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## **Etowah Youth Basketball** **Winter 2010-11** **WELCOME LETTER**

### **SKILL EVALUATIONS SCHEDULE:**

Please review the schedule carefully and make sure your player attends the scheduled date/time for their division.

**ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY!!**  
**SPECIFIC TEAM/PLAYER/COACH REQUESTS WILL NOT BE**  
**CONSIDERED IF PLAYER DOES NOT ATTEND.**

**\*\*Requests are NEVER guaranteed\*\***  
**THERE ARE NO MAKEUP EVALUATIONS.**  
**(NON-COMPETITIVE DIVISIONS DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND)**

**Player must check in to be evaluated. Players who arrive**  
**late to check in may need to wait until the next scheduled**  
**evaluation time.**

### **Etowah City School Gym**

#### **Instructional League 4 year olds – 6 year olds**

No Evaluation Needed

#### **Junior Varsity League 7 year olds – 9 year olds**

6:00pm – 7:30pm Tuesday October 26

#### **Varsity League 10, 11, 12, and 13 year olds**

6:00pm – 7:30pm Thursday October 28

~ Please be prepared to stay the entire scheduled evaluation time.  
~ Be sure your player is wearing comfortable basketball attire and basketball shoes.

~ Instructional division plays with a 27.5" basketball

~ Junior Varsity Division

-Boys play with a 28.5" basketball

-Girls play with a 28.5" basketball

~Varsity Division

-Boys play with a 29.5" basketball

-Girls play with a 28.5" basketball

### **OTHER IMPORTANT LEAGUE DATES:**

Skill Evaluation:	October 26 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>
No Games Scheduled:	Dec 25 <sup>th</sup> or Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>
Rosters posted online:	Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> *
Contacted by a coach:	Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>
<b><i>(It's possible you may not be contacted by above date, if a volunteer coach is still needed)</i></b>	
Week practice begins:	Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>
Game Schedule posted online:	Nov 22 <sup>nd</sup> *
Uniform Handout:	Week of Nov 29 <sup>th</sup> <i>Coaches will have uniforms at your practice</i>
Picture Packets Received:	Jan 15 <sup>th</sup>
League Picture Day:	Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Recreational T.O.C.:	Feb 27 <sup>th</sup> through Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>

**\*Rosters and Schedules will be posted online no later than on the night(s) of the date above.**

Thank you for registering for Etowah's 2010/11 Season! Below you will find a brief explanation of the dates listed under schedule & league dates. Please read through this entire letter as confusion during the season can be prevented by simply reading the entire welcome letter. Also please be sure to read the parent's responsibilities listed.

**Season Dates:** Our Season will include 9 guaranteed games which will be played on Saturday's. All games will be played at the city school gym.

**Skill Evaluations:** This is where our staff and coaches evaluate our registered players for placement on teams. Etowah Parks & Recreation would like to make sure all teams are formed as equal and competitive as possible therefore **ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY** for all players registered new or returning!! **Specific team/player/coach requests WILL NOT be considered if player does not attend Skill Evaluations \*\*requests are NEVER guaranteed\*\*.** If your player is unable to attend due to certain extreme circumstances please call our office ASAP **before** their scheduled Skill Evaluation to advise. There are no make up evaluations.

**Rosters:** Team rosters will be posted on our website no later than on the night of the date listed above. Please visit our website at [www.cityofetowah.tn.com/recreation](http://www.cityofetowah.tn.com/recreation). If for any reason you are unable to locate your child's name, please contact us. Any registrations received after October 31<sup>st</sup> 2009 may not be posted online. You will be contacted by your coach.

**Schedules:** First game schedule will be posted on our website no later than on the night of the date listed. Schedules will be posted under team name chosen by your coach or the coach's last name. Schedule changes can occur throughout the season. Please check our website periodically. Game times will vary from 8am – 8pm. If you do not have web access to view schedules for changes, you can contact your coach or the Park & Recreation office. We will be happy to confirm game times with you. \*We will try our best to post the entire game schedule by date listed but will not guarantee. Full schedule will be posted no later than November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Contacted by your coach:** When contacted by your coach, please be sure to write down and save your coach's name and phone number. Also, be sure to ask him/her if they selected a team name. This will help when checking the website for your child's game schedule as it will be listed under either the coach's last name or your child's team name. Also, ask about practice (i.e. when, where and what time to meet). If you do not hear from your coach by the date listed, it's likely that a volunteer coach is still needed for your child's division. Our website will indicate if a volunteer coach is still needed for your child's division. We update our website immediately once a coach is found. If you are interested in volunteering to coach please call our office asap. If you've followed the above procedures and are still unsure as to why a coach has not contacted you, please contact us on Friday November 12th. Our offices will be open the entire day (9am-4pm) and we will have representatives available to take your call.

**Practice:** Team practices are a crucial part of your child's season. Practices will be one night a week in the evenings. They will be held at the school gym in Etowah. Day, time and location will depend on what the coach selects from the practice availability. \*Etowah Parks & Recreation provides one night of practice per week. Coaches are welcome to practice more and may begin practice sooner than the week listed above if they wish. Outdoor practices are welcome. If you are unable to attend a scheduled practice, please notify your coach. Your players' individual playing time may be affected if he/she does not attend practice. It is pertinent that you communicate with your coach if for any reason you are unable to attend. Please be sure to follow gym use etiquette. Utilization of indoor gym use is a privilege. Respecting school property will be strictly enforced. Misuse and or damage at school facilities resulting in gym cancellation, may result in game cancellation with a forfeit reflecting on your teams record. Games may not be replayed and no refunds will be given for cancelled games. Practices will be a set day and time. Time may vary anywhere from 6pm-9pm with last practices beginning as late as 8:00pm. (This applies to all grade levels pre-k through 8th) \*Practices may be cancelled and/or rescheduled due to last minute school district cancellations.

**Non-Competitive:** Includes Pre-k/Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> Grades. This division is strictly instructional. Games are played on Saturdays. Coaches are on the court with the kids along with a referee. Score will not be kept at the Instructional League Level.

**Uniform Handout:** Please mark your calendar with the date indicated to pick up your child's uniform, coaches will have uniforms at practice. Uniforms cannot be exchanged once worn, and can only be exchanged, if the size needed is available & no later than the second week of the season. **It is your responsibility to pick up your players uniform at the designated handout. Players will not be able to play in their scheduled game without an Etowah Park & Recreation uniform. It is imperative that you pick your players uniform up on the scheduled uniform handout date.**

**Picture Day:** Pictures are typically scheduled in the morning on Picture Day. Please be aware that your team picture time may not be close to your game time. Remember there is no make-up day for pictures so be sure to mark you calendar now! Packets will be handed out at the games on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Schedule and location will be announced at that time as well.

**Recreational Tournament of Champions:** Game times will be announced at the end of the regular season. Each team in the Junior Varsity and Varsity Leagues will compete in a single elimination tournament with other teams in their league to determine The RECREATIONAL T.O.C. CHAMPS!

\*There will be a slight entrance fee charged to all parents and spectators for both the T.O.C. and regular season games.

**Parents' responsibility:** Parents it is your responsibility to bring your child to and from their scheduled practices and games. It is also your responsibility to view your game schedule. You will need to communicate with your Childs coach if you are unable to attend any practices and or games. Assisting in building self confidence and good sportsmanship is an essential key to develop your player into an all around great basketball player.

### **Parents Code of Conduct**

I will enjoy my child's opportunity to experience the benefits of sport.

I will trust in my child's ability to have fun as well as to perform and achieve excellence on his/her own.

I will help my child to learn the right lessons from winning and losing and from individual accomplishments and mistakes.

I will respect my child's teammates and fellow parents as well as the players, parents and coaches from opposing teams.

I will give only encouragement and applaud only positive accomplishments whether for my child, his/her teammates, their opponents or the officials.

I will respect my child's coach and support his/her efforts.

I will not instruct from the sidelines unless asked to by the coach.

I will insure that my child will attend all games and practices possible and, when not possible, I agree to inform the coach in advance.

I will respect all facilities made available so my child can play games and practice his/her sport.

I will respect any equipment or uniform that may be loaned to my child so that he/she can participate.

I will respect the officials and their authority during games.

I will never demonstrate threatening or abusive behavior or use foul language when attending an Etowah Parks & Recreation sponsored event.

I will be responsible to report to Etowah Parks & Recreation any perceived misconduct by coach, player, parent or official so it can be dealt with in the appropriate manner.