



## 2025-2026 Season Travel Parent Letter 4<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Orono Basketball Families,

We hope you have had a wonderful summer! Planning for the 2025-2026 season is in full swing, and we're excited to share with you the exciting details for 4<sup>th</sup> grade – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Travel Basketball:

**Registration** is open today August 21st! This is **NOT A NEW UNIFORM YEAR**, so the registration will only be one step, unless you have one of the following situations.

1. You have 4th Grader registering
  2. You have a new player registering
  3. Your player has outgrown last years uniform
  4. You want a new shooting shirt (**SHOOTING SHIRT DESIGN IS NEW THIS YEAR! SEE SIGNATURE CONCEPTS WEBSITE FOR THE DESIGN.**)
- NOT Ordering a Uniform or Shooting Shirt  
One Step - 1. Registration fee & Evaluation fee to OBBA
  - Ordering a Uniform or Shooting Shirt  
Two Steps - 1. Registration fee & Evaluation fee to OBBA + 2. Uniform order on the Signature Concepts Website (which will be shipped to you)

You can access the link via our website at [www.oronobasketball.com](http://www.oronobasketball.com).

Uniform ordering link via our website at <https://oronobasketball.signatureconcepts.shop>.

**A late fee of \$100 will be applied for registrations after Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> .**

*\*Registrations after Evaluations begin will not be accepted unless grade level numbers support adding a player and coaches agree to add such player. Any player who does not attend Evaluations but is added to a team will be added to the lowest team at such grade level.*

### Evaluations & Start of Season

Players in grades 4-8 will attend two evaluation sessions. 4th grade girls will attend one session, due to the current limited number of players (if additional players register, that were not registered last year, this may be adjusted to accommodate a larger group).



Evaluations will be held on the following dates at the Orono Activity Center (OAC):

**GIRLS - Wednesday, September 17th AND Sunday, September 21st**

- 4th Grade will be Wednesday, September 17th only
- Teams posted by the evening of Sunday, September 28th
- Team Practices begin the week of October 20th

**BOYS - Wednesday, September 24th AND Sunday, September 28th**

- 4th Grade Boys will participate in both evaluation sessions
- Teams posted by the evening of Sunday, October 6th
- Team Practices begin the week of October 20th

Players are required to attend both sessions (one for 4th grade girls). If your player cannot attend one or both sessions you must provide notification via email to [info@oronobasketball.com](mailto:info@oronobasketball.com) at least one week in advance. There is no make-up session offered.

Girls Evaluation Schedule		Boys Evaluation Schedule	
Wednesday, September 17th, OAC (GIRLS)		Wednesday, September 24th, OAC (BOYS)	
Session Time	Grade	Session Time	Grade
3:15 - 4:15 PM	7th	3:15 - 4:15 PM	7th
4:25 - 5:25 PM	6th	4:25 - 5:25 PM	6th
5:25 - 5:40 PM	Evaluator Dinner	5:25 - 5:40 PM	Evaluator Dinner
5:40 - 6:40 PM	4th	5:40 - 6:40 PM	4th
6:50 - 7:50 PM	5th	6:50 - 7:50 PM	5th
8:00 - 9:00 PM	8th	8:00 - 9:00 PM	8th
Sunday, September 21st, OAC (GIRLS)		Sunday, September 28th, OAC (BOYS)	
Session Time	Grade	Session Time	Grade
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	8th	8:00 AM - 9:45 AM	4th
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	7th	10:00 AM - 11:45 AM	5th
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	6th	12:00 PM - 1:45 PM	6th
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM	Evaluator Lunch	1:45 PM - 2:00 PM	Evaluator Lunch
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	5th	2:00 PM - 3:45 PM	7th
		4:00 PM - 5:45 PM	8th

**Evaluation Fee:** A \$25 Evaluation Fee will be assessed during the registration process. This fee covers the evaluation jersey which will be also used for practices throughout the season. Please refer to the Orono Basketball Website [Evaluations](#) for additional details related to evaluations. OBBA will also provide additional information via email to all registered email addresses prior to evaluations.



## Scholarships

OBBA provides scholarships to families who qualify. Please complete the application [here](#) or see the link on the OBBA website. OBBA Families: please consider contributing to our OBBA Scholarship Fund, which enables our organization to provide opportunities to children in our district. When completing your registration online, please look for the option to donate to the fund or contact the OBBA directly to make your donation. 100% of your donation will be used to cover the costs of scholarships for children in our program. Donations of any amount are appreciated. Thank you for supporting our community and our program. OBBA will recognize family donations on our website and other advertising opportunities.

## Team Formation -

**4th Grade:** 4th grade teams will continue to be formed on a parity basis if grade level numbers allow for multiple teams. **5th - 8th Grade:** These teams will continue to be made to create competitive teams with similar skill level throughout. OBBA will determine team size based upon feedback from our outside evaluators with the objective of creating the best possible environment for player development and team success. Since OBBA does not make “cuts”, we are sometimes left with registration numbers that are difficult for the purpose of creating competitive teams. As a result, please carefully review the information below as it relates to roster sizes and number of teams:

OBBA can support up to three (3) teams per grade level. If grade numbers are larger than what three teams can support, a 4th team may be formed. The 4th team may have a modified schedule for practices and tournaments. The 4th team will be playing in tournaments in the 2025-26 season (**not in a local league**). Specific details will be determined and communicated once registration closes. If a 4th team is formed at any grade level, a parent volunteer is required to coach.

If grade level numbers are such that forming teams would create either a team too large or two small, OBBA may consider other options in order to create an appropriately sized team, including combining players from different grades or potentially different communities, or proposing a modified tournament schedule and/or coaching structure at the paid coach level.

By registering for the 2025-2026 season, you are agreeing to participate on a team with a modified structure should your child be evaluated to participate on such a team. Details on specifics will be provided once teams are established but refunds will not be offered after evaluations based upon team formation concerns.



## Program Fees

The registration and uniform fee for the 2025-2026 season (NOT A NEW UNIFORM YEAR, UNIFORM NOT REQUIRED UNLESS YOU ARE NEW TO THE PROGRAM):

Level	2025-2026 Fee
4th Grade	\$550
5th Grade	\$650
6th Grade	\$650
7th Grade	\$750
8th Grade	\$750
Evaluation Fee	\$25

Uniform Item	2025-2026 Fee
Youth Jersey	\$48.25
Youth Shorts	\$37.50
Women's Jersey	\$52.50
Women's Shorts	\$41.50
Men's Jersey	\$52.50
Men's Shorts	\$41.50
Shooting Shirt	\$28.00

## Refunds

Refunds for players choosing to withdraw prior to Evaluations will be evaluated and considered. Refunds requested after Evaluations will NOT be granted due to fixed costs incurred to run a season. Items such as facility fees, coaches' fees, equipment and tournament registration costs are just a sampling of the expenses incurred upfront and cannot be recouped should a player withdraw.

Refunds for all other reasons, if requested after Evaluations, will not be granted.

## Volunteer Coaches

All coaches' applications must be submitted by:

- **Girls Coaches Applications – Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**
- **Boys Coaches Applications – Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

Coaching application link [here](#). Background check and safety training are required upon selection as an OBBA coach.



## Paid Coaches

If you have any leads for Paid Coaches for our program, please email us at [Info@oronobasketball.com](mailto:Info@oronobasketball.com) and enter the coaches information in the form link below. Parent referrals tend to lead to some of the best coaches! Thank you!

[OBBA Paid Coach Candidate Suggestion Form](#)

## Family Volunteer Fee

Families of each OBBA player are required to submit a volunteer deposit check of \$250 per player payable to OBBA (separate checks required for each OBBA player). Checks will be collected at Evaluations. Upon completion of a shift at the Orono Spartan Classic Home Tournament, the deposit will be waived, and checks will be destroyed. In the event the volunteer requirement is not met, the check will be cashed. This is no change from last season. Players will NOT be placed on a team until a check is received.

## Tournament Schedule

The tournament schedules this year will be similar to last year.

- Grades 5-8 Travel Teams will attend 8 tournaments during the course of the season as well as the MYAS Grade State Championship Tournament at the end of the season (9 in total).
- 4th Grade will attend 6 tournaments plus the MYAS Grade State Championship Tournament (7 in total).

The Tournament Schedule will be posted to our website once finalized and once teams are posted, it will be added to each team's SportsEngine calendar.

### **OBBA Home Tournament (Spartan Classic) Dates:**

Boys – Saturday, January 17th, 2026

Girls – Sunday, January 18th, 2026

## Out-of-Town Travel Tournament

OBBA is planning to attend one out-of-town tournament in Alexandria, MN this season with an overnight hotel stay. Our end of season survey has consistently returned overwhelming feedback that our community would like to attend at least one out-of-town tournament. More details will follow as the 2025-2026 Tournament Schedule is finalized.

## In Summary

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 and commitment to Orono Basketball.

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