



## Harrisonburg Hornets Basketball Academy – *HHBA*

Thank you for participating in the selection process for the Harrisonburg Hornets Basketball Academy for the 2017-2018 season. As an organization and a coaching staff, we are excited about the upcoming season and bringing together players who possess a love of the game of basketball, competitiveness and a great desire to learn and improve. \*Teams will be forming for:

- 11/12th Grade Boys and Girls(Spring Season)
- 9th Grade Boys and Girls(Spring Season)
- 8th Grade Boys and Girls(Spring Season)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys and Girls(Winter Season)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys and Girls (Winter Season)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys and Girls (Winter Season)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys and Girls (Winter/Season)

### Important Information about the Hornets Organization:

Harrisonburg Sports Academy is an officially registered organization that operates as an insured, non-profit entity (501c3) of AAU Basketball. “Harrisonburg Hornets Basketball Academy” or the “HHBA” or “Hornets” the name associated with each of the teams within the club. Every coach and administrator is involved with the club on a 100% volunteer basis and will undergo an AAU Mandated background check, concussion training and coaching development through the “Positive Coaching Alliance.”

### **Mission:**

The Harrisonburg Hornets Basketball Academy exists to holistically develop the youth in our community through the game of basketball- athletically, academically, and socially.

### **Vision:**

Each member of the Hornets organization will strive to provide for our players a safe, challenging, and enjoyable developmental experience in which they will be challenged to grow based on developmentally appropriate goals.

### **Goals:**

- Player Development

- Self-Confidence
- Respect
- Teamwork
- Competitiveness
- Sportsmanship
- Leadership

**Season:** Practices will begin within two weeks of team selections. 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade teams will participate in the “Winter Season,” November – March Hornets Tournament. 8<sup>th</sup> – High School aged teams will begin in February and run as late as July. Length of season can be determined on a team-by-team basis once initial 4-6 tournaments are completed. Factors will largely be determined by the commitment and availability of the coaches, players and families on each Hornets team.

**Practices:** Teams will practice a minimum of 2 days a week with occasional exception due to gym availability. Days and location will be determined by coach and gym availability. Players are expected to attend practices and will need to notify their coach if they are unable to attend.

**Tournaments:** Teams will attend between 4-6 tournaments per season, which is where the majority of player fees are utilized. The Harrisonburg Hornets Board of Directors and Coaching Staff determine tournament selections. Tournaments are generally within a two-hour radius of Harrisonburg. Tournament costs range from \$200-\$350 per team. Teams, who wish to compete in events beyond the above mentioned, will need to fundraise for those events.

**Fundraising:** Each team will participate in fundraising for their team. For the Winter Season, the Hornets will be selling Chick-fil-A Calendars and Poinsettias. For the Spring Season, the Hornets will be selling Krispy Kreme Doughnut Certificates and flowers for spring. If a family would like to opt out of these fundraisers, a contribution to the team of \$75.00 will be required in lieu of fundraising.

**For the Hornets Annual Tournaments: Holiday Shootout in December and the Kevin Hargrove Memorial Tournament in March, all Hornets teams will play (where brackets are viable) and ALL PLAYERS AND PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO VOLUNTEER in some fashion by providing concession items as well as signing up for volunteer time slots and positions. Free admission will be granted to each individual who sign-up and work two or more volunteer shifts. All others will be required to pay admission fees. Tournaments are a lot of work and we will need all hands on deck**

**Cost:** \$165 for new players, 1st season with Hornets.

\$115 for returning Hornets.

Financial Aid and payment plans are available for families who demonstrate need.

Fees include: AAU player registration and secondary insurance, tournament fees, uniform rental, gym rental fees and team equipment (i.e. basketballs, pennies, cones, etc.).

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