

****2008-09 BPAA ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL SEASON OVERVIEW ****

The Cities of Brooklyn Park & Brooklyn Center form the Brooklyn Park Basketball Program, offering House League Basketball for elementary boys & girls in grades 2-5.

The program emphasizes fun and equal participation for all players. Teams are comprised of 7-9 players engaging in practices, skills events, games and the season-end tournament. Registration occurs in September and the program runs from November-March.

Registration Dates:

- Thursday, Sept. 11, 2008** - Brooklyn Park Comm. Ctr. - 5600 85th Ave. - 7-9 PM
- Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008** - Zanewood Comm. Ctr. - 7200 Zane Ave. N - 7-9 PM
- Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008** - Brooklyn Park Comm. Ctr. - 5600 85th Ave. - 7-9 PM

Registration Fees and Volunteer Hours:

- Grades 2-5** (Elementary House League) \$85.00 + 3-5 volunteer hours

Registration Process:

- There are many ways to register for the program:
 1. In-person during open-house registration.
 2. Online at www.bpaasports.org.
 3. Mail your registration and payment to: BPAA Basketball, P.O.BOX 43176, Brooklyn Park, MN, 55443

Teams Assigned – Elementary Schools:

- Coaches and teams will be assigned during the month of October. Players are assigned by school and grade to form teams. Requests for certain coaches and/or players may not be guaranteed.

Practices and Games – Elementary Schools:

- **Practices:** Practices will start the week of November 3rd. Practices are held on weekdays, usually for one hour between 6:00-9:00 p.m. Players will be notified by their coach when and where practices will be held.
- **Games:** Games will start on Friday, December 5th 2008. The majority of games will be played on Friday evenings. Coaches will distribute the team jersey and game schedule listing the dates, times and locations. 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade divisions play in an instructional league during the first part of the season, followed by regular league games. 5th grade division plays a twelve game schedule. Games run for one hour between the hours of 6:00-9:30 p.m.

Year-end Tournament – Elementary Schools:

- The season-end tournament will run from 6:00-10:00 p.m. on Friday March 20th, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. -10:00 pm. on Saturday, March 21st and potentially from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 22nd, 2009.

Important Considerations:

Out of Area Fee: \$25.00 non-resident fee is required for those not attending school or living in Brooklyn Park or Brooklyn Center.

Financial assistance: Will be available on a limited basis only at the start of the season. To apply, you *must* register in person and provide a picture ID and most recent W2 form and pay ½ or more of the registration fee at sign up.

Late registrations: Will be accepted for an additional \$10.00 fee. Players will be placed on teams with openings and will need to attend 2 practices prior to participating in games.

Refunds: Will only be issued prior to the start of games. A \$25.00 processing fee will be deducted from the original fee amount for each player removed from the program. Refunds will be processed in late November. No exceptions.

Playing Up: This option is not allowed in the BAB/BPAA program.

Questions:

For more information about the program, coaching or volunteering opportunities please refer to the online website at www.bpaasports.org or contact **Jerry Gamber** at 763-493-3930.