

Holt Athletic Association

2007/2008 Basketball Season

Welcome Parents

Welcome to the Holt Athletic Association (HAA) basketball program. We hope that this season will be an enjoyable one for you and your child/children.

Regular season starts on Wednesday, January 2, 2008. All teams will play 10 games during the season, usually playing one or two games per week. Games will be played Monday through Saturday as needed and will be played in the Holt Athletic Association Gym (HAA Gym) located next to Eno Valley Elementary School, as well as the Carrington Middle School Gym when necessary. There will also be an end of season tournament in which all teams will participate.

Coaching

Coaches are needed for all age groups so please sign up to coach a team. If you can't be a head coach, please consider being an assistant coach once your child is drafted. Coaching is a rewarding and memorable experience for both you and the children. If we don't have enough volunteers sign up to coach in an age group, then HAA board members will draft the teams. The Commissioner will meet with the parents of those teams to work out the coaching arrangements. Remember, Holt Athletic Association is an all volunteer organization that relies on parent support and we appreciate any and all help that you can give.

Carpool Requests

Carpool requests will only be accepted for medical or hardship reasons and must be submitted to the Commissioner, in writing, absolutely no later than two days prior to the draft (see back for draft date). The Commissioner will present the request to the Board for review. Each request will be taken into consideration on an individual basis and will be handled with strict confidentiality. The Commissioner will contact the requesting family with the final decision prior to the draft.

Evaluations

The purpose of the evaluation process is to assist the coaches in drafting teams that will have an equal distribution of talent. Evaluations are held in the HAA Gym (see below for dates and times) and **ALL** players must be evaluated. The age group that a child will be playing in is determined by that child's age on October 15, 2007. If your child cannot be at their scheduled evaluation date and time, please contact the Commissioner to reschedule.

Coaches are highly encouraged to participate in the evaluation process. This is your opportunity to become familiar with the players prior to the draft.

Monday	November 5 th	6:15pm	5-6 Co-ed	Court 2
Monday	November 5 th	6:45pm	7-8 Boys	Court 1
Monday	November 5 th	7:15pm	9-10 Boys	Court 2
Monday	November 5 th	7:45pm	13-14 Boys	Court 1
Monday	November 5 th	8:15pm	15-18 Boys	Court 2
Tuesday	November 6 th	6:15pm	7-9 Girls	Court 1
Tuesday	November 6 th	6:45pm	11-12 Boys	Court 2
Tuesday	November 6 th	7:15pm	10-12 Girls	Court 1
Tuesday	November 6 th	7:45pm	13-18 Girls	Court 2

Important Notice: Any player that does not participate in the evaluation process that has not made other arrangements with the Commissioner **will not** be part of the draft process for their age group on draft day. (This does not apply to players returning to the same team as last year in their age group.) These player's cards will be put to the side until all evaluated players have been drafted. Once all evaluated players have been drafted in that age group, the unevaluated player cards will be shuffled and dealt face down to the coaches based on their draft order. **Please have your child evaluated!**

Draft

The draft will be held on Sunday, November 11th at the HAA Gym. Coaches will contact their players about practice times during the week following the draft. Please call the Commissioner after Friday, November 23rd if you have not heard from your coach.

Teams

Coaches and/or parents are not allowed to move players among the teams after the draft for any reason. Only the Commissioner may do this under special circumstances, and with the knowledge of the coaches whose teams are involved.

Please be sure to follow the procedures for carpool requests as mentioned earlier. No refunds will be given once the teams have been drafted.

Preseason Practice

Preseason practices will start on Monday, November 26th and end on Saturday, December 15th. All teams will practice twice a week for an hour. The HAA Gym will be closed from Sunday, December 16th to Sunday, January 1, 2008 for maintenance.

Game Cancellations

Game cancellations due to inclement weather or any other reasons can only be decided by the Commissioner and the HAA Board. We will do our best to make a decision before 3:00pm so our website can be updated and the coaches notified in time to contact their teams. Any announcements of game cancellations will be posted on our website at <http://www.holtsports.org> sometime between 3:00 PM and 3:30 PM that day. If you have not heard from your coach about game cancellations, feel free to visit the website or call your coach directly.

Child Pickup

All basketball games played Monday through Friday end at 9:00pm. Saturday games have, in the past, ended at 1:00pm but that will be determined by the number of teams we have this year. Please pick up your child, or make arrangements to have your child picked up, at the appropriate time.

HAA Parents

Please remember that we are all here for the benefit of the children. HAA really wants your child to have a fun filled season and all of us at Holt Athletic Association will do our best to make that happen. As parents, there are some things that you can do to help fulfill this goal. They are:

1. Organize a post-game drink and snack schedule.
2. Get children to practices and games on time.
3. Keep siblings under control during practices and games.
4. Bring only HAA registered players to practices.
5. Practice with your child at home.
6. Let the coach do the coaching. Parents are in the stands to cheer and support their children, not coach.
7. **Always** set a good example of sportsmanship for the children. Please don't yell at the children, coaches, referees, or other parents.

Final Comments

Please remember that HAA is an all volunteer organization made up of people just like you. As such, we will make mistakes from time-to-time, but we will always do our best to correct them. If there are any issues that you feel need to be addressed, please feel free to bring them to my attention, or to the attention of any member of the board, at any time. All we ask is that you do this in a non-confrontational manner. Each night during the regular season there will be at least one board member present in the gym overseeing that night's games. Feel free to approach them at any time.

Thank you.

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