

Jr Trojan Basketball

2011-2012 GUIDEBOOK

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OBJECTIVE:

To provide opportunities for the youth of our communities to improve their fundamental and team basketball skills. The Jr Trojan program is designed to provide progressively competitive opportunities for athletes in grades 3 through 8.

Outstanding skills teaching + Challenging Play Opportunities= GOOD BASKETBALL PLAYERS

The competitive basketball program shall not conflict with SSAP, as that program is essential in introducing young players to the game of basketball and allows for kids to compete recreationally while learning valuable skills. We highly recommend all Competitive players continue to play in the SSAP program.

JR TROJANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Advisory Council will be asked to assist the Commissioner and Directors with decisions regarding the organization's operations, including the selection and evaluation of coaches and players.

The council will work cooperatively with the Tournament Planning Committee when planning the annual basketball tournament(s).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Any youth wishing to participate in the Jr Trojans program must first adhere to the following eligibility:

- Registration fees for participation in the program must be paid prior to the first practice. The proposed fees are as follows but could vary based on the schedule the coach provides to the program:

3 rd Grade:	\$50 (14 games)
4 th Grade Boys Red:	\$85 (26 games)

4 th Grade Boys White:	\$70 (23 games)
4 th Grade Girls:	\$50 (17 games)
5 th Grade Boys:	\$80 (21 games)
5 th Grade Girls:	\$80 (23 games)
6 th Grade Boys Red:	\$150 (40 games)
6 th Grade Boys White:	\$70 (25 games)
6 th Grade Girls:	\$90 (37 games)
7 th Grade Boys:	\$70 (25 games)
7 th Grade Girls:	\$50 (20 games)
8 th Grade Boys:	\$80 (28 games)
8 th Grade Girls:	\$50 (20 games)

****Included in this fee are practices (1.5 hrs/week) so you can see the value for the dollar is tremendous in relation to other programs around.**

- Players will need to attend a tryout (or series of tryouts) to determine placement on the appropriate skill level team.
- 5th-6th grade teams are encouraged to play in an organized league.
- It must be the intent of all players to attend Platteview High School.
- 7th & 8th grade players must participate in the Platteview Central basketball program. The player may need to attend a tryout (or series of tryouts) to determine placement on one of 2 competitive teams, based upon the level of skills demonstrated during the tryout. For the 7th and 8th grade girls, the Jr High season may serve as the tryouts for the Jr Trojan teams.
- Roster changes may occur subsequent to the initial placement based upon player performance in games and practices at the coaches or advisory council's discretion.
- All players must be enrolled in the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grade to be considered eligible for participation in the program.
- It is recommended to have a maximum of 20 players for each age and gender division, providing 2 teams (A & B) for each grade level. Players may be moved from one squad to another squad under the direction of the coaches.
- If a player participates in another basketball organization (other than the Jr Trojan program), his/her first priority for games and practices must be with the Jr Trojans. A player may not play for another team in the same tournament that his/her Jr Trojan team is entered into.
- EXCEPTIONS
 - Individuals moving to the Platteview School District after the completion of an organized league or junior high seasons will be considered for eligibility.

- Injuries, which prohibit a player from taking part in either an organizational league or junior high season, will not hinder a player's eligibility. If a player is injured during the tryout, special consideration may be made on the player's behalf.
- The Commissioner, Directors, and Advisory Council will appoint a "Point" person for each grade. That person may or may not coach, but will be responsible for securing coaches for their grade level.
- Tryouts will occur each summer for placement on the team for each grade. The Advisory Council will assign evaluators for each grade and gender.

▪ **Parents must be willing to volunteer to help work our tournaments (November and February). These tournaments are our primary fundraiser and allow us to keep the costs to participate very low. We look for a 3 hour commitment (concessions, court supervisor, front gate, clock, scorebook, etc) from each family for each tournament held. You won't work while your player is involved in a game.**

COACHING RESOURCES:

The following is a list of resources available to coaches.

- 1) 4 basketballs and a ball bag will be checked out to each coach.
- 2) Uniforms will be provided for grades 3rd -8th. Starting with the 2011/2012 season, teams will have the option of purchasing nicer uniforms with a subsidy given by the Jr Trojan program.
- 3) 2 videos from the Better Basketball collection will be given to each coach (Better Post Play & Better One on One Offense).
- 4) 6 Basketball Academies will be conducted in the fall and coach's are expected to be in attendance and willing to help for some or all of them.
- 5) A playbook will be given to each coach. It will include a variety of drills that can be used during practices.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Each year, our organization and its coaches receive entry applications for tournaments. Many of these tournaments conflict with others, so the Commissioner, Directors, and Coaches will cooperatively decide which

tournaments will be attended, but the primary focus for which tournaments are chosen are based on reciprocal agreements with those teams that support our tournaments. Participation in the Platteview tournaments are mandatory. It is encouraged to enter larger tournaments where there is more than 1 division for each grade level.

We'll also create a master list of other tournaments that the coaches can access. There are some great out of town tournaments (Kearney Blowout, etc) that can be fun for overnight stays.

EXCEPTIONS:

-Since 7-8th grade boys have their Jr High season in the fall, they are encouraged to play more tourneys in the winter/spring, and play in an organized league.

-Since 7-8th grade girls have their Jr High season in Jan-Feb, they are encouraged to play more tourneys in the fall, and play in an organized league.

TOURNAMENT PHILOSOPHY

Our goal for any team participating in a tournament will be for the team to be competitive and win as many games as possible.

In the 3rd- 5th grade division, coaches will be encouraged to play all players as equally as possible.

In the 6th/7th/8th grade divisions, coaches will be asked, but are not required, to play all players. Playing time will depend on the situation at hand.

Players who do not regularly attend practice, fail to produce an acceptable excuse for missing a practice or game, or do not exhibit proper sportsmanship and/or respect for others may face a suspension from participation, at his/her coach's discretion.

Leagues

The Jr Trojan program will continue to support the Twin River Valley league as long as it maintains it's relationship with Platteview H.S. It is the program's intent to pay for all teams playing in the Twin River League (boys and girls). If, for some reason, that is not financially realistic, the Jr Trojan program will pay for a portion of each team's entry and ref fees

based on the overall amount available. For grades not included in the Twin River league, the Jr Trojan Program will attempt to pay for a league, up to \$400, for these players play in.

The program strongly encourages teams to play in the Twin River League.

PRACTICES

Once teams are selected, coaches will be responsible for scheduling practices. The Commissioner will have a master list of gym openings, so the coach will need to coordinate with the Commissioner to secure gym times. If there is more than one team in a grade division, it is encouraged those teams practice together. Some available gyms are:

Springfield Community Building
Springfield Elementary School
Platteview High School
Platteview Jr High
Westmont Elementary

Coaches will need to keep practices to 90 minutes in length. Coaches will be allowed 3 contacts per week (2 practices and 1 tournament, or 3 practices).

COACHES

Our coaches are volunteers and should be commended for the extraordinary amount of time and energy they give for the betterment of our kids and the program.

We expect our coaches to conduct themselves in a professional manner and that they exhibit good sportsmanship. This includes during practices, games, and all other events centered around the Jr Trojan program. We extend this same expectation to the parents of our athletes competing in the Jr Trojan program.

Coaches will be evaluated and are encouraged to ask for assistance from the Commissioner, the Directors, and the Advisory Council.

UNIFORMS

Starting with the 2011/2012 season, teams will have the option to purchase uniforms at a reduced rate. Warm up (shooting shirts) are also available for purchase. The shooting shirts will be long-sleeved and include the Jr Trojan logo on the front and the player's name on the back. The new uniforms will be nice with the players name on the back also. We recommend getting a size that will fit the player for 2 years.

For 2011/2012, our current mesh uniforms will be available at no charge for the teams, but will need to be turned in at the end of the season. Starting with the 2012/2013 season, parents will be required to purchase uniforms.

CONCLUSION

Any situations not outlined in this guidebook that may occur will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the Advisory Council. The Advisory Council encourages new ideas from parents, coaches, and anyone interested in furthering the development of youth basketball in our community.

Let's keep in mind, our objective is to provide opportunities for the youth of our communities to improve their fundamental and team basketball skills, and do so in a progressively competitive environment. We need to get kids interested in basketball, and keep them interested by helping them improve their skills, and then provide the opportunity to use those skills in competition.