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Hamilton Little Lads Families...

I finally have some good news to share with all of you! We have received word from the Hamilton Township School District that we will be able to use the school gyms beginning in January. This is in line with what we were expecting and is obviously contingent on no major “second wave” of Covid. Although the date is much later than our usual start, it does now look like there will be a Little Lads Basketball season this year.

With a hard date to shoot toward, we can begin making plans for the season. As mentioned, we were anticipating starting after the new year, so we have a few different high-level plans in mind. I have submitted the requests for additional dates to use the schools’ gyms and need to get approval on those before finalizing our schedule.

Right now, we are primarily looking at two different options. The first option is to play on a few Sundays in January and early February, in addition to our usual Saturdays. This would allow us to get in our ten game regular season schedule and put us back on schedule for playoffs in mid to late February.

The second option is to play only on Saturdays, as usual, and reduce the regular season to eight games. This would extend playoffs into mid-March. The primary factor for these options is school availability. Since we don’t normally use the schools on Sundays, it is still to be determined if the gyms are available.

I’m sure there will be specific Covid related restrictions and requirements put in place by the schools that we will need to follow. As I’ve previously stated, we will do everything necessary to provide a safe environment for everyone involved – players, coaches, officials, and spectators. We will work closely with the schools to ensure that we are compliant in meeting their requirements.

Unless something happens that changes the planned January start time, registration will open on Sunday, November 15. Registration will remain open until we reach the maximum number of players we can accommodate (TBD), or December 27, whichever is earlier. Tryouts will be scheduled for Saturday, January 9 (although January 2 may be possible). After teams are selected, there would be one week of practice before games begin.

We will continue to keep you updated as plans for the season come into better focus.

Stay safe!

Dave

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