 1. Player does not practice after week 1 until turned in.
- Lindsay's Law Forms and video
- **Packets to Players** (2 types, fundraiser, buyout)
 - Fundraiser form, picture form, DSG coupon, schedule
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- **Fundraiser**
 - Opens today, November 4th. Closes Nov. 26th. No late orders accepted.
 - Offering 2 basketballs as top prizes for top 2 sellers of fundraiser
- **Pictures**
 - Scheduled for December 1st, Opening Day. Your coach will let you know when to arrive and what to wear.
- **Practice Schedule.**
 - Those are start and stop times. Plan on dropping your child off a little early (coach dependent) to allow them to change and be ready to go at the start time. Likewise, be ready to pick your child up shortly after the finish time. My coaches are encouraged to run a tight ship by starting and finishing on time.
 - Mr. Fulton will post the weekly schedule on Facebook (Milton-Union Youth Basketball)
 - Calendars on MURA website (murasports.com, basketball)
 - I will send schedules to coaches each month electronically. It will be their job to disseminate information to you.
 - I am not your personal assistant. There are a multitude of media and sources for information as detailed above.
- **Attendance at Practice(s)/Game(s)**
 - Notify coach ASAP-practice plans depend on numbers
 - Player illness. If your son/daughter is not well enough to come to school, they're not well enough to practice. Keep them home. We don't want to spread it.
 - Just like education, consistent attendance at practice is the key to getting better. Get your money's worth. Interscholastic sports are a different ball game when it comes to attendance. Get in the habit now of fulfilling your commitment.
- **Communication**
 - Concerns, questions, complaints. Team coach or assistant, commissioner for division, MURA board president.
 - I prefer you use the phone or in person or an email. I will not be addressing big issues via text or social media.
 - Choose an appropriate time to address the issue (sometime away from games and practices)-24 hour cooling off period.
- **Inclement Weather**
 - Will notify as soon as I know. I will get the call from Mark Lane. Then I'll text the head coaches. Head coaches to their assistants and to parents. Please do not skip the chain and go direct to me unless you are on my team.

- **Playing time**
 - 3/4 grades-make it as equal as possible and track it. It can be an average. Give players a chance to do everything.
 - 5/6 grades-at least a quarters worth of playing time based on numbers.
- **Attire/Gear**
 - Dress appropriately for the colder weather.
 - Black shorts for games/pictures. Wear basketball/gym shoes for practice/games. Wear a different pair to get here, then change into other shoes.
 - No jewelry allowed to be worn during practice or games-necklaces, bracelets, earrings, rings
 - Do not bring basketballs to practice/games-we are not responsible for them
 - Do not bring water bottles to practice, we have fountains. They can bring bottles to games.
 - We are not responsible for any personal possessions lost or stolen. Encourage son/daughter to not take what is not theirs.
 - Leave the Rubiks Cube at home along with any unnecessary personal electronics.
- **Parent Assistance**
 - Help me by reinforcing with your son/daughter to come ready to listen, learn, and work hard
 - Parents please help where you can
 - Keep the book for games or run the clock
 - Watch and learn from practice to carry habits, drills, and lessons home
 - Parent/children attendance at practices and our expectations.
 - I like the fact that parents come to practice and are interested.
 - Free advertising for the program.
 - Witnesses that we are not torturing children.
 - Please treat this like a classroom. It is a loud environment with many distractions (bouncing basketballs, whistles, squeaky shoes, coaches talking over the noise). Please help us by not creating any further distractions with little children running around, your son/daughter coming over to you during practice, or communicating with you during practice, especially while we are instructing.
- **Special Needs**
 - If your son/daughter has any special needs that I or their coach needs to be aware of, please let us know.
- **Game/Practice/Bench Etiquette & Safety**
 - Bullying, targeting, ganging up on players, intimidation. I will not tolerate it as a coach. My coaches have been instructed to snuff it out if they witness it. We as a coaching staff only have control on what happens at practice, not at your homes, online, playing Fortnite, or at school.
 - We are all part of Milton-Union Athletics. We are on the same team.
 - I will be addressing this with my players and advising them to keep their assessments to themselves.
 - Bench etiquette
 - Posture-no laying on the chairs or slouching

- Attitude
 - Be engaged and encourage your teammates
 - Bench players stand to slap hands with player(s) coming off the floor.
 - No horseplay
 - No nachos
 - Chewing gum thrown away, not on floor
 - Display good sportsmanship at all times. Do everything with class.
- **Our Main Focus**
 - teaching players how to play the game the right way
 - develop a work ethic
 - developing passion for the game and having fun by doing the hard things well
 - teach them the rules and our rules and the lay of the land (terms)
 - hammer the fundamentals
 - teaching players how to shoot correctly
 - being competitive-developing that desire to succeed
 - be good teammates
 - The winning will take care of itself if we do that. We do players a disservice at this age if all we do is focus on winning games by running the high ball screen with the best player or practice running the special play exclusively.
- **Keeping It in Perspective**
 - We, as coaches, are not showing up officials in any manner.
 - Your children will make mistakes this season. Their coaches will make mistakes. The officials will make mistakes and so will I—please keep reactions in perspective
 - Nobody here is that specialized in their playing position. Your son/daughter may be asked to do things that he/she is not comfortable doing.
 - Nobody is getting a scholarship offer.
 - I ask that you don't be a game day coach. If you want to coach, be here at practice to grind it out with the rest of us.
 - I expect parents to keep it under control and set a good example of sportsmanship. Be excited for your son/daughter and their teammates when things are going well, and be positive and encouraging when things aren't going well. If I feel that a player or our team has overtly been wronged or put in harm's way, then I will address it.
- Coaches will be contacting you via email, text, phone to let you know who they are, how to contact them, etc.
- Coaches are expected to have a short parent/player meeting to set expectations.
- Questions?