

DALLAS THUNDER BASKETBALL

God, Family, School, Basketball

Dallas Homeschool Basketball, Inc. was founded in 2003 to provide Dallas area home schooled students with the opportunity to develop their basketball skills in a competitive basketball environment. In order to help our students strengthen their Christian walk and develop Christ-centered relationships, we combine the leadership of experienced, paid and volunteer coaches with that of our Christian parents to model Christian values. Our key goals are:

1. Develop and model character qualities fitting of Christian athletes (God first, family second, school third, basketball fourth).
2. Play competitive basketball, while also providing maximum opportunity for every child to learn, grow, and gain game experience.
3. Develop outstanding individual and team basketball skills.

Dallas Thunder is a non-profit 501c3 organization. It is run by volunteers. Each family will be needed to volunteer during games including: running the clock, score book, game stats, video, and pictures. Other volunteer opportunities are needed like Team Admin, events, senior activities, among others.

Parent Meetings - It is mandatory that one parent from each family attend a Parent meeting (for both returning and new families).

Saturday 8/26 10am - Noon
Baker Brothers Meeting Room
2615 Big Town Blvd
Mesquite, TX 75150

Saturday 8/19 10am - Noon
Waterbrook Bible Fellowship
507 Thomas St
Wylie, TX 75098

Eligibility requirements - can be found on National Christian HomeSchool Championship site <http://nchclive.com/guidelines/> High School upperclassmen transfer students (from public/private school) may have certain waiting periods. Players must transfer before the first game of the season or if they transfer after first game, they must also fill out a hardship request and provide Thunder written documentation of the Eligibility Committee's decision before they can play in a game. Any questions can be directed to our Basketball Committee Chair Chris Kendall via email at basketball@dallasthunder.org.

Teams: Thunder intends to form a minimum of 10 teams between 10u-18u (5 girls and 5 boys). If there are enough players in an age group to facilitate 2 teams (minimum of 7-8 per team), we will have multiple teams in a single age group. Teams will be formed by early October. Games are typically scheduled on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

1. High School (16u and 18u) teams will play a minimum of 35 games (plus 2-3 in season tournaments and both NCHBC post season tournaments). Typically they play 2-3 games a week and games start late October or early November.
2. Middle School (12u and 14u) teams will play a minimum of 20 games (plus a league tournament and both NCHBC post season tournaments). Typically they play 2 games a week and the games start late October or early November.
3. 10u teams will play in a league with an end of league tournament (plus the Big South regional post season tournament). Typically they play 1 game a week and the games start late November or early December.

Players are considered in the age bracket if they are the age or under by September 1st. Players that meet a minimum of 14 and 9th grade are eligible for the High School Program. Players 14u (8th grade) and under are expected to play in their age group.

Practices: They begin 9/4/17 and run through the end of the season in March.

Practice Location: PSA Murphy 330 N. Murphy Road, Murphy, TX 75094

Practice Times: Monday & Wednesday 2-4pm for ALL teams

Exceptions: We will not practice 11/22, 12/25, 12/17, and 1/1

Practice Dress Code:

- The practice uniform is the Thunder practice jersey, basketball shorts, and shoes.
- NO visible undergarments
- NO cut/torn t-shirts
- NO tempo-length shorts (for girls)
- Tank top/t-shirt must be worn underneath practice jerseys (for girls)
- NO UNIFORMS. They should only be worn for games.

Awards Banquet - Thunder holds an end of the season awards ceremony on March 30th 2018. We encourage all players and their families to attend as we celebrate the accomplishments of the teams and organization.

Senior Activities - Include special recognition at the Awards Banquet, Senior Night during a basketball game typically done in January or February, and graduation (this is determined by the senior parents).

Post Season Tournaments - The 12u-18u Thunder teams go to the National Christian Homeschool Championship post season events. 10u teams will only go to Big South Regional with the option of playing Team USA at Nationals. We need every family to provide commitment to Nationals by December 1st, 2017 and families are responsible for travel and accommodations. The fee for the tournament is included in your tuition payment. For more information visit nchclive.com.

1. Big South Regional - February 22-24, 2018 in Mansfield, TX. There is a gate fee at

this tournament for spectators.

2. Nationals - March 12-16, 2018 in Springfield, MO. There is no gate fee at this tournament for spectators.

Program Cost:

Early registration will begin 5/5/17 and go through 8/25/17.

1. Registration can be found on <http://dallashomeschoolbasketball.org/registration.html>
2. Payment methods can be found on <http://dallasthunder.org/how-to-pay.html>
3. Cost covers uniform, practice jersey, 100 hours of practice gym time, all scheduled tournament fees, and coaches' fees.
4. PLAYER FEES (LESS REGISTRATION) ARE REFUNDABLE UP UNTIL 10/15/17.
5. Uniforms and Practice Jerseys- Must be returned at the end of the season. If you lose a piece of the uniform or practice jersey, *you are responsible for paying a replacement charge.*
6. Shoes, Socks, Shooter shirts, Spirit Wear - These are NOT included in Thunder's player fees. High School teams could decide to buy matching team shoes. We would recommend you wait to purchase shoes until October. Players can decide if they want to opt out but may want to purchase same color. Spirit wear for players and families will be available for purchase online in early October and again in early December.
7. *Other costs to consider* - Added fuel for traveling to games, admission into some games (some schools charge an entry fee), eating out (many games are around dinner time), tournament shirts, hotel and food cost for nationals (and regionals if you choose to stay in a hotel).
8. Total fee below is Registration plus tuition fee. In addition, mandatory Fundraising is done in October through an event called BIG Serve. Each player must raise \$200 (or \$500 max per family if you have 3+ players) or pay that amount by 10/28/2017.

Team	Registration Fee by 8/25/2017	Late Registration Fee after 8/25/2017	Tuition Fee Full, Two, or Monthly Payments Invoiced the 1st week every month
18u	\$200	\$250	\$650
16u	\$200	\$250	\$650
14u	\$175	\$200	\$375
12u	\$175	\$200	\$325
10u	\$150	\$175	\$250

Fundraising:

1. BIG Serve - This is Thunder's *mandatory* fundraiser where we join together and serve our community on 10/28/17 from 9am-1pm. Each team is given a project to do (serve at a local retirement home, work on flower beds at a church, work in a food pantry sorting and stocking, etc). We will train you on how to raise money for your efforts. The amount is \$200 per player or \$500 max per family. You can also opt out of raising the funds by paying the \$200 per player or \$500 max per family by 10/28/17, note that the buyout does not receive a tax deductible receipt.

All Players and one parent per family is required to participate the day of the event in serving. But, we welcome the entire family, this is a time when we join together to serve, have fun and get to know each other before the season starts.

2. Other fundraiser opportunities- Thunder offers opportunities for families to help raise funds that will go towards their registration and tuition fees. These are voluntary programs and 100% of what you earn goes into your family account.
 - Scrip- You can raise money ALL YEAR long by purchasing merchant money through this program. To get more info go to <http://dallasthunder.org/scrip.html>
 - Yellowbook- You can raise money by delivering yellowbooks in your local area. To get more info go to <http://dallasthunder.org/yellowbook.html>

More information:

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