

Maine Hoops Basketball Club 2012

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Frequently Asked Questions

Do all players attending placements get assigned to a team?

Yes. All players attending a placement session will be placed on a Maine Hoops spring team. We will do our best to be sure each player is placed on a team that is best suited to allow each player to improve their skill set and develop more on court confidence.

When are practice and basketball institute (skills and drills sessions) conducted?

Practices are conducted one night per week. Ideally no earlier than 5:30pm. Basketball Institute sessions will be conducted in conjunction with practices for each grade level as much as possible, to help alleviate having players out more than one night a week for basketball travel.

What is the length of the program's season and when does the program start?

We have two options as far as season's length is concerned. We offer a 12 week 'short' season that will begin practices the week of February 6th and conclude the last weekend of April. We also offer an 18 week 'FULL' season that begin practices the week of February 6th and concludes June 24th.

Note = ALL Premier level team members are asked to play the 'FULL' season.

What is the cost of the program? Is there a sibling discount?

Cost for the 12 week season is \$350. per player.

Cost for the 18 week season is \$500. per player.

We do offer a sibling discount. For the 12 week season it is \$50. per player. For the 18 week season it is \$100. per player.

What is included in the cost of the program?

Included in the program cost is: weekly practice, weekly Basketball Institute session, team uniform, coaching expenses, discount rates for club clinics and individual instruction, family access to our 24/7 Fitness Club, minimum 20 games (12 week 'short' season) or 32 games (18 week 'FULL' season). The only other fees would be for Premier teams "out of state" tournament costs.

When are payments due?

\$10. Placement fee is due at registration and includes a tee shirt for the evaluation process.

12 week 'Short' season = half payment due at first practice, half due in mid March (by March 16th)

18 week 'FULL' season = 1/3 payment due at first practice, 1/3 payment due by March 16th and 1/3 payment due by April 13th.

Are there scholarships available?

Yes we do offer scholarships on an as need basis. For more information please speak with club owner Lenny Holmes or club director Jim Seavey.

What if I miss a payment?

Unfortunately, due to past experiences missed payments will result in a player's suspension until payment is made. We realize there are extenuating circumstances – in this case please speak with club owner Lenny Holmes or club director Jim Seavey.

How much travel is involved during the course of the program?

Travel will be minimal for the majority of the season. With that said we do host 11 events this spring and have events with over 100 teams participating, so we do utilize gyms in the greater Portland area and Saco. Also, we have set up exchange programs with several AAU programs throughout New England so there is an opportunity for our teams to play in an out of state event. It is our hope to give each of our teams at least one opportunity to play in an out of state event. Finally, we have our sister program out of Waterville, Central Maine Hoops, and each team will most likely play in that area on occasion.

How do I find out which team my child is on and when they practice etc...?

Team rosters, practice time and Basketball Institute sessions will be listed on our webpage www.mainehoops.com under the teams tab. Each team's coach will also communicate via email to each player/parent on their roster. Game schedules will be found on the Maine Hoops website, as well, under the schedules tab for each event hosted by Maine Hoops beginning the weekend of March 10th. Please recognize that with AAU game schedules are done on a weekly basis and usually posted on the Wednesday, before the weekend events. This is due to the fact that events are all "Invitational Tournaments" and we have teams from all over New England participating at different times.

What if my child decides not to participate?

If by chance your child decides not to participate at any point all we ask is that you communicate with your child's coach and our basketball director Jim Seavey. We do not give refunds for non-medical issues or unless there are extenuating circumstances. Final determination of this is with Club Founder, Lenny Holmes.

Who are the coaches involved with the Maine Hoops basketball program?

Club director Jim Seavey has lined up a solid coaching staff on both the boys and girls side of the Maine Hoops program. We try to line up coaches with playing and/or previous coaching experience. Coaches are compensated for their time and we will be providing explicit directions and supervision for our staff. We do attempt to use non parents as coaches, however, on occasion we do have parents with strong basketball backgrounds and we will utilize their strengths for the betterment of the program.

Please speak with club director Jim Seavey if you have any further questions that you may need answered. Happy Hoops!!