



## Tonight's Agenda

-  Program Ambition
-  Recap of 2019-2020
  -  Your Feedback
  -  Coaching Feedback
-  2020-2021 Coaching Assignments
-  Tryout Process
-  What to Expect this Season

# Board Acknowledgements

Special thank you to our committed board members! This group has been meeting bi-weekly for the last couple of months to monitor a rapidly changing situation and provide access to a quality program for our boys.



Board Member	Connection
Erin Cary	7 <sup>th</sup> grade son
Julie Copps	7 <sup>th</sup> grade son
Dave Frieder	6 <sup>th</sup> grade son
Tim Mattke	4 <sup>th</sup> grade son
Chris Miskel	6 <sup>th</sup> grade son, K5 son
John Ricciardi	Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
Tony Sarnowski	8 <sup>th</sup> grade son and 5 <sup>th</sup> grade son
Beth Wagner	5 <sup>th</sup> grade son

**A HUGE Shoutout to Spencer Frank for his many years of exceptional leadership of the board!**

# Jr. Dukes Program Ambition



- ❖ Develop a pipeline of skilled, tough-minded players for the high school program
  - ❖ Offseason Development (Shot club, AAU, HS Academy, Chapman workouts, pick-up games)
  - ❖ In-season Development (commit to practice; Chapman skill sessions)
  - ❖ **New this year:** our program is open only to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade players that attend a Whitefish Bay public school or live in Whitefish Bay. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade players will be grandfathered under the prior rules that included parochial schools in WFB as well
- ❖ Strengthen connection to the high school program/players
- ❖ Perform as a competitive program that is distinct on the continuum between rec basketball and AAU basketball
  - ❖ Playing time is not equal, but is fair given player ability, level of commitment, and competitiveness of a given game
- ❖ Raise the profile of basketball in the community
- ❖ Expand skills and drills sessions for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and younger
- ❖ Maintain focus on character, work ethic, and the journey



# WFB Jr. Dukes Basketball Parent Evaluations for 2019-2020 Season

	Question	Responses	Avg
1.	Helped players achieve their potential	45	4.40
2.	Communicated effectively with players	45	4.49
3.	Communicated effectively with you	45	4.47
4.	Showed concern for welfare of all players	45	4.67
5.	Provided players with meaningful playing time	45	4.42
6.	Maintained discipline in an appropriate manner	45	4.53
7.	Fostered team spirit and morale	45	4.49
8.	Encouraged the kids to enjoy the game	45	4.62
9.	Respected referees	45	4.84
10.	Value placed on winning by coaches?	45	3.82
11.	Value placed on winning by you?	45	3.53
12.	Was the conduct of your coach(es) acceptable during games?	43 yes, 2 sometimes	n/a
13.	Do you feel this person s/b considered for coaching again next year?	43 yes, 2 no	n/a

# of Surveys Completed: 45

	Question	Responses	Avg
14.	Level of play/competition	45	3.98
15.	Number of tournaments	44	3.95
16.	Tournaments Selected	45	3.93
17.	Team selection process	43	3.93
18.	Club communications	45	4.18
19.	Uniforms	45	4.51
20.	Cost	45	4.27
21.	Additional programming (e.g. Chapman, Skills and Drills Sessions)	43	4.02

1=poor, 2=fair, 3=good, 4=very good, 5=excellent; Y=yes, N=no, S=sometimes  
Q10 and Q11: 1=very low, 2=low, 3=moderate, 4=high, 5=very high

## Free Text, "Please give us suggestions on how we can improve Jr. Dukes Basketball."

- 🗑 Independent Evaluators didn't account for prior years
- 🗑 More open gyms, more tournaments, practice with HS, more full club spirit events, Chapman from March to November, summer league or practice
- 🗑 Practice at a consistent gym if possible
- 🗑 Fewer kids per team to maximize playing time...but with some competing desire for larger B teams
- 🗑 Need better participation in skill training (e.g. Chapman)

# Coaches Feedback on the 2019-2020 Season

2019-2020 Grade Level	WYBL Record	2020-2021 Placement <b>Request*</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade A	n/a	TBD pending tryout
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade B	n/a	TBD pending tryout
4A	3-13 (Z)	5 <sup>th</sup> grade Y
4B	2-14 (Y)	5 <sup>th</sup> grade B
5A	14-2 (A)	6 <sup>th</sup> grade A
5B	13-3 (B)	6 <sup>th</sup> grade Y
6A	12-4 (Y)	7 <sup>th</sup> grade Z
6B	6-10 (C)	7 <sup>th</sup> grade C
7A	2-14 (Z)	8 <sup>th</sup> grade Y
7B	8-8 (C)	8 <sup>th</sup> grade C, maybe B
8A	4-12 (Z)	Freshmen, N/A
8B	11-5 (C)	Freshmen, N/A

\*Request does not guarantee placement

🏆 Levels in order of competitiveness

🏆 A, Z, Y, B, C

- 🏆 Customize Chapman workouts for the grade level, and create options that don't conflict with allotted practice times
- 🏆 As a program, we need skill development across all teams
- 🏆 Practice intensity and competitiveness could increase
- 🏆 Players missing practice on certain teams makes it hard to run a quality session
  - 🏆 Ski club, other teams, etc.
- 🏆 Players prioritizing Sunday games with other teams over Jr. Dukes at times created difficulty in fielding a team
- 🏆 Prior to extending offers at the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade A levels, gain commitment to prioritize Jr. Dukes basketball in-season
- 🏆 In general, larger teams okay at younger level and/or at B team level; at older grades and for A teams, smaller rosters are better. Consider rotating who attends if 12 players are on a roster
- 🏆 Start younger to close the skill gap (e.g. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teams)



# 2020-2021 Coaches

Level	Coach
4A	Parent, pending tryouts
4B	Parent, pending tryouts
5A	Parent, pending tryouts (lead identified)
5B	Parent, pending tryouts
6A	Parent, pending tryouts (lead identified)
6B	Parent, pending tryouts (lead identified)
7A	Jordan Milkie (non-parent)
7B	TBD
8A	Jim Seewald (non-parent)
8B	Ellie Markwardt-White (non-parent)

-  At the older grades, we often use paid coaches
-  At the younger grades, we rely on parent coaches
  -  If you are interested in coaching, please email me at [cmiskel@gmail.com](mailto:cmiskel@gmail.com) for more detail



# 2020-2021 Tryout Process

- 🏀 We have partnered with the Elite Sports Club in Glendale to run tryouts; please be sure to complete all waivers
- 🏀 4<sup>th</sup> grade tryouts are set for Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, from 6-9pm
  - 🏀 Exact times will be assigned this weekend once sign-ups close
- 🏀 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade tryout dates are a moving target given the WYBL is now targeting an early to mid-November league start date (late-breaker)
  - 🏀 We will follow-up with any changes/exact details shortly (likely to be earlier)
- 🏀 Teams may not be selected until at least two weeks after tryouts; this accommodates players that may be quarantined during their assigned time
- 🏀 Elite is following the mask mandate, which means players will be required to tryout in a mask unless a medical condition precludes it
- 🏀 Tryouts are closed to everyone except players and evaluators; players are required to bring a \$10 tryout fee
- 🏀 At the conclusion of last season, coaches were asked to provide feedback on players. Evaluators will have access to those summaries as a tie-breaker in the event they were provided (we have 3 of 8 for returning teams)

# What to Expect this Season



- ❖ The need for flexibility and grace, as everyone is doing the best they can and in many cases there is no clarity. Decision-making is occurring rapidly in real-time
- ❖ We will follow facility rules as we take our teams to various locations to practice and play. That means you will need to be comfortable with your son needing to wear a mask in some cases, and not wearing one in games in other situations
- ❖ We will follow the WIAA decisions, which could come shortly before the high school season
- ❖ We have not secured gym space for practice at this point. We are hopeful that if a season occurs, our own WFB facilities will open for us, but there is no guarantee
- ❖ The WYBL may not grant us a slot for each of our 10 teams
- ❖ Teams may need to travel further in order to play in leagues and tournaments
- ❖ Virtual training options are a possibility to keep skill levels sharp
- ❖ Uniforms will stay the same for 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade; for new players in those grades, we are asking former Jr. Dukes if they would be willing to part with their jerseys
- ❖ Our fees last year were \$350. Uniforms are an additional cost if needed. The fee will be finalized once we understand registration numbers and facility costs. Our intent is not increase fees

**Let's Go Jr. Dukes!!!**

**Questions???**



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