



JR. LADY SPARTANS BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Mission Statement

The mission of the JLSBC is to teach fundamental, sound basketball skills in a safe and positive Christian environment and at the same time encouraging players to conduct themselves with integrity and respect in order to represent the Martin Luther Community in a positive Christian manner. It is the goal of the club to serve the community by developing prepared athletes who will be an asset to the high school program and the community.

The mission of the club is:

- To promote and develop basketball players for the Martin Luther High School girl's program
- To focus on the development of fundamental basketball skills
- To provide a positive learning and growth experience in a competitive environment for members of the club
- To proudly represent Martin Luther and the Lady Spartans Basketball Club
- To encourage sportsmanship and teamwork while providing a fun and positive experience for the member of the club in a Christ centered Christian environment.

JLSBC Philosophy

The JLSBC is designed to provide girls in grades 4-8 who have the intention or are interested in attending Martin Luther High School the opportunity to participate in a basketball program that has a higher level of skill and competition for a select program.

The clubs efforts are ultimately directed at the development of players for a successful high school program. Based on this objective, the directors work directly with the Martin Luther High School Girls Basketball Program and it's coaches as the program is designed to be a feeder program to our high school team.

We believe that basketball is a fun game, and there is no reason why basketball at this level should be anything but fun. We have expectations of our players and coaches and we are committed to developing our teams and program in a Christ centered Christian environment. However, we will not lose sight of the fact that enjoying ourselves and glorifying God in the process is central to what we're doing.

We believe that the development of our athletes will be best served with hard work, dedicated coaching, and a positive athletic experience. We look to develop our players on the court with discipline, knowledge of the game and skill development. Off the court we promote our faith, positive life experiences, dedication to the community and respect for our families.

We must also teach our players they each have a role on the team. While that role can and must change with improved play and skill development, each player needs to know their role in helping the team succeed.

Players in the JLSBC are also able to participate on school teams and with other local basketball programs if they so choose. We do not see this as being a replacement for school teams, but rather an opportunity for athletes to experience a higher level of competition and commitment.

We believe that each player should have a positive experience...these experiences include playing time. Our program is not an equal playing time program; however, coaches will always strive to give playing time to all players on each team. A goal of 25% minimum playing time over the course of the season will be encouraged. All questions about playing time and the reason for the amount can be discussed with the coaching staff and the Program Director.

Program Commitment

The Jr. Lady Spartans Basketball Club conducts tryouts in the Fall. Players are selected and placed onto teams at that time. Practice is usually scheduled once or twice during the week depending on coach and player availability. The main practice day will be Sunday afternoons. Tournaments are generally played on weekends. The regular season for the Club ends mid-March. Teams reconvene in early June and play in a summer league, one evening per week. Some practices and tournaments are planned in the summer.

Registration/Fees

REGISTRATION

A parent/guardian must complete a waiver of liability and pay fees before a player is allowed to practice. Included in the ONLINE registration form is a request for information about the player's health insurance along with the new state mandatory concussion information. Players and parents must agree and electronically sign a Player/Parent Code of Conduct prior to practicing with their team. At the team registration meeting, which usually happens a few nights after the last tryout, fees are due and players will be measured for their uniforms.

FEES

Jr. Lady Spartans Basketball Club requires each participant to pay a fee. **The program fee will be \$300** and is due at Registration Night meeting. A player will not receive a new uniform nor be allowed to practice or play in a game without receipt of this fee.

This fee covers: Insurance, gym rental, league fees, tournaments fees, program equipment (Balls, equipment bags, coaching aids), uniform (expected use is 2 years), travel bag, club administration costs, end of season celebration.

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Tryouts & Team Selection

TRYOUTS

Tryouts are conducted in the fall by grade level. Players must be registered before participating. Players are given a number which is worn on their back during the tryouts for identification by our coaches and evaluators. Players, identified by the number on their back, are rated during a series of drills and game situations. During these drills and games, players are graded on their work ethic, coach-ability, listening, communication on the court with other players, offensive skills, defensive skills, competitiveness (effort), and other traits identified by our coaching staff and evaluators. After the tryouts, all report cards are compiled by the Director. Players receiving the highest scores are selected to play with JLSBC.

Practices

Practices will be determined by late September. Usually, a team will practice twice per week, approximately 1 ½ hours each practice. The coach may schedule voluntary, “extra” practices. Although every attempt is made to schedule two practices each week, due to gym availability, this may not occur. If a player cannot attend practice for any reason, she must contact the coach before the practice. Playing time will be affected if practices are missed.

Parent and Player Code of Conduct

Please refer to the Jr. Lady Spartans Basketball Club Code of Conduct. This is a form that must be signed by all players before they may play on a team. All players must abide by the code in order to be a member of a team for the JLSBC. All parents must sign and abide by the code before their daughter may play on a team. The Jr. Lady Spartans Basketball Club endorses and supports the principals of the Martin Luther High School Code of Conduct. The full code of conduct can be found below.