

Clinic Parent Meeting 2019-2020

- **Medical Release Forms & Lindsays Law**
 - These have to be returned week 1. Player does not practice after week 1 until turned in.
- **Packets to Players** (2 types, fundraiser, buyout)
 - Fundraiser form, picture form, DSG coupon, schedule*
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- **Game Schedules**
 - Will be out to you either electronically or hard copy in the first week.
- **3/4 Grade Jerseys**
 - If you ordered the wrong size, you will have to pay for the correct size. If PhotoSports makes a mistake, we will take care of it.
- **Fundraiser**
 - Opens today, November 3rd. Closes nlt Friday, Nov. 29th. No late orders accepted.
 - Dec. 11th will be order pick-up night. Will send reminders.
 - **Boys Top Seller:** 4 tickets to a University of Dayton Men's Basketball game and a Spalding TF-250 All Surface Composite basketball!
 - **Girls Top Seller:** 4 tickets to a University of Dayton Women's Basketball game and a Spalding TF-250 All Surface Composite basketball!
 - **Overall 2nd Top Seller:** 4 tickets to a Milton Union Varsity Girls or Varsity Boys basketball game of choice and a Spalding TF-250 All Surface Composite basketball!
 - **Overall 3rd Top Seller:** Spalding TF-250 All Surface Composite basketball!
- **Pictures**
 - Scheduled for December 7th, Opening Day. Your coach will let you know when to arrive and what to wear. Will start at 8AM. Schedule will be delivered electronically or hard copy.
- **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)
 - 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 Basketball commissioner, 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.
- **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 1 quarters worth of playing time based on numbers.
 - Slight change in rules this year. 10 minute running quarters with 2 minute half-time.
- **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 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.
 - 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 or Medical Conditions**
 - 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 or commissioner. 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.
 - 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 the 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 and passion for the game
 - have fun by doing the hard things well
 - teach them the rules and our rules and the terminology of the game and the program
 - hammer the fundamentals; teach players how to shoot correctly
 - how to be competitive-develop that desire to succeed
 - how to 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 at the expense of the kids. I do not judge our coaches on their win/loss records. I judge based on their passion to teach.
- **Keeping It in Perspective**
 - We, as coaches, will not be showing up officials in any manner. Take it easy on officials.
 - 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 or their coach feels that a player or our team has overtly been wronged or put in harm's way, then we will address it.

- **5/6 Grade Boys In-House and 5 Star**
 - There will be a try-out period to determine who will play 5 Star on Sundays and who will play in-house ball on Saturdays. 5 Star League players will not play in the in-house.
 - Your son's coaches will hold a parent/player meeting to discuss the details.
 - Expecting 4 teams of combined 5th/6th grade boys
 - The in-house season will conclude on February 8th with the rest of the in-house teams.
 - Coaches may request players to continue practicing since the 5 Star season runs until March.
 - There are 2 dates where you will play pretty late in the day. This couldn't be avoided.
- **3/4 Grade Boys Game Schedule**
 - 7 teams (6 x 6, 1 x 7)
 - 6 teams will play 9 games, 1 team will have to play 10
 - 2 dates have double headers to make this work. Scheduled back to back. Affects 2 teams.
- 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?