

## **\*\* 2008-09 BPAA/BAB Jr. High BASKETBALL SEASON OVERVIEW \*\***

The House League Basketball for Jr. High is for boys & girls in grades 6-8. The program emphasizes fun and equal participation for all players in developing athletic skills and sportsmanship. Teams are comprised of 8-10 players engaging in practices, games and multiple tournaments. Registration occurs in September and the program runs from November-March.

### **Registration Dates:**

- Thursday, Sept. 11, 2008** - Brooklyn Park Comm. Ctr. - 5600 85<sup>th</sup> 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 85<sup>th</sup> Ave. - 7-9 PM

### **Registration Fees and Volunteer Hours:**

- Grades 6-8** (Jr. High League) \$120.00 + \$35.00 uniform deposit + 3-5 volunteer hours

### **Registration Process:**

- There are many ways to register for the program:  
In-person during open house registration, online at [www.bpaasports.org](http://www.bpaasports.org), or by mailing your registration form (located online) and payment to: BPAA Basketball P.O.BOX 43176, Brooklyn Park, MN, 55443

### **Teams Assigned – Jr. High:**

- Tryouts for the Jr. High program will be held the week of October 13<sup>th</sup> in which coaches and teams will be confirmed by the end of October. Teams are constructed through a draft pick process so requests for certain coaches and/or players to be on the same team will not be honored.

### **Practices and Games – Jr. High:**

- **Practices:** Practices will start on Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Practices are held on weekdays usually for one or two hours between 6:00-10:00 p.m. Players will be notified by their coach when and where practices will be held.
- **Games:** Games will start December 6<sup>th</sup> 2008 and will occur weekly ending in early March. As the Jr. high program is part of the Northwest Suburban Basketball League, games will be played against other teams from Brooklyn Park/Brooklyn Center as well as Osseo/Maple Grove, Champlin/Dayton, Fridley and Anoka/Ramsey, typically on Saturdays.

### **Tournaments – Jr. High:**

- Aside from the regular season games, the Junior High program engages in three tournaments throughout the season:
  1. The Brooklyn Area Tournament in mid-December (December 12-14 2008)
  2. The Osseo/Maple Grove Tournament in mid-February (President's Weekend)
  3. The Season-End Tournament in early March (March 13-15<sup>th</sup> 2009)

### **Uniforms – Jr. High:**

Jersey and shorts are provided to each player. The teams utilizing the second-year uniform are allowed to keep their uniform at the end of the season. A deposit of \$35.00 is required for those teams that get new uniforms for the year. Checks are held until the end of the season and returned if the jersey and shorts are returned in good condition.

### **Important Considerations:**

**Out of Area Fee:** \$25.00 non-resident fee to be applied 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 the team next in line to receive a player. Prior to participating in games, new players must attend at least two practices.

**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.

### **Questions:**

For more information about the program, coaching or volunteering opportunities, please refer to the online website at [www.bpaasports.org](http://www.bpaasports.org) or contact Patti Littrell @ [PJLITT@AOL.COM](mailto:PJLITT@AOL.COM) / 763-561-0915 or Courtney Cassem @ [ccassem74@gmail.com](mailto:ccassem74@gmail.com) / 763-493-4573.