

EYBB By-Laws

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Established:

The first meeting of the Everest Youth Boy's Basketball (EYBB) association was held on July 15, 2004.

Mission:

The mission of EYBB is to provide young athletes with a positive basketball experience against quality competition matched to their age and abilities, stressing fundamental team and individual skills and sportsmanship. EYBB also will serve as a liaison between parents and the D.C. Everest High School Basketball Program.

Finances:

All funds will be administered by the EYBB treasurer, who will present a financial statement to the rest of the board at least twice per year. A checking account will be kept at an appropriate local financial institution. If required, EYBB will file a tax return with the IRS, using the assigned Tax Identification Number (TIN) 01-820782. Funding will come from team fees, tournaments, concessions run by the association and its team parents, as well as various board-approved fund-raisers.

EYBB Board:

The association will be governed by a board of directors, consisting of the boy's varsity basketball coach, the EYBB president and treasurer, at-large members and a representative from each grade level (3rd-8th grade). The positions of president and treasurer will be reviewed on a regular basis.

Coaches:

All coaches and their assistants will be approved by the EYBB board prior to the start of each playing season. This will include a background check. Coaches are expected to conduct themselves in a positive and professional manner at all times and abide by the EYBB guidelines and Great Northwest League rules and regulations. Coaches will be expected to teach the fundamentals and philosophies of the high school program. Coaches are required to attend any and all EYBB coaching meetings and the varsity coach's clinic(s) to learn the appropriate grade-level skills and drills to utilize during the season. A coach's code of conduct form will need to be completed and submitted to the EYBB president.

Season:

The season will run from November through April, however all attempts should be made by coaches to avoid any conflicts with the D.C. Everest Community Services Program or the middle school athletic seasons. All athletes in 3rd – 6th grade will be expected to participate in the D.C. Everest Community Services Program. All athletes in 7th and 8th grade will be expected to participate in the school basketball seasons. The travel season offers athletes an opportunity to participate in a competitive basketball season that will allow them to compete with their age-level peers in neighboring communities.

Registration:

All players and parents must complete the EYBB participation forms and registration materials prior to the start of the grade level season. The forms include a medical release, concussion form and player and parent sportsmanship form. An online registration program will be used by EYBB. The link for the program will be made available in late August or early September via our organizational website at Everestboyshoops.com. EYBB reserves the right to decline late registrants after the set registration period.

Tournaments:

Teams for grades 3 and 4 do not participate in the Great Northwest Basketball League (GNBL). As a result, coaches will need to identify and register for various non-GNBL sponsored tournaments. EYBB will cover the registration cost of four tournaments for 3rd grade and five for 4th grade. Coaches and parents can elect to participate in more tournaments, but the registration costs will need to be covered by the teams.

Teams for grades 5 – 8 will participate in the GNBL. These teams must register for at least 3 GNBL sponsored events for D.C. Everest to be allowed to host a home tournament. Coaches are asked to keep this in mind as they build their schedules. EYBB will cover the cost of six tournaments for 5th grade, seven for 6th grade, and eight for 7th and 8th grade. If a team is invited to either the League Championship Tournament (LCT) or the Wisconsin State Invitational Championship Tournament (WSICT), registration cost would also be covered by EYBB. As with the younger grades, coaches and parents can elect to participate in more tournaments, but registration costs will need to be covered by the teams.

All grade level coaches and parents will be expected to provide assistance with the EYBB home tournament regardless if your grade level is playing or not. This event serves as a critical fundraiser for our program and requires the cooperation of everyone associated with EYBB.

Practices:

Coaches will schedule team practices with D.C. Everest Community Education prior to the start of the season. It is recommended that coaches schedule the same gym, days and times for practices when possible. This consistency will allow families to plan accordingly. When there is

more than one team per grade level, these teams should be practicing together. Every effort will be made to reserve earlier practice times for the younger grades. There will be one or two practices scheduled on average per week. EYBB will cover gym usage fees for up to two practices per week during a team's season. Fees beyond that point will be divided amongst the families of each team. Players are expected to attend all practices. If a player has a legitimate reason for missing a practice, they are expected to contact their coach prior to that practice. This allows coaches to plan accordingly.

Teams:

EYBB travel teams will consist of players in 3rd through 8th grade that are enrolled in a D.C. Everest Area School District school. EYBB will sponsor as many teams as possible for grades 3 – 8. If a grade level has multiple teams, they will be split as follows:

- 3rd and 4th grade will be split as evenly as possible with consideration given to positional needs
- 5th – 8th grade teams will be split into A and B teams.
- For 5th and 6th grade, this process will be completed by using an evaluation day near the start of the travel season and by observing the athletes during the Saturday recreation league games. The high school coaching staff and members of the EYBB Board will facilitate this process.
- 7th and 8th grade teams will be divided based on the discretion of the high school, junior high school, middle school and travel team coaches.
- In a situation where there are too many players for one team, but not enough players for two teams, the coaches will register for additional tournaments than the established number and rotate their players for all of the tournaments. Some players will play in more tournaments than others.
- IF needed, players may play up a grade level but not down a grade level.

Playing Time:

Playing time will be determined with the following criteria:

- 3rd and 4th grade: Playing time should be as equal as possible depending on a player's practice attendance, attitude and effort.
- 5th grade: A player's practice attendance, attitude, effort and skill will be used to determine playing time.
- 6th grade: A player's practice attendance, attitude, effort, dedication and skill will be used to determine playing time. In 6th grade, skill becomes more important than in earlier grades, but is not the overriding factor.
- 7th and 8th grade: Playing time depends on a player's practice attendance, attitude, effort, dedication and skill. Skill is a more significant factor in earlier grades. Coaches

should work with athletes to understand their role and be expected to fulfill it in game situations.

Uniforms and Equipment:

Each player will purchase his own uniform, consisting of a top with approved numerals on the front and back, shorts, shooting shirt and a practice jersey. Only approved EYBB uniforms, purchased through the association may be worn at tournaments. Player numerals will be limited to those numbers and number combinations that can be displayed on one hand: 0-5, 10-15, 20-25, 30-35, 40-45 and 50-55. EYBB will provide teams with a first aid kit, scorebook, practice balls and ball bag. These items must be returned to EYBB at the conclusion of the season.

Team Fees:

There will be a fee to participate in the league to cover the cost of tournaments and gym use. The fee will vary depending on a player's grade level and the number of practices and tournaments that teams participate in. Every effort will be made to limit the cost per player. In approved financial hardship situations, player fees can be waived by the EYBB board. Players and parents are expected to assist in fundraising events such as the Brat Fry, 50/50 raffle and EYBB tournament. EYBB will subsidize the cost of participation for each team at an appropriate level as determined by the board.

Marketing:

EYBB will have a page ad in the high school basketball program, explaining the mission and promoting Everest Youth Boy's Basketball. An EYBB web page will be maintained on the everestboyshoops.com website. EYBB will use other marketing tools to promote our mission as deemed appropriate by the board.

Conflict Resolution:

If a conflict arises, parents must bring the issue to the attention of the team parent. The team parent will work with the head coach to resolve the issue. If it isn't possible to resolve the issue, it should be brought forward to the EYBB President. The president will then work with the board to create a resolution. All conflicts and concerns that come before the board will be resolved with a simple majority vote.

All discipline matters involving coaches will be handled by EYBB and again will be decided by a simple majority vote.

Child Sexual Abuse and Molestation reporting procedures:

It is critical that coaches and/or volunteers of EYBB not attempt to evaluate the credibility of child physical or sexual abuse suspicions or allegations as a condition for, or prior to, reporting

their concerns.

If you have reasonable cause to suspect a child seen by you in the course of your duties with the EYBB has been threatened with abuse or neglect, or that abuse or neglect will occur, you are obligated make a report to county Child Protective Services or law enforcement using the contact information below:

Marathon County Department of Social Services 715-261-7500 OR 715-261-1200 (after hours line), or by dialing 911. You may request that your contact remain anonymous.