

August 18, 2010

Dear Basketball Parents,

With summer winding down and school about to start, it's time to think basketball. Please take a minute to note some of the changes that are in place for the 2010-2011 season:

- 1) **NEW INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM – (Girls age 9 and Boys ages 9 and 10)**
This program is geared to teach the fundamentals! Great for the child who has never played before or the player who wants more of an instructional playing environment. Please note – Players in this program **MAY NOT** participate in the in-house recreation program.
- 2) **IN-HOUSE RECREATION PROGRAM** – New age divisions for our girls. The new divisions are **Girls' 9-11 and 12-15**. Girls ages 16-18 are encouraged to join the Women's Drop-In Basketball Program on Monday evenings at Peace Dale Elementary School from 7-9 p.m. – the cost: \$1.00 each time you play.

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING FOR THE IN-HOUSE PROGRAM IS:
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH**

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY AS THE DEADLINE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED!

'DRAFTING DAY' is **Saturday, November 6** for players moving up in a division or new to the program. See registration form for details!

*** Coaches and/or Sponsors for these teams are needed. As you fill out the registration form, please fill out the portion indicating your interest to be a coach/mentor to a team. If you wish to sponsor a team, please contact Russ Wyatt – Recreation Sports Supervisor – at 789-9301 ext. 107 or at rwyatt@southkingstownri.com.

- 3) **RECREATIONAL TRAVEL / TOURNAMENT TRAVEL** – Travel is designed to provide basketball players the opportunity to take their basketball skills to a different level.
 - **Recreational Travel** is one-step above the In-House Recreation Program. Teams practice weekly beginning as early as November but no later than December and have regularly scheduled weekend games from January 7 through mid-March. Teams will have the opportunity to participate in 3 – 4 tournaments.
 - **Tournament Travel** is one-step up from Recreational Travel. Teams practice weekly and may enter up to 5 – 6 tournaments. The tournament calendar starts Thanksgiving weekend and finishes at the end of March. Tournaments are chosen by the coaches with direction from the Recreation Sports Supervisor.
- *** **The number of travel teams offered will be based on In-House Recreation enrollment and facility space.**

Tryouts for the travel teams will be on **Saturday, October 23, 2010** at either Peace Dale Elementary School or Broad Rock Middle School.

To re-emphasize – Pre-registration for tryouts is required. Any player who wishes to be considered for and/or selected for the travel program needs to attend the tryouts. Players who cannot attend tryouts must still register and have their name placed on the tryout list.

*** Accepting coaching applications for travel teams. A special coaching application needs to be filled out and submitted to the Youth Basketball Advisory Committee. If you have any interest in coaching travel basketball, please contact me at 789-9301 ext. 107 or at rwyatt@southkingstownri.com.

I am looking forward to a great season! Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely yours,

Russ Wyatt
Sports and Fitness Supervisor