

8th Grade Boys Travel Parent Meeting**Coach Ruffen**

1. Cost of the League Checks made payable to: <Organization Name>
 - Initial payment = \$xxx (Registration)
 - 2nd Payment = \$xxx (Travel Fee)
 - \$xxx Total
2. Cost of Uniform (Order new uniforms at <name of location> 6-7:30 on October 22nd)
 - New Uniforms - \$XX
3. Practice will be on:
 - Mondays 7:30-9 at <School Name>
 - Wednesdays 7:30-9 at <School Name>
 - Please to be ready at 7:30 for a team talk/warm-up (if there is an issue let me know)
 - Please bring ball and water
4. Please notify coach if not able to attend practice by email, home phone, cell phone
 - [coaches email address](#)
 - 555-1212 home
 - 555-3434** cell (I do text)
 - **notice missed practice will affect playing time
 - **allowable reasons to miss practice
 - A. Sick or Hurt
 - B. School work, or school game players are expected to manage time efficiently
 - C. Family Function
5. Playing for the School Team
 - Tryouts Nov 4th (2 teams)
 - Playing both and how to make it work
 - School season is short - Nov-End of Jan (no games on weekend or vacation)
 - Priority is school team
6. Schedule will be posted on the website: <organization website name>
 - Home games will be played at <NAME OF SCHOOL> ON SUNDAYS @ 9:30am
 - There will be times we might play home on Sundays/Away games can be either Saturday or Sunday
 - Directions to all games are posted on the website - Schedule will be complete by mid November
 - Players need to come to games prepared (uniform/water/sneakers)
 - Players should arrive 30 minutes before each game
 - Practices will also be posted on the website
 - Changes to games will send out email notification of change
 - Please use the website it is a great tool to get answers about the league
 - SI Play App - very useful for communication
 - Parent League is Merrimack Valley Youth Basketball - www.mvbasketball.com
7. Help needed
 - Assistant coaches (Doc Rivers and Brad Stevens)
 - Score keeper (clock and book) away and home - sign up sheet
 - Team Statistics (iPhone/iPad) - ???
 - Video - if anyone would like to do this - I will use it.

8. **What is the goal of the season?**

Develop the basketball skills of the team

Sportsmanship and how to work within a team

Challenges this season

Tougher teams, regular game, conflicts with school team, feeling too comfortable

9. **Playing Time**

All players will play however it will not necessarily be equal

<YOUR ORGANIZATION NAME> believes game time is part of player development

(At younger grades 4/5 playing time should be almost equal)

<YOUR ORGANIZATION NAME> has a minimum 4 min per half for 12 player roster (playoffs is exc

10. **Respect is required for any team to work**

Disrespectful/poor behavior will not be tolerated - I will send players home early from practice

Parents will be informed

11. **Communication**

Coach and Player - encourage your child to talk to the coach rather than having you do it.

Parents and coaches - when/where to talk (not at a game)

12. **Game conduct on and off the court**

Remember you are representing your town/city

Zero Tolerance

13. **Parents code of Conduct**

Zero Tolerance - All parents must sign and hand into me

14. **Parents coaching from the stands**

This only confuses players

15. **Tournaments (2-3 based on cost)**

Christmas (I need to know if players are available)

Martin Luther King

16. **Team Rules (some examples)**

If a player does not bring a uniform to the game they CANNOT play

No headbands/wristbands/shooting sleeves etc (save it for when you make it into the NBA)

Never remove any uniform/sneakers until:

After the game and we have shaken hands and after we have talked as team

Behavior on the court:

Do not question officials calls

No hands

Encourage your teammates - they don't need to be told what they did wrong

If you are not playing then you are watching and getting ready to play