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Hi everyone!

We just sent this email update out to our list of volunteer coaches from last year and those signed up so far for this year. We want to send the full update to all the TTCC basketball families so everyone is in the loop! Sorry for the length of the email but we wanted to try and cover as much important info as possible...

As we wind down the fall sports season, we're looking ahead to the upcoming youth basketball season. We want to get preseason basketball started ASAP (next week) and have plans for 3/4 girls and 5/6 boys so far. We'd love to offer preseason opportunities for other levels as well if we have coaches willing to lead them.

We've had some discussions with a few volunteer coaches about the plans for this year. We're also working through some different factors that may impact TTCC teams this season, particularly with the middle school now offering additional basketball levels. We wanted to share where things stand, what we're planning, and what some of the possibilities look like.

First, please get your child registered so we have a better idea of numbers! Registration numbers help us determine how many teams we can offer at each level and what those teams might look like. Basketball Registration & Program Information

We're also looking for volunteer coaches! If you're interested in helping this season, please reach out to Dan or Connor or complete our volunteer coach sign-up form here.

Here's where things stand at each level:

Lil' Hoops (Ages 3–5)

- January 9–February 13
- Saturday mornings at the TTCC
- Two sessions: 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM
- Gina and Teen Council run this program with help from parent volunteers.
- Introduction to basketball, basic skills and drills using stations.

Kindergarten Basketball

- January 9–February 13
- Saturday mornings at 11:00 AM at the TTCC.
- We'll look to recruit a few parent volunteer coaches for this level and use a team format with more introductory gameplay to help prepare players for the 1/2 league.

1/2 Coed Division

- Assessments: November 21 at 8:30 AM at BHVS.
- Games are Saturday mornings at BES from December 5–February 13.

- We may also offer an optional weekday skills night at BES if we have coaches available to lead it.
- We had 6 teams at this level last year! We currently have 19 players registered.
- We already have a few volunteers who have officially signed up to coach (thank you!) and a few others who have expressed interest. We appreciate everyone willing to help!
- Coaches currently signed up/interested: Tiela Merwin, Jeremy Carlin, Bo Sargent, Alex Segundo, Chris Woolsey and Ryan Maynard.

3/4 Girls

- We may have some changes here this year. We're looking at joining the Merrimack Basketball League (MBL). Over the past few seasons, we've had a hard time finding enough local teams to play at this level. Joining MBL would help guarantee a game every Saturday throughout the season!
- MBL starts earlier than our normal TTCC basketball season, so we need to determine if there's enough interest and make sure families are on board with the change.
- Coach Nate Saler will run a few preseason sessions at BHVS starting next week and discuss the plan with parents and players.
- We also have Matt Gilson, Jessica and Apiwat Thongparn, and Manni Lyman interested in helping coach.
- If we join MBL, the schedule would likely include one or two weekday practices and Saturday games. If we don't join the league, the schedule would depend on local team availability.
- We had 1 team at this level last year and currently have 8 girls registered.
- **Preseason: Tuesdays beginning November 3, 5:30–6:45 PM at BHVS.**
    - **All 3/4 girls interested in playing this year are encouraged to attend!**

3/4 Boys

- We could also look at MBL for 3/4 boys if there's enough interest, but this isn't something we necessarily need to do since we typically have more local teams available to play at this level.
- If we stick with our usual format, player assessments will be November 21 at 9:45 AM at BHVS.
- First practices would begin December 5.
- This level typically practices once during the week, with a game during the week and either a game or practice on Saturdays. December is generally focused on practices, with games beginning in January and running through February.
- The regular season would run through February 13, with a potential all-star/tournament team opportunity if there's interest and coach availability. There are several tournaments we can enter after the regular season, typically over February vacation, and we've also hosted one in March the past few years.
- Last year we had 3 teams at this level and currently have 8 boys registered.
- We have one coach interested in leading this level so far: TJ Taverna.
- No preseason plans yet, but we're happy to set something up if a coach is interested in leading it!

5/6 Girls

- This is where things get a little tricky. The middle school is now offering basketball at this level, and we don't yet know exactly how that will impact TTCC.
- We can offer a recreational team for girls who don't make the middle school team or don't want to play school basketball. We could also enter MBL with this team, have an MBL team made up of girls who are also playing school basketball and want additional playing opportunities, or some combination of both depending on interest.
- We've also had a hard time finding other teams to play at this level over the past few years, similar to 3/4 girls. If we have enough interest, joining MBL may make sense here as well.
- We had 1 team last year, but currently have **no players registered and no coaches signed up**.

5/6 Boys

- The middle school will also have a team at this level. It's hard to know how many kids may not make the school team and want to play TTCC basketball.
- We plan to offer recreational teams for kids who aren't playing school basketball and at least one MBL team. The MBL team would likely include kids playing school basketball but may include others depending on player and coach interest.
- We also hope to offer all-star/tournament team opportunities on weekends and after the regular season.
- **Preseason: November 4 and 6, November 11 and 13, and November 16, all from 5:00–6:30 PM at BHVS.**
    - **These sessions are open to all 5/6 boys, and we're especially asking anyone interested in playing MBL to attend.** Depending on interest and coaching availability, we may offer two MBL teams again this year, as we did last year.
- We know Kris Bean wants to coach an MBL team, and Matt Cole has also expressed interest in helping coach. Other than that, we don't currently have any additional coaches signed up for this level. We have 8 players currently registered.

7/8 Boys

- For the past several years, we've had a 7/8 recreational team that has entered MBL. This team has included kids who aren't on the school team as well as kids who are.
- With the middle school now offering 5/6 and 7/8 teams (rather than the A/B or 7/8 and 6/7 combinations they've had in the past), this may impact the number of kids interested in playing for TTCC.
- If we have enough players and coaches, we'd love to offer multiple teams.
- We currently have 4 players registered, and Garrett King is interested in coaching this level again this year.
- We also hope to enter tournaments after the regular season, as we did last year, to provide additional playing opportunities.

7/8 Girls

- We haven't had a regular-season girls team at this level in the past. However, with the restructuring of middle school basketball, we could see some interest this year.

- If we have enough players and a coach, we could certainly form a team and enter MBL.
- Even if we don't have a regular-season team, if the middle school team wants to enter tournaments after the school season, we can help facilitate that.

High School

- It's been several years since we've had enough players to offer high school recreational basketball. This has typically been a boys team but if we've had girls interested they would have the option of playing as well.
- We'd love to have a team if there's interest! We just need enough players and a coach to make it happen. We have 3 players currently signed up.
- MBL also has a high school division.

A few important things:

- Please register your child as soon as possible, even if some of the plans are still being finalized.
- Attend the preseason sessions if they're offered for your child's age group.
- If you're interested in coaching, please let us know! The number of teams we can offer depends heavily on having enough volunteer coaches.

We want to provide as many opportunities as possible for kids in our community to play basketball, and your early registration and volunteer support really help us make that happen.

Please reach out to Dan or Connor with any questions. We'll keep everyone posted as plans develop!

Thanks,
The TTCC Team