

Welcome to Highview Youth Sports Basketball. We are sure you and your children will enjoy it our program. Please read all the information below. If you have any questions please feel free to contact a league official.

SIGNUPS & FEES: Signups fees are \$90 for the first player, but only \$80 for any additional players signed up. If you are signing up more than 3 players in the same family, please speak to one of our league officials and something will be worked out. We realize that everyone struggles in today's financial world. If you cannot pay the entire amount at signups, speak to a league official and they will try to work out some sort of payment plan. If you do this, PLEASE be sure that you honor that payment arrangement. Discounts for multiple players are offered but only to players living in the same household. At least 50% of sign up fees are required to hold a spot for your player, and is ***non-refundable***. All fees **must be paid** by the time that you attend the skills evaluations on Oct. 26th. There is a \$15 service charge on any returned checks. **THERE ARE NO REFUNDS AFTER YOUR PLAYER IS SELECTED TO A TEAM.**

Your league signup fees will cover a 10 game regular season schedule, a single elimination tournament at the end of the season (4-5-6 yr olds excluded), insurance, and a full basketball uniform consisting of a reversible jersey and shorts to keep at the end of the season. These are the only fees that you are required to pay for basketball. Coaches MAY acquire more gym time for practice and ask for all the players to contribute to offset that cost.

SKILLS EVALUATIONS: Our age groups do not normally change, but could, depending on the amount of signups. They are as follows

- 4-5-6 Pee Wee Division
- 7-8 Clinic Division
- 9-10 Junior Division
- 11-12 Major Division
- 13-14-15 Prep Division
- 16-17-18 Senior Division

ALL players that sign up are assigned/drafted to a team. However, in an effort to make the most balanced league possible, each player, ages 7 and up are **REQUIRED** to attend a brief skills evaluation to show their talents to the coaches. The coaches grade each player, and then draft them accordingly. Players play at the age they will be as of 12/31/19, and the correct age will be listed on your receipt. After players have completed their skills evaluation, they may leave and will be contacted by a coach. Team drafts will begin on Sunday, Oct. 27th and each coach is requested to contact their players within 48 hours of the draft.

SKILLS EVALUATIONS SATURDAY , OCTOBER 26TH

ALL PLAYERS ARE SELECTED TO A TEAM, NO ONE IS CUT.

ALL SKILLS EVALUATIONS ARE HELD AT

SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL 8620 PRESTON HWY.

4-5-6 YR OLDS –NO SKILLS EVALUATIONS—BLIND DRAFT-YOU WILL BE CONTACTED BY 10/31

7 YR OLDS 9:00 a.m. SMALL GYM

8 YR OLDS 10:00 a.m. SMALL GYM

9 YR OLDS 9:00 LARGE GYM

10 YR OLDS 10:00 LARGE GYM

11 & 12 YR OLDS 11:00 a.m. SMALL GYM

13-14-15 YR OLDS 11:00 a.m. LARGE GYM

16-17-18 YR OLDS WILL BE CONTACTED AFTER HIGH SCHOOL TRYOUTS AND CUTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

DRAFTING/SELECTION OF TEAMS: Each team is picked/drafted by each coach in a systematic format. All coaches are present at the skills evaluations where they grade each player based on the player's skills & capabilities. Each coach has their own set of categories and system that they grade the players on. The coaches then attend a draft and they pick each player for their team. Draft order is drawn out of a hat by each coach. Selection of team names and colors is done in the reverse order of the player drafts. For example, if a coach gets the first pick in the draft, his team will be the last to pick their name and colors. The coaches are allowed two coaches picks, which is usually their son, a nephew, stepson, grandson, or a relative of some sort. The coach's picks are put into the draft usually in the 3rd & 4th rounds depending on the ages. The coaches are allowed to pick any player, whenever they want in the draft, but, each team is balanced with the same amount of each age group, and we attempt to have the same amount of players on each team. If any team has less than the other teams, late signups are added to a team via a blind draw. At the end of the draft, if coaches are agreeable, they may trade players, but the trade must be of the same age, and **MUST** be done before leaving the draft. No players are moved to other teams after the drafts are completed.

TEAMS: Teams will consist of an equal amount of players on each team. It is our goal to have 10 per team, but the amount of players that are on each team depends solely on the amount of signups. If a player drops, they will be replaced, if there is a player available, otherwise the team will play with what they have. Each team can have up to 3 board approved coaches; however, only two may be on the bench during the games, and are allowed only two coach's picks.

UNIFORMS: Each player will be given a full basketball uniform to keep. No player will be allowed to play out of uniform; they **MUST** wear this season's uniform provided by the league. If a player wants to wear a t-shirt underneath the jersey, it must be a full white t-shirt, no cut off's or tank top tee's. HYS recommends for safety that all players play in hi-top tennis shoes, so as to cut down on ankle injuries. Distribution of the uniforms are usually the week prior to the games beginning, however, we do our best to get them out as soon as possible.

PRACTICES: Practice will begin the week of Monday 10/28. Each team is allocated at least one hour of practice per week. Practices are Monday thru Friday any time 6:00-9:00, however, the 4-5-6 yr old division may have practices on Sundays, and those would not start until 1:00. It is our intention for each team to keep the same practice time each week. We try to get a monthly schedule to your coach at least two weeks in advance, but this is dependent on gym availability and timely communications from the schools. Practices could be at, but not limited to Thomas Jefferson Middle School, Moore & Southern High Schools, Calvalry Apostolic Church, or Farmdale Church. There are several dates that schools are closed and we will not be able to use the gyms, however, your coach will be notified as soon as possible for any such cancellations. When school is closed, or let out early for inclement weather, there will be no practices and your coach will be informed as soon as possible, as well as it will be posted on our website and Facebook as soon as we can get it posted. Please have your child bring a water jug with them to practice each night, however, ample water is provided at the games and no personal drinks are allowed on the bench. If any more practice spots become available they will be offered to your coach, and your coach also could find more gym time on their own. If they do find another gym and there is a charge, the coach MAY ask for help to cover this expense. It is ***imperative*** that your player makes all the practices if possible. If you must miss a practice, PLEASE notify your coach. Players who miss practice without a reasonable excuse may forfeit their eligibility for the next game, this is a coach's discretion and a league official must be informed prior to that game. **We cannot guarantee your child will/will not get any particular night of practice.**

GAMES: Games will be on Saturdays **OR** Sundays, depending on the amount of signups. Sunday games will not begin until after 1:00 to allow for church. Games will begin Saturday, Dec. 7th, HYS reserves the right to reschedule and/or cancel any game due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances. This includes moving games to Sundays. Your coaches will be notified of any cancellations/rescheduling as soon as he can be reached. Each team will play a 10 game regular season schedule and a single elimination tournament at the end of the season. Since no score is kept in the 4-5-6 yr old division, there will be no tournament at the end of the season. There is a \$4 gate admission to each game, under 18 free. Anything brought into the building is subject to being searched at any time. **No drinks are allowed on the benches, water is supplied for the players. Violation of this rule could result in a technical foul for your team.**

PLAYING TIME: Players age 4 to 10 will be guaranteed to play ½ of each game, 1 full quarter in each half. All other divisions, players are guaranteed only 1 quarter per game in the 1st half. This rule is to show the older players the importance of trying hard, and being rewarded for it, discipline, and respect for their coaches, and any other adult that may influence their adolescence.

SCHOOLS: NO SMOKING ON ANY school property. No one is permitted in the school's hallways or any other area other than the gyms that we are using. Parents must keep an eye on your children at all times. No basketballs, pets, coolers, glass containers, or food/drink will be allowed to be brought into the building during games. Anyone sneaking food in will be asked to leave the premises immediately. Our concession stand is always open, provides ample food and drink for everyone, and is a vital source of income for our league. Please do your fair share in keeping the building clean by throwing away your trash.

PARKING: Parking is a major problem each season. The Jefferson County School Board & local Fire Dept. are constantly inspecting the parking situation. If you park where you are not supposed to, first there will be a large orange sticker put on your windshield of your car, and it is very difficult to remove. Your license plate will be logged and the second offense will result in your car being towed immediately at your expense. Please pay attention to the fire lanes as well. Fines for parking in those areas start at \$450, by the Fire Marshall.

END OF SEASON ACTIVITIES & FUNDRAISER: At the end of each season, we have a banquet/party for the entire league. We couple this event with our In-House All Star games and trophy presentations for the league winners. As it gets close to the end of the season, information will be given to your coach to distribute to you.

SI PLAY: We started using the SI Play (Sports Illustrated Play), for on-line signups, as well as communications with all players/coaches/families. This have proven to be a great tool for communications. Please download the SI Play app to your phone, and coaches and the league will be able to get it touch with you with any information that is needed to get out to you, as well as your league schedule. Be sure when signing up that you provide an valid email address that you check/see on a regular basis.

Highview is on **FACEBOOK** as well. We put a lot of information there as well. Request to be our friend so this information is available to you at all times.

MISCELLANEOUS: All players, coaches, and fans are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful, adult manner. No vulgar language, yelling at the officials or any other unsportsmanlike actions will be tolerated. If you are ejected from a game, you must leave the building, and consideration for return for the next game will be determined by league officials. Highview Youth Sports is operated and ran by volunteers who volunteer their time, so your children will have a place to play youth basketball, baseball, football and cheerleading. We feel as Highview is the best league around, and are confident that after playing at Highview, you will feel the same as well. However, we are always looking for suggestions to make it better, and looking for good volunteers as well. If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer in some fashion, feel free to locate a league official to do so. Or you can reach us at www.highviewyouthsports.com; we are on Facebook as well. Our numbers are 964-8616 or 299-3380.