

Trojan Basketball Club

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1. *What is the purpose of TBC?*
 - a. The purpose of TBC is to prepare and teach our future players the game of basketball through skill development, competitive competition, and direction on how to play the right way.

2. *How much time and travel should we expect with TBC?*
 - a. September - We will have tryouts in September for grades 3rd-6th. After the teams have been selected we will have 3 free skill sessions one night a week leading to the official start of practices.
 - b. October-March - Teams will practice two nights a week. The practices will be held mainly at a Chesterton school gym. Other facilities that will be used at times are the Boys and Girls Club and the Courts or NWI. In addition to team practices, there will be skill session that will be offered. Most of the games will be held at the Courts of NWI. Each team will participate in one tournament at the Courts of NWI each session. There will be some weekends that the teams will try to play in other tournaments around the area such as Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, and Chicago.

3. *What are the core values of TBC?*
 - a. Skill Development - Fundamentals are the key to the future. TBC will focus on developing the fundamentals it takes to become a great player. Proper technique on shooting, dribbling, passing, screening, cutting, and rebounding will be emphasized.
 - b. Program Development - Players will learn drills that will be done at the middle school and high school level. They will also be introduced to the beginning concepts of the offensive and defensive systems run at the varsity level.
 - c. Learn our Brand - We want to instill the characteristic traits that we expect in a Chesterton Basketball player. Hard work, toughness, accountability, honesty, respect for others, and unselfishness will all be emphasized. We want to develop our mentality of "Play Hard, Play Smart, and Be Tough."

4. *How will the tryout process work?*
 - a. There will be a two day tryout that will be ran by a member of the high school staff and members of the TBC committee. Players will go through a series of individual drills, competitive drills, 1 on 1 drills and 5 on 5 scrimmages.

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- b. Players will be evaluated by the TBC Director, High School Staff, and a committee of former and current coaches.
 - c. We strive to get it right every time, but we will make mistakes on some evaluations. Our goal is to do our best to evaluate each player and place him at the appropriate level of competition in order to help him achieve the goals of TBC. It is important to remember that team placement in grades 3-6 does not guarantee or prohibit varsity success. TBC feels that if we focus on our core values of; skill development, program development and to provide an environment for players to learn our brand of basketball, we will be helping to prepare them to become Chesterton Varsity basketball players.
5. *How will players be notified if they have made a team?*
- a. Players will be sent an email following the tryouts on if they have been selected to a team. They will be given 24 hours to respond to the email to accept their position. Once we have received all of the responses we will then email the players that were not selected to a team about what other opportunities are available to stay involved in basketball.
6. *What do the fees cover?*
- a. The cost of TBC for the 2017-2018 basketball season is \$295. All Games, practice uniforms, game uniforms, Nike Dri-Fit long sleeve, league fees, tournament fees, insurance and administrative cost are included in our fee structure. In addition to the season fee we require a one time a year fundraiser to defer cost that is \$50. Any remaining revenue is used to ensure we have equipment, including coaches' kits, training tools, basketballs, etc.
7. *How will playing time be handled and how many players will be on each team?*
- a. Our goal is to have 8 players per team. There will be times that we have more than 8 players depending on how many teams we have. Playing time during games will not always be equal, but it will be adequate to develop the skills learned in practice and skill session.
8. *What is the role of the TBC Director?*
- a. Todd Elliott is the director of TBC. There is also a committee that will help in making decisions about the direction of TBC. Coach Elliott and the

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committee work and communicate with Coach Urban to ensure proper teaching of the skills and make sure the goals of TBC are met.

9. What is the parent's role in TBC?

- a. Parents of each player are encouraged to positively support their son in both practices and games. TBC requires that parents demonstrate respect toward their son's coach, the referees, the opposing team and fellow parents. TBC wants parents to allow their son to be coach and watch him play basketball.

10. What is the player's' role in TBC?

- a. We expect each player to have the right attitude, develop a relentless work ethic, and respect coaches, players and referees. We expect our players to strive to get better every day in the classroom and on the floor.

11. Will players be allowed to play in another program while playing for TBC?

- a. Players are allowed to participate in another program as long as it does not interfere with their TBC commitments. We require the player to make the TBC their top athletic priority.

12. What type of coaching should we expect to receive?

- a. TBC understands that the type of coaching your child receives is a major question most parents have. As with most youth programs, the coaches are made up of parent volunteers. Coaches will receive training through our coaches and skills clinic that will give them the tools to be successful. Coaches will be guided by our Director and the high school staff as throughout the year.

13. Can a player outside of the district participate in TBC?

- a. We do not allow players outside of our district to participate in TBC. They must attend a Duneland school, or a private/charter school in Chesterton to be eligible to play.