

Bethel Park Travel Basketball

Player/Parent Handbook

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Dear Bethel Park Basketball Parents,

Welcome to the Bethel Park Basketball Association (BPBA).

This handbook has been compiled to provide you with important information and to foster communication between the board, coaches, parents and players. The handbook should serve as a guide for how to communicate and prepare your son or daughter for travel basketball.

The BPBA was founded to provide an opportunity for our children to learn the game of basketball in an environment that creates an enjoyable, competitive experience.

We believe participants have an obligation to conduct themselves in a reasonable and respectful manner before, during and after the game.

Please review the information in this booklet with your player, sign the attached form(s) and releases and return to your coach at your next practice after receiving the forms.

Sincerely,

BPBA Executive Board

Volunteering:

Bethel Park Basketball Association is a volunteer organization. No Board Member, coach or assistant is paid for his or her time. Your support both on and off the court is greatly appreciated and needed. Our association is successful because of the involvement of parents and we strive to have every parent of a player involved at some level.

Complaints and Disciplinary Actions:

- Various issues may surface during the course of the season and should be addressed before a potentially minor item becomes more significant. If you have a concern, please discuss it with your head coach at an appropriate time that works for both you and the coach. These discussions should not be conducted during a practice or game. If you have spoken directly to your head coach on multiple occasions and do not feel you have achieved any resolution, please reach out to a board member at that time. Board member names and contact information are provided within the handbook and should be available on our website: <http://www.eteamz.com/bphoops/>
- Board Members may require you to send the concern in written form or via an email to ensure formal notification is on files. Constructive criticism, expressed in a respectful manner to the right people, makes the team better. Complaints to people beyond those that can effect change has a negative impact on the team and the association.
- BPBA has adopted a ZERO tolerance policy regarding abuse. The organization will not tolerate physical or verbal abuse of its players, parents, coaches or referees. Abusive behavior of any kind is grounds for a review and possible dismissal of the player, parent, guardian, or coach by the Board from the athletic program.

Expectations of Players:

- Each player shall be on time and ready to practice.
- Players will participate fully in all drills and practice activities.
- Absences for medical reasons, vacations, homework, etc. must be communicated to the coach.
- Frequent absences from practices or failure to participate in drills may affect playing time.
- Players/parents will advise coaching staff of any health conditions (permanent or temporary) that will affect the player's safety or ability to perform.
- Players should see participation in Bethel Park Travel Basketball as an honor to represent their community.
- BPBA games and practices should be given precedence over parochial or recreation team functions. Repeated offenses could lead to decreased playing time.

Expectations of Coaches:

- 1) Coaches will provide instruction at practice so that each player can improve their game and be ready to play. Coaches will strive to correct mistakes and teach fundamentals in an encouraging and productive manor.

- 2) Coaches will monitor attendance and participation in practice.
- 3) If a player is in appropriate physical condition and has appeared for and meaningfully participated during practice, the coach will ensure that each eligible player plays in upcoming games.
- 4) Coaches will monitor playing time for each player but are not required to equalize playing time. However, they are required to see that each eligible team member gets no less than 6 minutes of playing time for each Metro regular season game and no fewer than 3 minutes of playing time for each game of the Metro and Bethel Park Recreation Tournaments. Any games outside of the Metro regular season, Metro and Bethel Park Tournaments do not have a minimum guaranteed playing time.

Expectations of Parents:

- 1) Arrange to have your child at practice on time and picked up promptly at the end of practices.
- 2) Transportation to and from games and practices are the responsibility of the parents. The coach will provide a team roster so carpooling can be arranged if needed.

Equipment:

It is expected that the equipment BPBA provides for your child will be returned on time and in its entirety at the end of the season. BPBA provides game jerseys and game shorts. BPBA may on occasion require a deposit for the provided equipment.

Refund Policy:

If for any reason BPBA is not what your child expected or if you are not willing or able to continue in the program, your registration fee will be refunded until the start of the first Metro regular season game. If your child plays in the first game or if you decide not to continue after that time, your registration fee will not be refunded. If you are due a refund, the equipment needs to be returned prior to checks being dispersed.

Forms to be Signed and Returned to the Head Coach:

- 1) Minor waiver/release of liability form
- 2) Uniform deposit form with the \$50 deposit
- 3) Video/Picture release
- 4) Code of Ethics Signature page
- 5) \$170 player fee (no form for this)

BPBA BOARD MEMBERS

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Board members are subject to change based on elections. A revised Board Member listing will be sent out via e-mail at the completion of each election.