

FUTURE SPARTANS Basketball Program 2018-2019 Tryout Information

The objective of the Future Spartan (FS) middle school basketball program is to provide opportunities for future **Corvallis High School** student athletes with the following goals: **foster a passion** for the game; develop **fundamental skills**, prepare players for the next level with **structured & disciplined practices** in alignment with the CHS program.

REGISTRATION

As you arrive at the CHS gym, please fill out a player registration form to provide FS with contact information, including a required parental signature for a release of liability waiver in case of injury during the tryouts. Your student athlete will also receive a numbered jersey for tryout purposes that needs to be returned at the end of each session.

TRYOUT FORMAT

The tryout sessions are conducted by the CHS coaching staff, but evaluated by a different set of evaluators. Student athletes will participate in numerous individual and team drills geared to demonstrate their *attitude, skills, athleticism, potential and team player mentality*. Two tryout sessions are scheduled; participation in both sessions provides a more complete evaluation of different skills and is highly recommended. **Evaluation results are held in confidence and are not available for distribution.**

EVALUATION

Student Athletes will be evaluated by former players, FS coaches, and other independent observers. Evaluators consider athleticism, coachability, hustle, effort and sportsmanship.

TEAM FORMATION

The goal for the 2018-19 tryouts is to form 2 competitive girls' and boys' teams at the 6th, 7th and 8th grade levels, girls will also have a 5th grade team. Practices will typically occur 2-3 times weekly, with the potential of 6-9 weekend tournaments (these numbers will vary depending on age, especially on the girls' side). The teams will be referred to as either "White" or "Blue"; with the white being the more competitive.

- Evaluators make their assessments independent of Spartan team coaches. At the conclusion of the tryout sessions, coaches are provided the assessments of the evaluators for reference.
- Future Spartan coaches make final player selection and team formation, seeking to provide the best "fit" for all of the student athletes and the mission of the program as a whole.
- CHS coaches are not participants in evaluation, player selection or team formation processes.
 - *Student athletes who are assigned to a team will need to register with the AAU (2018-19 Club Membership Code WY7YW5) prior to the first practice and provide a copy of the registration paper to the Head Coach. In addition, a parent/player behavioral contract outlining FS expectations will need to be signed and returned.*
- *Anticipated cost will be in the \$150-210 range for tournaments, \$45-\$50 for uniform and another \$20-\$30 per weekend per family, dependent on tournaments played. **Scholarships are available.***

ATHLETE AND PARENT NOTIFICATION

- Athletes/parents will be contacted by Coaches and FS Administration by no later than the Sunday following tryouts, advising of team assignments.
- If your son is not selected for a Future Spartans team this year, we **strongly** encourage them to participate in other programs. The Corvallis Boys and Girls Club offers various basketball programs, and the Corvallis Parks & Recreation Department offers recreational opportunities.
- We do not anticipate cuts on the girls side this year, and will work to find a place in the program for any player who tries out.

It is important to be aware that a middle school athlete is not required to participate in the FS program to be eligible for play in the CHS program; nor does participation in the FS program guarantee future participation in the CHS program. Contact info: Ed Fulford at ed_fulford@yahoo.com