

Hoops Club Families,

Since we're not able to hold an actual tip-off meeting, like we've done in years past, we will try to get out as much information as we can through other means. As we are all very well aware, this has already been a year unlike any other in recent memory. The upcoming basketball season will also be unlike any we've had, but we're confident we can all work together to make it a successful season. We are lucky enough to be a part of a school district that places so much value on safety in education to allow us to even have a season and hold practices at school. With the current state of COVID-19 in our state and across the country, we have to take every feasible precaution we can to still allow teams to practice together, but maintain safety procedures to the best of our ability.

We have placed the presentation that would ordinarily have been presented during the large tip-off meeting on the shioctonbasketball.com website. Please read through that and the information below, so you are aware of all of the processes and procedures that will make this a successful season. Since our primary mission is to, "Provide boys & girls 2nd-8th grade, attending Shiocton Schools, the opportunity to learn and develop basketball skills, team work, and sportsmanship.", we will do everything we can to make that happen safely.

Practices will start for most teams, the week of October 26th. Coaches should have your practice schedules posted on TeamSnap so you can plan for them.

Masks

Anyone that enters the school building must wear a mask **at all times**, including parents, players, coaches and anyone else. The masks must be worn during all practices and games. If we cannot follow that procedure, we will lose our opportunity to use the school facilities immediately.

Gym Entry

Only players and 2 coaches can be in the gym at any time. No parents or siblings are allowed in the gyms. You will need to meet them after practice outside the gym area. While waiting, please maintain at least 6 feet social distance from other families. Try not to bring more people than absolutely necessary to drop off or pick up your child.

Practice attendance

As has always been our policy, if your son or daughter is home sick from school **or quarantined**, they absolutely cannot attend practices or games.

Sanitation

We will have basketballs available for practices, but we do encourage kids to bring their own indoor basketball, of appropriate size, to use during the individual skills/drills portion of practice. We will be following the school procedures of swapping out basketballs frequently during team drills and sanitizing the basketballs between practices.

Games

We will not be hosting any outside basketball teams in our gyms. All of our games will be at an outside facility, such as the Community First Champion Center (Appleton), The Driveway (Hobart/De Pere), or The Barn (Menasha). As of now, no area schools are allowing outside teams to come in and play. Several aren't even allowing practices to take place for their own teams.

As of now, the plan is to play league games as part of the Bay Area Developmental League (BADL) in November and December. This most closely resembles the Heart of the Valley League we played in the last several years.

The BADL is hoping to have some version of a "tournament" season in January - March, but that is still very much up in the air. There will be more to come on that as their plans becomes solidified.

Thank you for your continued participation in Shiocton Basketball and your willingness to make this season work safely so our kids can continue to learn the game we love in the safest possible manner! If anything changes, we will let you know ASAP.

Thank you!

Shiocton Hoops Club Board of Directors