

EAGAN
WILDCATS
BASKETBALL

2018-2019 Season

Parent Meeting – September 5th, 2018



Mission of Eagan Basketball Association - Traveling

EBA strives to provide an opportunity to Eagan boys and girls in grades 4th through 8th who would like to participate in a more competitive basketball program. Emphasis is placed on player development, sportsmanship and teamwork. This is accomplished through establishing competitive teams, who are led by knowledgeable coaches, with a goal of developing players to be ready to compete at the next highest level.

Goals for Every Player Participating in ETB

1. Grow as a basketball player
2. Build friendships
3. Learn life lessons
4. Have fun

Perspective

- 550,305 - Number of high school basketball athletes nationwide
- 18,712 - Number of NCAA participants
- 3.4% - Overall percentage of players moving from high school to NCAA
 - 1.0% - Play Division I
 - 1.0% - Play Division II
 - 1.4% - Play Division III
- 1 from each high school team will play college.
- You want your child to continue to enjoy playing as long as they can.

Source: <http://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/research/estimated-probability-competing-college-athletics>

Parent/Coach Feedback

- Your feedback is important to the continued improvement and growth of the Eagan Travel Basketball Program.
- Take the time to submit Parent Survey at the end of the season regarding our program and our coaches.
- Coach Meeting at the end of the season for coaches to have a voice.
- We will check in mid-season with parents to see how the season is going. Make sure to be open and honest, so we can take the necessary steps to improve our program.

Changes to Our Program

Last season observations, results from the parent survey and feedback from the post-season coaches meeting have prompted some changes for the upcoming and future seasons

- 1.** Boys and Girls Tournaments on separate weekends
- 2.** 2 deposit checks, one for uniform return (\$100) and one for volunteer hours (\$150)
- 3.** Previous Year Coach Evaluations - included in final score at tryouts (10%)
- 4.** Tryout Committee - Independent Lead Evaluator, Tryout Coordinator, Assistant Tryout Coordinator, Girls/Boys Coordinator, and President.
- 5.** Away Tournaments – Both 7th & 8th Grade in different tournaments this year
- 6.** Team Snap is paid for by ETB for all teams to use throughout the season
- 7.** Paid Coaches for 7th & 8th Grades Team 1 next year (2019/2020 season)

Eagan Basketball Association Board

22 Volunteer Board Members help run Traveling and In-House Basketball

Eagan High School Head Coaches

Jesse Madsen - Girls Head Coach

Josh Peltier - Boys Head Coach

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- 1st season as Head Girls Basketball Coach
- Jesse.Madsen@district196.org



Josh Peltier - Boys Head Basketball Coach

- 2nd season as Head Boys Basketball Coach
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Eagan Boys Basketball

- Opportunity
- Development
- Championship Experience



Eagan Boys Basketball Goals

- Learn lifelong lessons
- Create lifelong friendships
- Create lifelong memories
- Develop a work ethic on and off the court that allows us to improve every day.



What to Expect - Practices

- **GIRLS** - Practices start the week of October 8th
- **BOYS** - Due to overlap in football, will have a 1-hour team meeting week of October 8th. Start full practices week of October 15th
- Usually 2-3, 75-90 minute practices per week
- Time, day, and location vary

What to Expect - Practices

- Players are expected to be at all practices except for conflicts with school, family, church and illness
- If players miss practice for other reasons, our bylaws state that coaches can deviate from playing time rules and deduct an appropriate amount of playing time
- Practice is where your child and team will improve the most
- Please notify coaches as soon as possible if your child will miss practice (use Team Snap availability tool)

What to Expect - Games

- Good sportsmanship is #1 priority – toward refs, coaches, teammates, other teams and parents
- Playing time rules are 50-50 for 4th-6th, and 60-40 for 7th-8th
- Bring up sensitive issues with coaches at an appropriate time, away from athletes, preferably next day (24 hour rule)

What to Expect - Tournaments

- Generally 1-2 tournaments per month, 6-10 total depending on grade
- Tournaments in the metro area, excluding an away tournament for each team
- State tournament location is undetermined until pools are made
- All tournaments are fundraisers for their programs and will charge entry fees ranging from \$4-\$10 per person

What to Expect - Tournaments

Eagan Hosted Tournaments

- Boys (Nov 3-4)
- Girls (Jan 26-27)

7th & 8th Grade “Away” Tournaments

- Girls: Duluth (Nov 17-18)
- Boys: St. Cloud (Feb 23-24)

Rochester Tournament (Grades 4-6)

- Girls (Feb 23-24)
- Boys (Mar 2-3)

Grade State Tournament

- Girls (Mar 2-3) 580 teams
- Boys (Mar 9-10) 914 teams
- Largest youth basketball event in the nation

Team Format

- Unfortunately we don't always get an even distribution of players trying out at each grade and gender
- We look at historical tryout numbers, talent level, registration numbers, and available coaching pool prior to tryouts to develop a plan
- We reserve the right to change the plan during tryouts based on actual tryout numbers and the related talent
- We may add a team for a grade/gender if tryout numbers, talent level, and coaching pool support it
- Conversely, we may drop a team if the numbers, talent level, or coaching pool do not support it

Current Registration Numbers

Girls

4th Grade: 11 (1 team)

5th Grade: 20 (2 teams)

6th Grade: 20 (2 teams)

7th Grade: 20 (2 teams)

8th Grade: 19 (2 teams)

Boys

4th Grade: 30 (3 teams)

5th Grade: 40 (4 teams)

6th Grade: 40 (4 teams)

7th Grade: 42 (4 teams)

8th Grade: 28 (3 teams)

The Tryout Committee will determine exact team roster numbers. Each team will include between 8-10 players depending on final registration numbers, coaches, and related talent.

Coaches - Ranking/Tryouts

- All eligible coach candidates are welcome to attend the tryout session for the program and grade they applied to coach.
- Candidates have been interviewed and ranked by the Interview Committee made up of various EBA Board Members.
- Evaluators do not know the results of coach candidate ranking.
- The highest ranked coach with a player in pool 1 will be named the Team 1 Head Coach. Subsequent team head coaches will be named after each previous team has been formed in the same manner.
- Player pooling and coach ranking are independent of each other.

Coach Candidates

Boys

Girls

4 th grade:	2 applicants	2 applicants
5 th grade:	4 applicants	5 applicants
6 th grade:	2 applicants	2 applicants
7 th grade:	4 applicants	4 applicants
8 th grade:	2 applicants	1 applicant

Each coach candidate above has submitted an application and has been interviewed by a panel of EBA Board members.

Coaches - Placement Day

Multiple coach candidates at one grade level does not necessarily mean we will have a coach for each team. For example: all coach candidates may have players rostered to the same team, etc.

Teams without a coach at the end of placement day will have the following options:

- 1.** Parent volunteers to coach
- 2.** Parents pay for coach
- 3.** Disband the team

Uniforms

- Bought new uniforms for all girls and boys teams 4 years ago
- Plan to use the same set of uniforms for another 1 year
- Only wear them for **tournaments**...not for practices or school
- Take care not to misplace them – you will forfeit your \$100 deposit required at tryouts
- Wash in cold water and line dry

Eagan Tournament

Margaret Cahill, Co-Tournament Director
Alissa Madden, Co-Tournament Director

Eagan Tournament - Overview

30th year with updated tournament formats

- Boys Run-N-Gun Classic: November 2nd, 3rd, and 4th
 - Locations: Eagan HS, Dakota Hills MS, Black Hawk MS, and Eagan Community Center
- Girls Wildcat Classic: (NEW!) 1-day tournament January 26th and 27th
 - Locations: Dakota Hills MS, Black Hawk MS, Falcon Ridge MS, and Eagan Community Center

Eagan Tournament - Overview

- Eagan players get a family pass for free entrance to tournament
- EMTs at all sites
- We like to be good hosts, so if your team is playing please offer to keep the official scoresheet during the game

Eagan Tournament – Volunteer Requirements

- \$150 Volunteer Deposit due at time of Eagan Travel Basketball tryouts (first day)
- Mandatory 4-hour parent volunteer shift per player during the tournament
 - Flexible Options: Boys Tournament (4 hours), Girls Tournament (4 hours)
 - Volunteer shifts will be released at the same time as brackets so you can try to limit conflicts between your shift and child's games
 - Parents of Boys: Consider signing up for a shift during Girls Tournament to reduce schedule conflicts
 - Parents of Girls: Consider signing up for a shift during Boys Tournament to reduce schedule conflicts
- DIBS app will be used to sign up to work a shift and track your volunteer hours
 - There are a variety of volunteer opportunities; Instructions will be sent out as it gets closer

Eagan Tournament – New Subcommittee

Purpose:

To develop an expanded committee to plan and implement a successful Boys/Girls basketball tournament representing Eagan Basketball and EAA. Committee members will have the opportunity to connect with other parent volunteers and the Eagan Basketball Board as well as learn about future involvement opportunities with the tournament and board.

Eagan Tournament – New Subcommittee

- We are looking for UP TO SIX interested parents to join the Tournament Co-Directors and a small group of board members to plan and coordinate the Boys and Girls tournaments
 - Sub-committees include: Concessions, Volunteer Coordination, Facility Coordination, Marketing & Awards, and General Tournament Logistics
 - Approx four meetings plus some tasks to complete in between meetings

Eagan Tournament – New Subcommittee

- Primary Perk: Participation in subcommittee will fulfill your Mandatory Volunteer Requirements for the tournament
- Additional volunteers may be added at discretion of tournament chairs
- If interested, please add name to sign-up sheet after the meeting or email tournament@eaganhoops.org

Eagan Basketball Merchandise

Melissa Thome, Director of Merchandise

Player Shooting Shirts & Coach Shirts

- All players, head coaches & assistant coaches must be sized at The Locker Room in Eagan between 9/11 - 9/22.
- Additionally, all players must verify & sign off on the spelling of their last name.

Spirit Wear

- We will be offering a great selection of Spirit Wear this year from brands like Under Armour, Nike, Holloway & Badger.
- The online store will be open 9/11 - 9/27. All ordering will be done online & the merchandise will be shipped directly to you
- You will be able to see these items & try on sample sizes during the 1st day of the girls' & the 1st day of the boys' tryouts.
- Most items will have an Eagan Basketball logo. Hoodies & the large backpack will have the option to personalize.
- A portion of each sale goes to the EAA basketball program.

Tryouts

Scott Hull, Tryout Coordinator

Melissa Cherney, Assistant Tryout Coordinator

Tryout Reminders:

- Players are required to arrive 30 minutes prior to tryout start time on Saturday and Sunday. For Boys - Monday night please arrive at least 15 minutes prior.
- Players are required to wear plain T-shirts – No names or past basketball team/camp/clinic info. Brand name logos, ie. Nike would be okay. This will be enforced upon sign-in.
- No parents allowed in tryouts. Only athletes, independent evaluators, head coach candidates, court assistants and necessary board members will be allowed in the gym.

Tryout Reminders:

- Players will be assigned a jersey with a number to use during tryouts. It is **VERY** important that players bring their assigned jersey with them to each tryout day. Players are referred to only by their assigned jersey number. Jerseys will be turned in at the end of their last day of tryouts. If you choose to wash the jersey, please do not place in the dryer – line dry only to maximize our use for future tryouts.

What to Bring to Tryouts

- 2 **SEPARATE** deposit checks payable to EBA. Check one - \$150 to cover REQUIRED tournament volunteer hours. Check two - \$100 to cover the cost of uniforms. Checks will be destroyed at the end of the season if uniforms are returned washed and undamaged and you have fulfilled your volunteer hours. Uniform check will be cashed if uniform damaged or not returned. Volunteer check will be cashed if hours go unfulfilled.
- Water Bottle
- Athletic Shoes
- A Good Attitude and Ready to Work Hard

What Not to Bring to Tryouts:

- No Basketballs
- No Beverages or Food - Water bottles only (no sports drinks, etc)
- No shirts with the names of players, camps, former leagues t-shirts, etc (plain t-shirts only)
- No phones or other electronic devices - (if a player needs a phone to contact a parent, phone MUST stay in gym bag at all times)

Tryouts Evaluations

Pooling results will be formulated from a collective score determined by an external team of independent evaluators and previous coach evaluations that weigh in on player intangibles. Independent Evaluators will be looking at the following:

- Shooting (Off the dribble, off the pass)
- Layups (Left hand, right hand)
- Ball-handling (Left hand, right hand, change of direction)
- Passing (Both catching and passing)
- Basketball IQ (Moving without the ball, setting picks)
- Attitude and Effort
- Defensive Skills (help defense, moving feet)
- Scrimmage (3v3, 4v4, 5v5)
- Free Throws

Tryouts - Dates/Team Postings

Girls Tryouts

- Sat, Sept 8 and Sun, Sept 9 - Eagan High School Main Gym

Boys Tryouts

- Sat, Sept 22 and Sun, Sept 23 - Eagan High School Main Gym
- Mon, Sept 24 - Eagan Community Center Gyms

****Team rosters will be posted to the EBA website team pages the Wednesday Evening following tryouts.****

For more information about tryouts and other FAQ please visit

<http://www.eaganhoops.org/page/show/190997-tryout-information>

Head Coach Candidates

Please stay after for a brief meeting with the Tryout Coordinators.

Questions?