

CROSSROADS CRUSADERS

HOME SCHOOL BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Purpose:

"Bring glory and honor to Jesus Christ while excelling at competitive basketball."

1 Timothy 4:8

"For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come"

Goals:

- Help everyone who is involved in our program (players, parents, coaches, etc) to grow in their personal relationship with Jesus.
- Develop players' basketball skills.
- Develop as teams in terms of teamwork, skills, knowledge of basketball, etc, with a goal of competing at a high level.
- At every game people should see Jesus working in the lives of our players, coaches and fans whether it is a close game or a blowout, whether the referees make good calls or bad, whether the opponents and their fans are kind or not. We want people to look at those involved in our program and see Jesus, NOT US.
- Build a community of Christian fellowship as families spend time together at basketball related events.

Playing Time Philosophy:

Not all players will play equally. Our basketball program is not a gym class. We choose to compete in a competitive environment, so we must treat it that way. We feel that players must earn their playing time by their talent, commitment, dedication, hard work, and positive attitudes. Players that are seriously dedicated to basketball and work hard during the off-season and on off days to improve their talent and skills, will play more than players who take basketball less seriously. However, coaches are committed to giving all players playing time often when it will not affect the outcome of the game. Also we have certain games throughout the year that are scheduled with intent of giving significant playing time to players who otherwise would not play much.

10u and 12u teams: Every player who shows up and works hard at practice and has a positive attitude will play in every non-tournament season game.

National Tournament

Near the end of every season, the Crusaders compete in 3 home-school post season tournaments: Illinois State Championship, Midwest Regional Championship and the National Championship. These tournaments are the culmination of our season and the competitive goal of our season is to succeed in these tournaments. We strongly encourage all players and their families to participate in these tournaments. Some of our teams may be combined and we may not have a team for every age group.

Crusaders Basketball is a ministry of:

Crossroads Christian Youth Center

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Dear Parents and Players,

As we enter another season of basketball, here are few things we want to make sure that everyone is aware of:

Forms

- Everyone must turn in a Medical Release/Waiver Form before they are allowed to practice or play in games.
- Everyone in *high school* must turn in Immunization Records or letter of exemption from immunization.
- Everyone in *high school* must turn in Eye Exam Records or a letter of exemption from Eye exams.

Team Fee

- Team Fee is \$200 (18U/16U) and \$160 (14U/12U/10U). This must be paid during the first week of practice. If you cannot pay the entire fee at once or need to work out a different plan with Crossroads, you must put it in writing and submit your request for approval. Players not paying their fees or submitting a request in writing will not be allowed to practice or play in games.

Uniforms

- Each player will receive a uniform before the first game. These uniforms should be worn for games only, NOT for practice or any other purpose. When washing the Jersey tops, please hang dry them (numbers will fall off if put in dryer!) You will NOT receive a uniform if you have not paid and turned all the forms in.
- Practice Jerseys will be given to every player and should be worn at every practice. Since Jerseys are reversible, players may want to wear an undershirt.
- All uniforms and practice jerseys must be turned in immediately following the end of the season. It is the player's responsibility to turn in their uniform ... Crossroads does not want to have to call you to run your uniform down.

Schedule

- All changes and updates, along with directions to all the games will be given through email and posted on the Crossroads website: www.crossroadscyc.com

Parents Needed

- We still need parents to get involved in the following areas: gym hosts for home games, admission help, keeping the book, running the scoreboard, helping with concessions, state tournament helpers, help with the nationals hotel, etc.

Crusaders Merchandise

- Crossroads has a limited amount of T-shirts, Sweatshirts, and Hoodies available for purchase. Let us know if you would like to make a purchase.

Player's Agreement

Honor Christ

I will make it a goal to represent Jesus as a basketball player and as a person.

I will strive to grow in my daily walk with Christ.

I will be involved in church, daily Bible study, and prayer.

I will not smoke, drink, do drugs or hang out with people who are involved in such activity.

I will learn to win humbly and lose gracefully.

I will practice self-control by learning to control my pride, anger, words and actions.

I will be a person of integrity and display a positive attitude at all times.

Honor Parents

I will obey, honor, and respect my parents, coaches, referees, and other adults as the authority God has placed in my life.

I will be diligent and work hard to get all my homework done on time.

I will have a positive attitude as I represent the love of Christ to my parents and siblings at home.

Excel at Basketball

I will be committed to attending all the practices and games.

I will always be in good communication with the coach about everything.

I will give my all at practice and games.

I will commit to practice and work out on off days.

I will be committed to striving to improve as a player and as a team throughout the season.

I will be committed to teamwork, by putting the good of the team and others before myself.

If at any time I break any part of this agreement, I realize that I may be disciplined by the coach. Discipline may involve running laps, losing playing time, suspension, or even being expelled from the team.

Parent's Agreement

I will support the purpose of Crusaders Basketball:

"Bring glory and honor to Jesus Christ while excelling at competitive basketball."

I have read the player's agreement and agree to support it and help enforce it.

I will take personal responsibility for my child's growing relationship with Jesus.

I will be dedicated to the program and strive to have my child on time to every practice and game. If a discipline issue arises, I will contact the coach and discuss a solution that will be in the best interest of my child and the team before making the decision to keep my child from a practice or a game.

I will always be in good communication with the coach and let him know ahead of time of any problems or the possibility of missing a practice or game.

I will submit all forms and pay all fees ASAP, or work out another arrangement with the director.

I understand that this is a competitive basketball program and will support its operating as such.

I will be willing to get involved personally and help where needed and when asked.

I will go to the coach, director, board, or other parents directly if I have a problem with anyone of them rather than causing division by talking to others about my issues.

I will let the love of Jesus show through my life by my words and actions as a fan, parent, and representative of Crossroads Basketball.

Coach's Agreement

I will support and constantly emphasize the purpose and goals of Crusaders Basketball:
"Bring glory and honor to Jesus Christ while excelling at competitive basketball."

I will set a positive example for my players by my attitudes and actions, on and off the court by acting as Jesus would act and considering others more significant than myself.

I will be in constant prayer with and for my team and players.

I will hold weekly Bible studies with my team and encourage the players to take leadership.

I will take personal responsibility for my players' growing relationships with Jesus.

I will come under the Crossroads leadership, and before making any changes to philosophy, etc. I will get it approved by the leadership of Crossroads.

I will be dedicated to the team and to helping the team and each player to improve.

I will be in good communication with players and parents regarding scheduling changes, etc.

I will develop manageable team goals and emphasize accomplishing them.

I will appoint team captains based on Christian character and leadership.

I will be in good communication with the director and attend all coach's meetings.

I will work with the parents to discipline each player as necessary.

I will not put down or belittle any player; rather I will use positive encouragement.

I will honor Christ and exhibit self-control as I coach and work with my team.

I will work with the director to do what's best for the program and not just my team.

Crossroads Crusaders Conflict Resolution Guidelines

Our unity is crucial for the success of the home-school basketball program. We represent different backgrounds, with different views on how a basketball program should be run, how a team should be coached, playing time issues, etc. But we need to remember, that basketball is just a game, and there are a lot more important things in life! Let's all commit to strive to keep the unity of the group. Jesus says in John 17 that it is our love and unity for *each other* that will prove to the world He is real and powerful, and that He loves the world.

Below are the guidelines we will use for conflict resolution. These guidelines are specifically designed to protect the unity of our group, and especially to discourage gossip, which destroys group unity. Please commit to not gossip, and commit also to not listen to gossip.

Overlook an Offense- bear with one another in love. Overlooking an offense is a form of forgiveness, and it involves a deliberate decision not to talk about it (i.e. gossip), dwell on it, or let it grow into pent-up bitterness or anger.

Conflict Resolution involving another Player or Parent

Please go to that person first. Please do not discuss your issues with people that are not involved in the situation. If necessary, feel free to go to the coach or Athletic Director (Doug) and let them help you resolve the issue.

Conflict Resolution involving a Coach or AD

Please go to the coach or AD first. However, remember that our coaches have very difficult job and it is practically impossible to please everyone. Please do not discuss your issues with people that are not involved in the situation. If necessary, feel free to go to the Athletic Director and let him help you resolve the issue.