



2021-2022 Season 4th Grade Parent Letter

Dear Orono Basketball Parents of 4th Graders:

This letter is *supplemental* to the OBBA Parent Letter you should have received. You can also find it [here](#). We apologize in advance for inundating you with information. As this is your child's first year in the Travel Program we want to provide additional details on the program and logistics. As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns as well.

4th Grade Travel Program Overview

Tryouts/Evaluations

Players attend one 60-minute session and will be evaluated to form parity teams. The number of teams per grade will depend upon the number of registered players. If the number of registered players does not support more than 1 team, OBBA will not hold evaluations. Our evaluators will do their best to create as equal of teams as possible based upon skills displayed at evaluations but please know in advance that kids will develop at different rates, play differently together, etc. and parity teams does not ensure the teams (if multiple per grade level) will have the same record over the course of the season. OBBA cannot accommodate friend requests for team placements.

4th Grade Season Timeline

Girls – October 11th through February 27th

Boys – October 18th through March 6th

Practices

Each team will practice 2x per week and each practice will be roughly 90 minutes. Practice days, times and locations will vary depending upon coaches availability and facility availability. OBBA reserves our earlier times for our younger team whenever possible. Practices for 4th grade can start as early as 4:00



PM and end as late as 7:30 PM. Practices may occur any day of the week, including Fridays. We strive to use Orono facilities whenever possible but there may be locations outside of Orono that require additional travel. We anticipate the practice schedule will be posted in two phases:

- 1) Start of season through end of calendar year
- 2) Beginning of calendar year through end of season

Tournaments

Our 4th Grade Travel Teams will play in 8 tournaments throughout the season. Tournaments consist of anywhere from 3-5 games per weekend. Weekend play is usually limited to Saturday and Sunday, and some tournaments may be a 1 day format. 4th Grade will have one out of town tournament in which travel and overnight stay is required. The tournament schedule will be posted in advance of the season. The first tournament will be early November.

SportsEngine is used for all practice and tournament scheduling.

Commitment

We realize that players are likely to have occasional conflicts with practice and tournament commitments. We ask that you communicate with your player's coach as early as possible with respect to any conflicts to ensure that coaches can plan properly.

Coaches

We rely upon parent volunteer coaches for our 4th Grade Teams. Please consider coaching if your time and talents allow. Coaches must apply by the dates below:

- **Girls Teams** Coaching Applicants: Tuesday, October 5th
- **Boys Teams** Coaching Applicants: Tuesday, October 12th

Coaching application link [here](#). OBBA provides coaches with all necessary equipment as well as coaching shirts. Coaches are required to complete safety training as well as pass a background check.



Uniforms

OBBA requires all incoming 4th graders purchase new uniforms. Historically, uniforms for the entire program were ordered on a two-year cycle. We are changing our uniform style/design this year and players will be able to keep his/her uniform throughout their years in travel, only needing to reorder if a new size is needed or the uniform has to be replaced due to being damaged or missing.

Uniform Orders will take place online during our registration process. Jersey numbers will be assigned once your child is registered and has submitted his/her top choices. OBBA will do its best to accommodate number selections but cannot guarantee it. Players with an older sibling for which the same uniform # is requested will be given priority for number choice.

Cost is \$83 per uniform for youth, \$90 for adult sizes. The uniform includes a reversible jersey top and one pair of (non-reversible) shorts. Additional optional items include a shooting shirt and socks.

In Conclusion

Please share this email with others who may not know about OBBA. Our emails are only sent to those currently associated with our program and we would love to see some new faces this season. *If you wish to NOT receive our emails, please reply to this note and we will remove you.*

Visit our [website](#) and our [Instagram](#) page frequently for updates throughout the remainder of the summer and into the season.

Thank you for your support of and commitment to Orono Basketball.

Beth Watkins, President
Orono Basketball Association (OBBA)



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