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## **Mission Statement**

**The Stratford Boys Hoops Club would like to provide an opportunity for youth boys in the Stratford School District to play organized basketball. The objective is to teach basketball fundamentals and prepare players for high school basketball.**

## **Coaches**

**Coaches are selected or approved by the Hoops Club Executive Board on availability, coaching experience, knowledge of the game, and commitment to the philosophy of the program. Coaches determine the amount of playing time for each player based on game effectiveness, attitude, behavior, knowing the plays, practice efforts,**

attendance, and talent. The coach's goal is to put the players in the best position to make the team competitive. This includes all tournaments and state games.

## **Team Selection**

If any grade level has more than 14 players, two teams may be created based on coach recommendation to allow for player development and team success. If more than one team is formed, the teams may be divided by ability, skill level, and competitiveness as determined by the coach in order to achieve maximum player development and team success. The Cheese Head League team and the Great Northwest League team may be determined by the coach based on player game effectiveness, talent, behavior, and practice attendance.

## **Playing Time**

The amount of participation and playing time of each player is at the coach's discretion. Equal playing time is not guaranteed. Extended playing time must be earned. (See coach's header on how to earn extended playing time). Coaches are to put the best combination of players on the floor for all tournaments.

## **Practice and School Attendance** -

**ILLNESS-** Players not well enough to attend a full day of classes cannot practice or play the same day. Players ill on Friday may still practice or play the weekend.

**EXCUSED ABSENCE** - Players with an excused school absence (eg. doctor's appointment) may still practice and/or play the day of the absence. Players attending school but going to be absent from practice must provide the coach, **BEFORE** practice, a bona fide reason for the absence to be considered excused. Coaches may reduce playing time for excused absences at their discretion.

**UNEXCUSED ABSENCE** - an unexcused school absence is considered truant (see below). An unexcused absence from practice will be handled at the coach's discretion.

**TRUANCY** - any absence of a part of or one or more days from school deemed unexcused by the principal is considered truant. Players will not be allowed to practice or play the same day they missed any part of school due to truancy. Every individual occurrence of truancy will result in a mandatory one game suspension per instance. The suspension(s) must be served starting with the first game following the truancy. Habitual truancy could result in dismissal from the team.

## **Behavioral Problems in Practice and Games**

1. Verbal Warning
2. Timeout
  - a. Reduced playing time. Example: 1 quarter of the next game
3. If problem continues, coach may give player a one game suspension (coaches discretion)
4. Parents may be asked to be at practice or player may be excused from the team if unruly behavior continues.
5. If a coach feels that a player willfully injures another individual, the incident may be brought to the attention of the parents and the basketball board. The situation shall be handled as the board deems necessary. *(Parents may be notified by email, phone or after practice for any disciplinary measures taken)*

## **Bullying Policy**

Stratford Schools and the state of Wisconsin have a strict anti-bullying policy. If your child is found to be bullying others during practice or at games he may be subject to discipline as agreed upon by the coach and the basketball board. This anti-bullying policy extends to all social media (including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter ), cell phones, and instant messaging that affect the team and community.

## **Entry Fees**

An entry fee of \$75 is required of each player.

## **Security Deposit**

A security deposit of \$150 is required of each player. This check is not cashed if volunteer hours are met. All uniforms must be returned on time and in good condition. Furthermore, each family must volunteer a minimum of 6 hours throughout the basketball season. If this time commitment is fulfilled, your \$150 security deposit check will be shredded at the end of the year. However, if your son participates in the 3 on 3 tournament, your check and time commitment will be extended beyond the 6 hours until the end of the 3 on 3 tournaments. If your son participates in 3 on 3 and you do not volunteer hours at the 3 on 3 tournament your check will be cashed. If you work your hours, your check will be shredded at the end of the tournament.

## **Tournaments**

Arranging transportation to and from tournaments is the responsibility of the player. The cost of transportation, meals and hotels is the responsibility of the player. The club will pay for the entry fee for leagues or tournaments.

## **Player Residency**

All players must attend school in Stratford or live in the Stratford school district. The board will decide if there are any exceptions.

## **Parental involvement**

The success of the boy's hoops club is dependent on parental involvement. The club is trying to leave fundraising out of part of the commitment and instead host successful tournaments to continue to raise money for the club. A lot of work goes into hosting a tournament. The more helping hands we have, the more successful it will be.

We require parents to work at a minimum of 6 hours throughout the youth basketball season. If you have more than one son participating, you are required to work 6 hours for the first child, and 2 hours additional for each son playing Stratford Boys Hoops. Ways you can complete your hours:

- a. Being the organizer of a tournament (need 2 per tournament)
- b. Helping with concessions during triangulars (games) or tournaments
- c. Taking admissions before games/tournaments
- d. Helping with setup and cleanup for games/tournaments

- e. Being a ref not requiring payment
- f. Helping at the 3-on-3 tournament (In March)
- g. Varsity home game concessions

Every effort is made to make sure you are not scheduled to work while your son is playing. However, if this does happen, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. If you can donate time beyond the 6 mandatory hours, it would be greatly appreciated. It takes A LOT of time and hard work from everyone to make the Youth Basketball program a success.

7<sup>th</sup> grade parents are required to work the 8<sup>th</sup> grade tournament and vice versa. 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade parents work the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade tournament and vice versa. The board recognizes this requires parents to dedicate 2 weekends to basketball. This policy is to allow for both groups of parents to watch 100% of their son's playing time rather than working concessions during their respective tournament.

### **Drug and Alcohol Policy**

Stratford Boys Hoops Club has a strict no tolerance policy and will follow state and school drug and alcohol policies regarding any athlete who uses, is in possession of, purchases or sells: any tobacco products, drug paraphernalia, alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, illegal drugs, street drugs or performance enhancing substances.

### **Issues/Concerns**

Any questions, issues or concerns you have during the season should first be directed towards your child's coach. During the off season, coaching concerns can be directed at our Coaching Coordinator. Other concerns can be directed to a board member.

### **Supervision**

Parents are responsible for supervising their children before, during and after games/tournaments. Remember, we are representing Stratford and should be respectful to other schools. No horseplay or inappropriate behavior will be tolerated. Playing time may be sacrificed for those who do not follow this rule.

### **Respect**

Let's remember to treat each other with respect. If you have an issue with a coach, parent, or official, please be respectful. Remember, our children may be watching. Let's set an example for the correct way to handle life situations.

### **SPORTSMANSHIP/FAN CONDUCT**

The following policy applies to practice and games both home and away.

Spectators are expected to display mature behavior and sportsmanship. Please allow coaches to coach. The failure to do so is disruptive and embarrassing to players, coaches, our Hoops Club, Stratford School District, and the entire Stratford community.

**Sportsmanship is the most important aspect of the development of youth athletes. Actions meant to demean players, spectators, coaches, and officials will not be tolerated.**

**If it is determined that a player or spectator has conducted themselves in an inappropriate manner, the Board may issue a written (electronic or paper) notice to the individual within 48 hours of the incident. Any misconduct that continues may result in loss of privileges at all Hoops Club events, including practice. If an occurrence is considered serious, there will be no notice given and privileges are immediately revoked. This person will be asked to leave. If this does not happen, law enforcement will be contacted. The Hoops Club Board strongly believes any unruly conduct toward athletes, coaches, volunteers, officials, and/or other spectators is not tolerated or accepted.**

**One's personal interpretation of rough play may not be the same as coaches, officials, or others. If a person believes play is too rough, quietly approach the team bench as to not interrupt play, and request your player to be pulled for the remainder of the game. Once removed that player is not allowed back in the game, but can resume the next game. Accusing coaches or officials of allowing or encouraging rough play is inappropriate.**

**Going onto the court can draw a technical for the team, and could result in immediate ejection. Please allow officials, coaches, and volunteers to do their jobs.**

**Poor sportsmanship can result in our entire program losing practice space and the opportunity to participate in any and all league play opportunities.**

### **Uniforms**

**Uniforms should be washed and hung up to dry. DO NOT PUT THEM IN THE DRYER. This causes the numbers and letters to crack and peel off. A uniform return date shall be set and communicated to all players. Uniforms not returned or returned damaged will sacrifice their security deposit.**

### **Social Networks**

**The Stratford Boys Hoops Club maintains a website ([stratfordboyshoopsclub.com](http://stratfordboyshoopsclub.com)) and Facebook page. We strive to keep up-to-date information on Varsity games, tournaments, youth tournaments, and various events throughout the year. Photos and/or videos of your son may be posted online during the season to promote our program.**

### **Give-backs**

**In giving thanks to the families and players for their hard work and dedication, the Stratford Boys Hoops Club provides give-backs to their players. In the past, SBHC has offered Tiger game socks, personalized duffle bags, SBHC game shorts, and sweat towels.**

**REQUIRED PARENT SIGNATURE PAGE**

**CONCESSIONS:**

\_\_\_\_ I will be available to work concessions, admissions, and any other duty necessary. I will receive my check back at the end of the regular season or 3 on 3 tournaments (if my son participates). I understand if I do not fulfill my obligation to assist during the basketball season and/or 3 on 3 tournament, the Stratford Boys Hoops Club will cash my \$100 check.

\_\_\_\_ I will not be available to work concessions, admissions, etc. Please cash my \$100 check immediately.

**I have read the Stratford Boys Hoops Handbook and agree to comply with it.**

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**Parent signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

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**Player signature**

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**Date**