

## Expectations Regarding Multi-Activity Athletes

The Hortonville Girl's Hoops Club for the past two years has been discussing guidelines for coaches and parents with respect to our expectations for Club members that participate in multiple activities during the Hoops Club season. The Hoops Club believes strongly in having multi-sport athletes but at the same time, primarily because of our long-standing success both at the youth level as well as the high school level that our highest performing State Teams will not serve as a second option for any of those members selected to represent those teams. The purpose of this document is to provide our Grade Reps, Board Members and coaches with clarity and guidance during team selection and for parents who also will need to make decisions along with their children about their participation options. A great deal of discussion and consultation with the High School coaches has taken place prior to the creation of these guidelines and it is our expressed goal to be as inclusive as possible while at the same time making certain that we are providing the best possible development program for those athletes who are singularly focused on basketball and who have the goal of playing at a high level in high school.

**Starting in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, because of the availability of the Middle School basketball option, the Hoops Club will require that any player selected to one of the State Teams be able to commit to a minimum of 75% of the weekly practices and will miss not more than 1 tournament all season and be available for whichever State tournaments the teams decide to participate in. In an attempt to assist parents with their decision making process, team schedules will be finalized as soon as possible and it is our expectation that the complete practice and game schedule for all of the teams within a specific grade can be provided to the parents, no later than November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

For the multi-activity athlete who cannot meet the above criteria then they will still qualify to participate for one of the other teams at the age level. With that being said, the Club is still expecting a minimum amount of participation in at least 50% of the weekly practices and will not miss more than 4 team tournaments. Failure to meet the minimum participation threshold could result in reduced playing time, at the sole discretion of the coaches. We have found over the years that teams that regularly have low participation rates in practice struggle to teach and implement new concepts and techniques which causes them to fall behind their peer group and that is not fair to that group of kids.

Exceptions can and will be made to the above policy for extenuating circumstances such as family obligations. Please communicate those conflicts as soon as possible to your daughter's coaches so they can plan accordingly.

Grades 3-6<sup>th</sup> will continue to operate as they have in past seasons with no specific guidelines as to attendance requirements

Sincerely,

Hortonville Hoops Club