

# KGBA Youth Teams Committee

## Recommendation for Youth Team Structure

September 11, 2017

### Overall Philosophy

- Promote the love for the game!
- We strive to enhance our youth basketball player's athleticism and skill (individual and team)
- Individual basketball skills are a priority and built upon as players move up the levels
- Team concepts and competition become more important towards the higher grade levels
- All players will be placed on a team (see notes for further details)

### Grade-specific Structure

#### Grades 3 and 4

##### Season

- Mid-October through mid-February

##### Teams

- Teams will be divided equally for the entire season
- Team selection process: 1) Grades will practice together for 3-4 practices, 2) Coaches together will determine fair/equal splits based on skill-level and positional needs, 3) If any disputes/issues based on team splits the Youth Team Committee will be consulted to determine resolution

##### Practices

- Up to 2 practices per week; 1.5hr/practice
- Grades will practice together all practices (i.e. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teams, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teams) if gym size allows

##### Tournaments/Leagues

- Each team gets SEVEN (7) tournament and/or leagues between Nov-Feb (includes Kaukauna tournament in Feb)
- Tournament selection done by coaches during coaches meeting in October

#### Grades 5 and 6

##### Season

- Mid-October through mid-February

##### Teams

- Divided equally Oct-Dec; Divided A/B structure Jan-Feb
- Team selection process: 1) Mandatory evaluation session in October, 2) Follows the Selection Process<sup>1</sup> by independent committee<sup>2</sup> (see details under the "Selection Process" and "Independent Committee" for details)
- The "A/B" teams can start practicing at the conclusion of the last tournament in December within the grade

##### Practices

- Up to 2 practices per week; 1.5hr/practice
- Oct-Dec: Grades will practice together all practices (i.e. 5<sup>th</sup> grade teams, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams) if gym size allows
- Jan-Feb: Grades will practice together for ONE (1) practice/week (i.e. 5<sup>th</sup> grade A and B teams) and A/B teams will practice together for ONE (1) practice/week (i.e. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> A teams, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> B teams)

##### Tournaments/Leagues

- Each team gets EIGHT (8) tournament and/or leagues between Nov-Feb (includes the "state" tournament)
- FOUR (4) tournaments/leagues should be scheduled in Nov/Dec as "split" teams and FOUR (4) tournaments/leagues in Jan/Feb as "A/B" teams
- Tournament selection done by coaches during coaches meeting in October

## Grades 7 and 8

### Season

- Mid-October through early-April (middle school season is Jan through mid-Feb)

### Teams

- Divided equally Oct-Dec; Divided A/B structure Feb-Apr
- Team selection process: 1) Mandatory evaluation session in October, 2) Follows the Selection Process<sup>1</sup> by independent committee<sup>2</sup> (see details under the “Selection Process” and “Independent Committee” for details)

### Practices

- Up to 2 practices per week; 1.5hr/practice
- Oct-Dec: Grades will practice together all practices (i.e. 7<sup>th</sup> grade teams, 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams) if gym size allows
- Feb-Apr: Grades will practice together for ONE (1) practice/week (i.e. 7<sup>th</sup> grade A and B teams) and A/B teams will practice together for ONE (1) practice/week (i.e. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> A teams, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> B teams)

### Tournaments/Leagues

- Each team gets TEN (10) tournament and/or leagues between Nov-Apr (includes the “state” tournament)
- FIVE (5) tournaments/leagues should be scheduled in Nov/Dec as “split” teams and FIVE (5) tournaments/leagues in Feb-Apr as “A/B” teams
- Tournament selection done by coaches during coaches meeting in October

## <sup>1</sup> Selection Process

- Players in grades 5-8 are required to attend an evaluation session in October
- An **independent committee (see below)** will evaluate each grade level by running them through various skills and game play
- In October, at the conclusion of each grade’s evaluation the independent committee will provide input with respective grade coaches to split the teams equally based on skill and position. These equally divided teams will be used during that respective portion of their season
- In mid-December before last tournament in Dec (date TBD based on tournament schedule), the independent committee will have a meeting with each grade’s (5-8) coaching staff to determine the A/B teams for the balance of the year
  - Determination of “A/B” will be based on the initial tryout ratings by the independent committee, input from coaches based on players work ethic, commitment, development during the Oct-Dec portion of the season
- Any and ALL disputes of player placement will be at the decision of the independent committee NOT the respective grade coaches

## <sup>2</sup> Independent Committee

- The purpose of this committee is to evaluate players in an unbiased setting
- Consist of minimum of 2 individuals who are non-parents within the respective grade
- Appointed by the Youth Team Committee and can vary from one grade level to another

## Coaches

- One head coach and one assistant coach is allowed on the bench at game time
- Note: Any non-parent coaches will be compensated based on KGBA board approval
- The Youth Team Committee appoints the coaches using the following as a guideline:
  - Background check, previous evaluations, basketball knowledge for the grade level, coaching experience
- It is required for the appointed head coach to attend the coaches meeting (Oct)
- Additional non-appointed volunteers are allowed and encouraged for practices
- Coaches will be evaluated at the end of the season

## Notes

- If there are not enough players to form two or three teams (grades 5-8), the Youth Team Committee and KGBA will determine if an additional grade team is needed and can be supported with available resources
- Players can be removed in situations where Guidelines are not followed or on other exception basis
- Playing time: 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> coaches are encouraged to split time evenly; 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> playing time may not be equal
- Parent(s)/Guardian(s) - Please direct any constructive criticism of your child's team/program to the head coach and/or assistant coaches at an appropriate time (**Never at a playing venue**)
- This is a club sport and is not affiliated with the school district
  - All questions should be directed to Jay Isselman – KGBA President, Craig Hawley - Head Basketball Coach, KGBA board member. *The Kaukauna Area School District does not run this program or make decisions in the program. Please do not contact them regarding the program, they cannot help you.*