



Upcoming Hudson Kiwanis Basketball Season:

Kiwanis Travel Basketball Mission Statement: *Serving the youth of Hudson by promoting character development, self-esteem, and perseverance in addition to teaching the fundamentals of competitive basketball in league and tournament play while having fun.*

Plans for Hudson Kiwanis Travel Basketball:

- All coaches who applied to be a head or assistant coach will be interviewed as a potential coaching candidate for the upcoming season by an evaluation panel assembled by Hudson Kiwanis starting the end of September. Coaches will be advised of their selection on Friday, October 21st for both the boys and the girls.
- There is a mandatory coaches' clinic required for all coaches, led by Coach Lawler and Coach Brink on Saturday, October 29 at the Hudson High School Gym.
- Each player is required to register for Hudson Kiwanis basketball through the HCER office prior to the travel evaluations. ***There will be no registration or checks accepted the night of try outs.***
- Tryouts will be held the week of October 17 for both the boys' and girls' programs. Players are required to attend both nights to be considered for a team. Please refer to the HCER catalog or website for dates and times.
- For the boy's and girl's programs: players, teams, and coaches will be announced on the Hudson Kiwanis website <https://hudsonkiwanis.website.siplay.com/> on Friday, October 21 by 5pm.
- There is mandatory parent's meeting on Monday, October 24 at 7pm at the Hudson High School commons if your player is selected to a travel team.
- The target start date is week of October 31 for the first practices. Days, times, and locations can vary due to the scheduling requirements of multiple Hudson events requiring gym space. Our goal is remain as consistent as possible with each team's practices.
- There will be an additional travel basketball fee of \$200 over and above the HCER registration fee. This fee will be collected after your player makes a travel team.
- The boy's program will have an "A" and "B" team for 4th through 6th grade and one "A" team for the third grade. We will join the Greater Cleveland Basketball League based out of Strongsville. <http://www.gcbleague.com>. Games are on Sundays starting December 4 and running through January 29. A league tournament is February 4 & 5. Please be advised games can be throughout NE Ohio including gyms in Strongsville, Independence, Lodi, Hudson, and Avon.
- After the regular season, both "A" and "B" teams will play in 3-4 community-based tournaments that take place each weekend through the end of February.
- The girl's program will have an "A" team only. Grades 3 and 4 will have a combined team and 5th and 6th will each have their own team. We will join the Midwest Travel Basketball league in Kenston and all games will be played on their campus. <http://mwtbl.com> Games will begin the week of Nov. 19th and play through Jan. 29th.
- After the regular season, teams will play in 3-4 community based tournaments that take place each weekend through the beginning of March ending with the Hudson Hoops Classic Mar. 11-12.
- It is expected that all boys and girls selected to a travel team make participation a priority over other sports and events. Consistent absences can result in decreased playing time and ultimately removal from the team.
- There will be active support and direction from Coach Brink and Lawler and the Hudson High School staffs with the travel basketball program. Coaches' clinics, player clinics, and other fun opportunities are planned this season.
- There will be various fundraisers and service learning requirements during the season for both players and parents to have fun and raise awareness of those less fortunate. PASS=Perseverance, Attitude, Sportsmanship, Service.
- One of the biggest fundraisers for Kiwanis is the Hudson Hoops Classic. Money generated from this fundraiser will be given back to our community through the Kiwanis organization. Parents will be asked to volunteer for two hours during their player's tournament weekend to help make this a great weekend for all.