

Boys & Girls Club of Whatcom County
INSIDER on *Second Season* Basketball 2016-17

Here is the PRELIMINARY (subject to change) information on the Boys & Girls Club *Second Season* Basketball 2016-17 season.

Note: By virtue of enrolling in the program, the parent and youth agree to abide by all policies, decisions, directives, procedures and rules of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Whatcom County.

- 1) The following boys and girls leagues are offered: 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade.
- 2) This program is strictly governed by the published RULES. All rules are enforced. Whenever a question is posed, our first response is, "What do the rules say?" The quality of your experience is dependent in large part on your coach's understanding, listening, supporting, and communicating rules and procedures. Parents are responsible for assisting the coach in these endeavors. It is the responsibility of the parent and player to abide by Club rules and to assist and cooperate with the coach at all times.
- 3) REGISTRATION runs until February 10th. Coaches must turn in official roster and money no later than February 10th to the Bellingham Branch. Ferndale and Blaine teams can turn in roster to the Ferndale Branch. Games will begin February 20th and teams will play 2 games per week Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday until March 11th.
- 4) Registration is on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED basis. We have a limited number of team slots for this league. Second Season is designed to give teams from the winter 2016-17 season a chance to play for an additional 3 weeks of games. Teams can stay the same or pick players up from other teams. All registrations are done through the coach.
- 5) Individual registration will be on a space available basis. Players wishing to get placed on a team may e-mail shobbs@whatcomclubs.org their name, grade, school, phone number, and parent name/s prior to February 10th for a chance to get placed on a team. If a spot is available the B&GC will contact each person and they can come in and register with a \$30 2016-17 membership fee (if necessary).
- 6) There is minimal practice time available for this league as it is a continuation of the winter season. There will not be an opportunity to practice at the Boys & Girls Clubs at Bellingham or Ferndale Branch for February 13th-18th due to our end of season tournament. Practice locations may be organized and paid for by each individual team. These requests must go through Parks & Rec.
- 7) Boys leagues 3rd-6th will all play on the large B&GC courts with 10' hoops. 2nd grade will continue playing on 9' hoops. This will be a transition league for the 3rd grade division as they will move from the small court to the large court. Please check the rules for additional info.
- 8) Teams will wear the jerseys from the winter 2016-17 season unless they want to purchase new or additional shirts. Coaches are responsible for making sure each player has a numbered jersey the same color as the rest of the team.
- 9) We will attempt to have two officials at each game or one experienced official. Each team will be asked to supply one person to work at the scorer's table.
- 10) We will supply practice balls to be used for warm-ups and a game ball for each game.
- 11) Kindness, courtesy and SPORTSMANSHIP are required. We will not hesitate to act if the standards of the Club are compromised. Good sportsmanship is not extinct. Good sportsmanship begins and ends with parents. Good citizenship, good role modeling, ethics and values are requirements for everyone! It must be noted in the strongest terms that problems in this program most frequently occur from the few parents whose conduct is unacceptable. The Club will act decisively and with a no tolerance policy to eliminate those problems and individuals. Thank you for your cooperation as positive role models.
- 12) Game schedules and standings will be posted on our web site www.whatcomclubs.org by February 15th.

- 13) NO TOBACCO or ALCOHOL at any program site. PETS are not allowed inside the Boys & Girls Club gyms. Thank you.
- 14) Competitive teams are encouraged to play up one grade level.
- 15) Finally, the three most important words; communicate, communicate, COMMUNICATE! It is your responsibility to know the name and phone number of your coach. It is your responsibility to know your practice schedule, game schedule and any other team function. It is your responsibility to conduct yourself respectfully and appropriately. Thank you. Have a great season.

FAQ's

1. **When do practices begin?** Teams may practice whenever they want. Coaches can sign up for practices at the B&GC for the week of February 13th.
2. **Where do we practice and what time?** There will be limited practice times available. Second Season is a continuation of our Winter Basketball season. Our end of season tournament runs from Feb 13th-18th which will not leave many openings to practice. Coaches may contact Bellingham Parks & Rec or individual schools in Ferndale, but the responsibility for organizing those practices and for paying the practice site fee rests with each team.
3. **When are the games?** Teams will play two games a week on Monday-Thursday, and Saturday. There will be games on Friday, Feb 24th also. That is the only Friday we will have games.
4. **When are pictures?** We do not do pictures for Second Season. If your team would like pictures please contact us and we can set something up.
5. **How does the Lystedt Law affect my child playing basketball?** Each child and parent must sign a concussion acknowledgement form prior to playing basketball for the B&GC. The form can be found on the B&GC website at www.whatcomclubs.org and is now on the back of the B&GC membership form.
6. **Why are there only 2nd-6th grade boys/girls divisions?** Other divisions may be available if we have enough interest.

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