

Hutchinson Youth Basketball Association (HYBA)

Parent Guidebook





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Established 1977

Mission Statement

The Hutchinson Youth Basketball Association (HYBA) strives to provide **personal growth** and **skill development opportunities** for Hutchinson area youth, **on and off the court**. We are dedicated to reinforcing positive influences, self-confidence, teamwork, sportsmanship, and fun through the spirit of basketball.

The Parent Guidebook was created by the HYBA board members to communicate to HYBA coaches, parents, and players important program details.

This document should be treated as a guideline for the areas covered to assist in a positive experience for all.

Program Details

HYBA offers a traveling program for girls and boys to participate in advanced, competitive, traveling basketball tournaments for grades 3-8.

Eligibility

Players that are in 3rd through 8th grade at the time of the basketball season are eligible to participate in HYBA. Only students or residents of Hutchinson are eligible, unless granted prior approval by the HYBA board and MYAS.

Registration

HYBA holds registration **one time per year**, typically in late August/September for the season. The HYBA season usually runs from November thru mid-March. Registration is completed online through HYBA on the association website. Registration details are published in the Parks & Rec brochure, posted on the HYBA website and social media pages, and are also communicated via e-mail for those within the HYBA database. The registration deadline is important due to the logistics of HYBA having to form teams, recruit coaches and enter tournaments. Late fees apply to those who do not register on time.

Registration Fees

Registration fees are used to cover the costs of practices, tournament fees, equipment, etc. HYBA tries each year to keep registration fees as affordable as possible. However, fees are dictated by number of registrants, costs of tournaments, facility use fees, paying for officials, and helping to provide a high-quality home tournament.

Payment plans and/or scholarships are available upon request.

Cancellation Fees

No refunds will be given to families who decide to have their player not play for HYBA after the evaluation date for that season. For those families who have an unexpected move or player injury a pro-rated refund will be given.

Evaluations

All players interested in playing in the HYBA program must attend the evaluation session(s) for his/her age group when multiple teams will be formed. Players are expected to make arrangements to attend evaluations. Any deviation from this requirement must be approved by the HYBA President in advance.

Day of Evaluations

- Players will be provided with a numbered jersey.
- Parents are not allowed in the gym during evaluations.
- Evaluation results will be communicated within a week of the last evaluation session.

Evaluation Strategy

Hutchinson High School basketball coaching staff, independent evaluators and team coaches conduct evaluations for all players registered to play in the program.

During evaluations, team groupings for scrimmages are changed several times so that each player will play with and against many different players.

A variety of stations are used to provide an opportunity for evaluators to observe basic fundamental basketball skills using a mix of individual skill and team drills during the player's evaluation time.

Examples of Evaluation stations include: layups, dribbling, shooting, 1-on-1 up to 5-on-5 scrimmages with rotating teammates and opponents.

Injury Clause

Injured players at the time of evaluations should notify the President in advance. If a player is injured and cannot attend evaluations, the player's previous basketball coach, head varsity coach and evaluators will consider the player's prior seasons and skill level.

New to District Clause

Players who are new to the district after the date of evaluations will be placed on a team based on their performance at their first 1-2 practices.

Formation of Teams/Playing Time

Teams are formed for girls and boys in grades 3rd - 8th based upon the following:

3rd & 4th Grade Girls and Boys Teams

If multiple teams are required, it is the intent to make them balanced in terms of talent and capability based on evaluation scores. Team sizes will be set with the goal of at least 8 or 9 kids per team. Parent coaches will be appointed to the team their child is evaluated and placed on.



Playing Time

All players in 3rd grade will have adequate/even playing time in each game. Players in 4th grade will have playing time determined by the coach and based upon the player's attitude, effort, coachability, etc. Playing time is not guaranteed in 4th grade.

5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Girls and Boys Teams

If multiple teams are required (16+ players registered), players will be evaluated pre-season and divided into A and B teams based on skills. Team sizes will be set with the goal of at least 8 kids per team. Parent coaches will be appointed to the team their child is evaluated and placed on. The goal of this age group is to play more competitive, high-caliber basketball.

School basketball will take precedence over HYBA ball for 7th and 8th graders. All 7th and 8th grade HYBA players are encouraged to play on the Hutchinson school basketball team.

Playing Time

Playing time in 5th-8th grade may not be equal for each player. Players will earn an opportunity to play in each game provided the player has demonstrated skills, projected a positive attitude and teamwork, and has given full effort as determined by the coach(es). Playing time is not guaranteed in 5th-8th grades.

Twins/ Multiple Siblings

If there are twins that are evaluated for 5th-8th grade HYBA teams the following process will take place:

- a. If both twins are evaluated & selected to play on the A or B team, they will stay on the A or B team.
- b. If Twin A is evaluated and placed on the A team, and Twin B is evaluated and placed on the B team, parents have the option of leaving them on their respective teams, or if they want them to play together, then both kids will be placed on the B team.

High School Coaches Moving Up 8th graders to C- squad or further

Occasionally, players will be moved up to C-squad or higher by the High School coaching staff. As school ball takes precedence over HYBA, they will be able to play in HYBA tournaments and participate in HYBA practices as long as they do not conflict with the school ball schedule. The player will become ineligible to participate in HYBA if they are moved up beyond the 9th grade/C-Squad level.

JERSEYS

HYBA provides a jersey for each participant. It is encouraged by HYBA to keep your jersey in good shape and to take care of them appropriately. All jersey costs are included in registration. Families will be billed \$50 at the end of the season if a player's jersey is not returned.

PRACTICE TIMES

HYBA holds all practices at the McLeod County Fairgrounds Commercial Building Gym, Hutchinson Recreation Center, Hutchinson Schools, New Century Academy & Maplewood Academy. Practices are scheduled by coaches after teams are determined. Our goal is to have 2 practices/week for each team. Unfortunately, there can be a shortage of gym space and several conflicting youth events which makes practice scheduling a difficult task, but coaches try their best to accommodate the majority of the team.

HYBA strives to schedule around significant school events and schedules younger aged teams for earlier in the evening. We strive to publish practice schedules at least 2 weeks in advance. Your child should not be dropped off at practice **more than 10 minutes before** their scheduled time. Also, PLEASE make appropriate plans to pick up your child on time after practice.

TOURNAMENT SELECTION

Number of tournaments allowed is as follows for Girls and Boys HYBA teams:

Grade Level	Guaranteed # of Tournaments	NOTE
3rd	3	HYBA will cover tournament costs up to the paid tournament maximum for the grade level. Expenses for additional tournament entries that fall outside of the paid maximum will need to be free or paid by the team's parents.
4th	5	
5th-8th	7	

***For all grades: In the event of insufficient player numbers, HYBA will do its best to accommodate appropriate number of tournaments as budget allows.**

EMERGENCY PLAYER SUBSTITUTION FOR GAMES/TOURNAMENTS

From time to time, a team may be short players going into a tournament due to illness, vacation, injury, etc. Any player from another team that a coach asks to substitute or fill in must be a similarly skilled player to the one that won't be playing to ensure the integrity of the program by not "stacking" a team.

COACHING VOLUNTEERS

The key word here is VOLUNTEER! We are happy to have all parents get involved in coaching their child. If you have never coached, we still need you! Consider being an assistant coach or team manager. A healthy program has coaches that are passionate and help guide kids in a positive way. You are a role model for all to learn from. **All potential coaches will need to pass a background check to be considered for HYBA coaching responsibilities.**



NON-COACHING VOLUNTEERS

HYBA is a non-profit organization that can only be as successful as its volunteer base. HYBA will hold a local tournament each year.

IT IS REQUIRED THAT EACH FAMILY VOLUNTEERS A MINIMUM OF 6 HOURS IF YOUR CHILD IS IN 4TH-8TH GRADE. FAMILIES WITH 3RD GRADERS ARE REQUIRED TO VOLUNTEER A MINIMUM OF 4 HOURS for the season, at our tournaments at either the concessions area, admissions, or scorekeeping. Other volunteer hours can be used upon HYBA Board discretion and approval.

HYBA BOARD MEMBER LIAISON

Every team will have an assigned HYBA Board Member Liaison. The purpose of this liaison is for the board member to be another voice for a parent/coach with concerns or suggestions. The board member will bring all concerns and suggestions to the entire HYBA Board who will be able to discuss next steps to address the concern or suggestions.

CONFLICTS

All Hutchinson players, parents, coaches and fans are considered ambassadors of Hutchinson. Any issues or questions a parent may have should be addressed with the coach first and foremost, **after a 24-hour waiting period**. If for any reason the issue or question has not been resolved, the parents can contact the board designated Team Liaison to discuss. The Team Liaison will help facilitate some resolution. HYBA coaches are not expected to tolerate disruptive or disrespectful behavior by players or parents. Profanity, verbal abuse, or physical abuse will not be tolerated. Detrimental behavior conducted during

any HYBA sponsored event or events where HYBA is a participant will not be tolerated. It is the responsibility of those who witness this behavior to report it to a HYBA board member, Team Liaison or the HYBA President immediately.

NOTE: HYBA reserves the right to dismiss participants or ban parents who violate the stated goals, policies, and procedures of HYBA. The HYBA Board is responsible for this decision following an effort to gather the facts of said situations.

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COACHES MEETING

A coaches meeting will be held after evaluations for 3rd-8th grade to discuss expectations of the coaches, scheduling assistance, and provide some tournament options for each team.

PARENT MEETING

Each coach is encouraged to schedule a parent meeting to discuss expectations, practice schedules, tournament schedules, and to answer parent questions.

HYBA EMAIL, TEXT AND MOBILE APP

HYBA distributes information by e-mail and social media throughout the year to participants. However, your child's coach may choose to use a mobile app or texting to communicate updates for practices and game schedules throughout the season.

HYBA WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE

For additional information and ways to stay connected, please visit our website (www.hutchyba.org) and 'LIKE' us on Facebook (Hutchinson Youth Basketball Association).