

BYGB TRAVELING BASKETBALL REGISTRATION INCREASE 2021-2022

Dear Parents, Guardians and the Blaine Youth Girls Basketball Community-

As a basketball program, we try to operate with transparency and integrity with our players and their families. This week we are launching registration for our travel program and you will notice a significant increase to registration fees for the upcoming 2021-2022 basketball season. **We want to share why this is happening and how this should actually end up costing most families less money for the season.**

Most of our reciprocities (Basketball associations that agree to send teams to each other's tournaments) as well as the Blaine Youth Basketball girls tournament are now adopting a "No Gate Fee" model. This means that as a spectator, you will no longer have to pay admission to most of the tournaments we will participate in. **To offset the revenue loss from gate fees, each association is now charging \$125-\$250 more per team to enter their tournament. With an 8 tournament schedule, our previous \$395 registration fee no longer allowed us to cover enough of the cost of this year's tournament registrations.**

For reference, in the past, a player's \$395 travel fee only covered 50% of the cost (practice facility rentals, skills training partner fees and travel tournament fees) for a player to participate in the travel program. The remaining 50% was made up in the revenue from the Blaine Girls Tournament where we require families to volunteer. With the increase in fees to participate in the "No Gate Fee" tournament model, the previous \$395 travel fee would cover less than 40% of the cost per athlete. Our program would not be able to continue with such a large increase in expenses.

The good news is that while families may have to pay more up front, we feel most families will end up spending less money over the course of the season and can bring more spectators without paying additional fees. For example, the average weekend tournament costs \$15 per person for admission, so a family with two parents attending each tournament would pay over \$250 in admission fees during the season. ** St. Francis, Alexandria and the State tournament are still charging a gate fee this season.** **The increase to play travel basketball for the 2021/22 season will only be \$100 which means families will likely be saving hundreds of dollars per child through this model.**

We are still offering a payment plan that will allow you to spread the payments out over a longer period of time. Our goal is to make this change as painless as possible as we want to continue to build a program that gives athletes of all backgrounds an opportunity to play. If you have any questions or would like further clarification on this matter, please do not hesitate to reach out directly to any of the board members. Our contact info can be found below:

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Kind Regards-

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