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MURPHY, TX

DALLAS THUNDER HOMESCHOOL BASKETBALL

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Parent/Player Meeting 2024-2025 Season

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Josh Brannon
President
Volunteer



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Member at Large
Volunteer



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Volunteer



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Volunteer



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Sports Chaplain
Volunteer



Krista Thomas
Events Coordinator
Volunteer





2023-24 Highlights

*VG – D1 Bronze Ball 3rd Place

*VB – D2-B Copper Ball 7th Place

*JVB – D2-B Copper Ball 7th Place

*12G – D2 Gold Ball Champions

*12B – D3-B 7th Place

*10B – Bronze Ball 5th Place

Mission & Goals

Dallas Homeschool Basketball, Inc. was founded in 2003 to provide Dallas area homeschooled students with the opportunity to develop their basketball skills in a competitive basketball environment.

Goals:

1. Develop and model character qualities fitting of Christian athletes (**God first, family second, school third, basketball fourth**).
2. Play **competitive** basketball (14U+) and have a developmental 10U-12U program.
3. Develop outstanding individual and team basketball skills.

Our Culture

A large group photo of the Dallas Thunder Homeschool Basketball team. The team consists of approximately 40 members, including players and coaches, posed in several rows on a gymnasium floor. The players are wearing black long-sleeved jerseys with "DALLAS THUNDER" printed on the front and blue shorts. The coaches are wearing grey polo shirts. The background shows a gymnasium with a red and blue wall and a whiteboard. The text "MURPHY, TX" is visible on the whiteboard. The main title "DALLAS THUNDER HOMESCHOOL BASKETBALL" is overlaid in large white letters across the center of the photo.

DALLAS THUNDER HOMESCHOOL BASKETBALL

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We Are...

**HARD WORKERS
FAMILY ORIENTED
TEACHERS
DETERMINED
ROWDY**



Who Can Join?

Families Who:

1. Make a **season long commitment** to the teams, coaches, and the other Thunder families.
2. **Volunteer** during games and other events, as needed.
3. Have players who are at least **51% homeschooled** and meet the **NCHC Guidelines**.
4. Have not left another homeschool organization or school for **disciplinary reasons** in the last 12 months.
5. Are willing to abide by and sign our Code of Conduct and Grievance Policy.

<https://dallashomeschoolbasketball.org/registration/>

Eligibility

- 51% Homeschool Requirement
- 2.0 GPA (on a 4 point scale)
- Homeschool transfers: Eligible Immediately if transferring from a NCHC Participant*, or Homeschooled for two consecutive years, and not leaving for disciplinary reasons. (*Upperclassman*)
- Upperclassmen transfers from Public/Private school must file hardship with NCHBC:
 - <http://nchclive.com/guidelines/> and <http://nchclive.com/hardship/>
 - For questions please see basketball committee



More than 3 high school transfers to an organization can affect the above rules.

Basketball Information



Basketball Committee

The Dallas Thunder basketball committee is a delegated subcommittee of the Dallas Thunder board and is responsible for basketball operations including: hiring coaches, keeping coaches accountable and for resolving grievances per the Code of Conduct and Grievance Policy.



Paul Leininger
Committee Chair



Lorelei Abercrombie



Phil Brinkmeyer



Brian Enos



Anthony Short



Corey Dearmont

Coaches



Jason Holmes
JV/V Boys



Eric Davis
JV/V Boys Assistant



Brandon Thompson
JV/V Girls



Jason Crawford
12U/14U Boys



Sharon Jackson
12U/14U Boys Assistant



Lindsay Foster
12U/14U Girls



Twila Lee
12U/14U Girls Assistant



10U Boys
& Girls

Mandatory Parent-Coach Meetings

- Coaches will announce rosters at the Parent-Coach Meetings on September 16th.
- Coaches will set expectations for the season and teams.
- This is your opportunity to meet the coaches, ask questions, and get to know them, as well as select Team Administrators.
- This is also when the clock begins on formally committing to the organization or withdrawing.

*The following historically represents a typical season but is subject to change and schedule confirmation.

Description	10U	12U	14U	JV	Varsity
Level of Play	Developmental	Developmental	Competitive	Competitive	Competitive
*Regular Season Games & Practices	14-16 Games ~50- 2 hr practices	16-20 Games ~50- 2 hr practices	20- 25 Games 50- 2 hour practices	35-40 Games 50- 2 hour practices	35-40 Games 50- 2 hour practices
Regular In Season Tournaments	With League	With League + 1	Approximately 2 per team	Approximately 2 per team	Approximately 2 per team
Post Season: District, Regional & National	6-8 games District & Regional only	11-15 games	11 -15 games	12-15 games	12-16 games
Team Structure	Boys & Girls Teams	Boys & Girls Teams	Boys & Girls Teams	Boys & Girls Teams	Boys & Girls Teams
Age as of Aug. 1st of current season	8-10 years old	11-12 years old	13-14 years old (8th grade or younger)	14-16 years old (9th grade and up)	14-18 years old
Teams	10U	12U	14U	Some combination of 16U (JV) and 18U (Varsity), as decided by head coach	
Team Size	Minimum of 6 players and a goal of 8-10 players per team				
Player Development	May be necessary to have more than one team based on the number of players				
Players team responsibility	Players are required to play at their age appropriate level. Players may be selected by the head coach to play up. The player's primary team as assigned by coaches, with parental consent, takes priority.			All high school players will play on a 16U (JV) or 18U (Varsity) team as decided by head coach	
Team rosters	Rosters will be announced Sept 16th				
Playing Time	Minimum amount guaranteed		<i>No minimum guaranteed</i>		

Practice Information

- PSA Murphy - Mon & Wed: 2 - 4pm | **First practice 9/4**
- All teams practice at the same time on different courts

Skills

Open SKILLS workouts at PSA Murphy from 2 pm - 4 pm on August 26 and 28 – **our first formal practice is September 4, 2024**

- Invite your friends or anyone interested in homeschool basketball to our SKILLS
- The cost is \$10 per player, Cash at the door or Zelle (*Waiver required for those not registered)

OffSeason Training Program

- New summer training program
- May-August
- All students welcome



Homeschool Tournaments

District Tournament (ALL Teams)

- Fieldhouse Mansfield
- January 24-25, 2025
- *Fee paid to the NCHC*

Regional Tournament (ALL teams)

- Located in Fieldhouse USA, Frisco & Grapevine Fieldhouse
- February 20-22, 2025
- *Fee paid to the NCHC*

National Tournament (ALL teams except 10U)*

- Located in Springfield, MO
- March 10-14, 2025
- *Fees paid to the NCHC*
- **Free admission for spectators**

***Need player commitment to attend by December 1, 2024. Teams formed & registered based on commitments.**

State Homeschool Tourney

- **The Dallas Thunder does not participate in the State Tourney because it does not affect seeding in the NCHC tournaments.**
- **Individual teams may decide to self fund and go by paying the entry fee and the coaches' travel and hotel.**

Grievance Policy

<https://dallashomeschoolbasketball.org/grievance-policy/>

The athlete and/or parent should discuss the concern with the coach and work to a mutually agreeable solution. Until a coach is made aware of an issue, nothing can be done to alleviate it. Athletes and parents are to request a meeting with the coach at a mutually agreed-upon time. Never approach a coach before/during/after a practice or game to discuss conflicts unless the conversation has been prearranged.

Policies



<https://dallashomeschoolbasketball.org/policy-and-procedure-manual/>

Sick Policy

In consideration of all Dallas Thunder families, during times of illness, we ask that parents or players refrain from attending Dallas Thunder games or practices on a day that he or she is experiencing any of the following symptoms, unrelated to any ongoing physical issues or allergies, within the last 24 hours:

- Fever
- Cough (non-allergy related)
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Nausea/Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Contagious illness such as, but not limited to, pink eye, chicken pox, measles, mumps, rubella, strep throat
- If anyone in your family is diagnosed with the flu, please keep everyone home for **24 hours after all symptoms clear.**

Background Check Policy

All Caretakers of players and the Dallas Thunder Board and Basketball Committee are subject to a criminal background check. Caretakers include coaches and assistant coaches, **including parent volunteer coaches**. Upon completing a background check, the following is a list of automatic disqualifiers. Other reasons to disqualify a candidate are at discretion of the Dallas Thunder Basketball Committee.

Automatic disqualifiers:

1. The volunteer refuses to complete the screening process
2. Sex offenses and misconduct
3. Violent felonies
4. Felonies (other than sex or violence related) within the past 10 years
5. Any child abuse or domestic violence convictions
6. Misdemeanors within the past seven years excluding traffic violations

Additionally, pending convictions and/or arrests for the above items will be considered as a disqualifier.

Refund Policy

If a family notifies the organization of player withdrawal within one day of the Parent-Coach Meeting and upon return in good condition of the practice jersey, **the organization will retain Tuition and Fees equal to 10% of the full-season** and refund the balance of previously paid Tuition and Fees.

If a family notifies the organization of a player withdrawal more than one day after the parent coaches meeting, we retain 100% of the **Tuition and Fees**. If the circumstances are beyond the control of the family, then we will consider refunds on an ad hoc basis.

<https://dallashomeschoolbasketball.org/refund-policy/>

Abandonment Policy

Abandonment is when a player leaves a team during the season. The season is defined as the day after the parent-coach meeting through the day of the last game of the season. The purpose of this policy is to encourage players to consider the team before themselves, to emphasize the importance of continuity for a team, and to encourage our families not to quit, but to work out differences per the Grievance Policy.

If a player abandons the team during the season by preference (for example the player wants another coach, different playing time, or to play for a different organization) then the player will not be considered for registration until after the next full season, and will only be accepted upon approval by vote of the Dallas Thunder Leadership Team.

If a player leaves the organization before or after the season, then this is not considered abandonment. The player is permitted to re-apply the next season per normal registration protocol.

If a player leaves the team because of a higher priority than basketball (1. God, 2. Family, 3. School) and has NOT broken any policies, then this is not considered abandonment. The player is permitted to re-apply the next season per normal registration protocol.

Athlete Commitment

<https://dallashomeschoolbasketball.org/policy-and-procedure-manual/>

Parent Commitment

<https://dallashomeschoolbasketball.org/policy-and-procedure-manual/>

Financial Information



Financial Update

Registration & Tuition Income: (budget)	\$55,342
Fundraising: (based on roster/policy)	<u>\$21,000</u>
Total Budgeted Income:	\$76,342

Coaching - Salaries, travel expenses	41% of expenses
Team Cost - Practice courts, leagues, tournaments	53% of expenses
Overhead - Insurance, operations, financial, (no salaries)	6% of expenses

Tuition & Fundraiser

Level	Tuition	Mandatory Fundraiser (Family max of \$600)	Total Basketball Fee
18U	\$999	\$300	Tuition + Mandatory Fundraiser (Big Serve or other)
16U	\$999	\$300	
14U	\$699	\$300	
12U	\$599	\$300	
10U	\$500	\$300	

Total cost is Tuition + Fundraiser

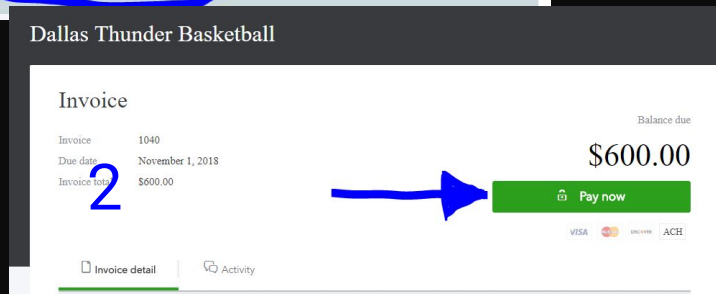
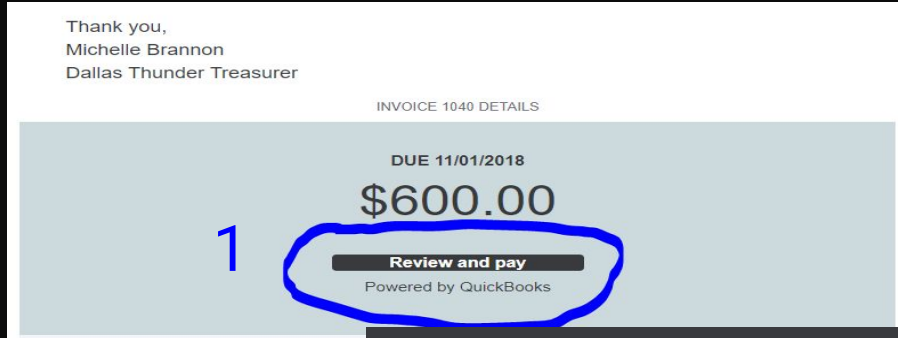
*10u teams fee does not include Nationals

- Monthly payments due at the 1st practice of the month (Sept, Oct, Nov): must pay to practice/play.
- **Other costs to consider - Uniforms**, fuel for traveling to games, admission into some games (some schools and Thunder charge an entry fee), eating out (many games are around dinner time), tournament shirts, travel, hotel and food cost for nationals and possibly regional/district, spirit wear, nationals spirit bucket, extra team tournaments, and uniform replacements or custom orders.
- Payment plans are available.

Payments

Method of payment: electronic check included in the invoice,
Zelle (payment@dallasthunder.org).

Pay before 1st practice of the month.



Payment amount

\$ 600.00

Remaining balance \$0.00

Payment method

Account type
Personal checking

Routing number
Routing number

Account number
Account number

Confirm account number
Confirm account number

Account holder's first name
First name

Account holder's last name
Last name

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Save payment method to pay faster next time (sign in or create an account to save)

Financial Agreement

This Financial Responsibility Agreement document includes a promise, from / by each family, to pay the tuition and fundraising that is required.

1. Tuition (or the first tuition payment) (tuition / 3) must be paid by 9/4 to start practicing.
2. Tuition (or the second tuition payment) must be paid by the first practice in October to continue practicing.
3. Tuition (or the final tuition payment) must be paid by the first practice in November to continue practicing and the fundraising amount is due within 2 weeks after the BIG Serve. As of the first November practice, any non-payment means no practicing or playing in games until payment received.

Players will not be allowed to practice if their payment has not been received.

Scholarship Request

- Dallas Thunder has created a \$1,000.00 scholarship fund. We will accept donations to help increase this amount.
- Scholarship help will be distributed to families based on applications and need.
- Scholarships will be given after the second week of practice.

<http://dallashomeschoolbasketball.org/hardship>

Uniforms 2024- 2025



Uniforms

- Uniform sizing day will be during practice on Sept. 18th
- Returning players will be required to wear white uniform for inspection.
- Leadership will inspect all player uniforms, and families are responsible for replacements and repairs, as needed.
- **New players this season will purchase their uniform.**

*****Players will need to purchase a royal blue/white reversible practice jersey for all practices.*****

Uniforms - Price

- Uniforms are approximately \$180.00 + shipping.
- Individual pieces can be purchased as needed.
- Seniors or players who leave the organization at the end of the season can sell uniforms to new players next year or keep the uniforms.

Fundraising



The BIG Serve - Sat. 10/26 from 8-2

- **Our SERVE-A-THON is a Service & FUNDraining effort. Donors give; We serve.**
- **Donors Give:** This fall our players and parents will be reaching out to family, friends and businesses asking them for donations to help our non-profit homeschool basketball program.
- **We Serve:** at our 10th Annual BIG Serve Event on Saturday October 26, 2024 from 8 a.m - 2 p.m. Players, parents, and coaches serve together Habitat for Humanity, Buckner Center for Humanitarian Aid and two Assisted Living facilities



Serve-A-Thon

- Organization-Wide Fundraiser leading up to The BIG Serve
- Sponsors donate online, Zelle, or mail a check
- Each Player will have own customizable page
- Player goals beyond \$300 to benefit Thunder covering gym rental, coaches' stipends, ref fees, tournaments, & training
- Let's all pitch in beyond \$300/\$600 because it's the best thing to do for Thunder and for each other!

Stack Team App

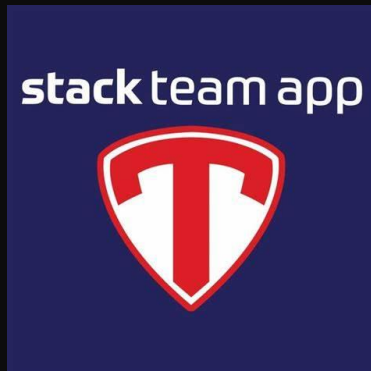
Dallas Thunder uses the stack team app

Features include:

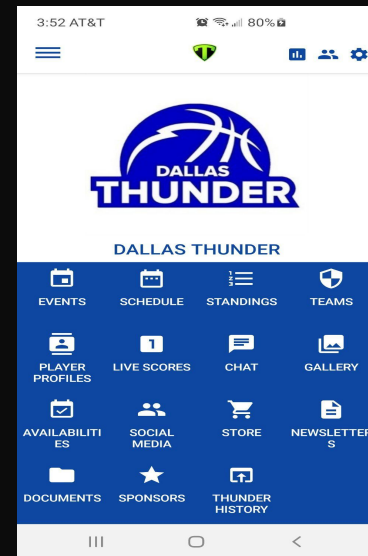
- Events: See schedules practices, get together, etc.
- Schedules: See individual or All team's game schedules
- Live Scores: Get live scores if unable to attend games
- Chat: Communicate with your Dallas Thunder family
- Gallery: Upload/View photos and videos throughout the season
- Instructions to follow once the season starts.



iOS



Android



Organizational Volunteers



Team Volunteers

Dallas Thunder runs on volunteers! Expect to volunteer!

Team Volunteers:

Team Admin- one per team (set @ parent/coaches meetings)

Nationals Goody Bag Coordinator - one per team

Game Volunteers:

Clock duty *

Game Score Book *

Photos and video

*Learn during the regular season



Ways to Volunteer

- Newsletter Editor
- Home Game Coordinator
- Concessions Manager
- Highlight/Reel Editor - one per team
- Sign up Genius Manager
- Photographer - official team and player photos
- Scheduling Assistant
- Spirit Wear Coordinator
- Program Editor - dependent on parent interest
- Party/Event Helpers
- Sponsorship/Fundraising Recruiter

Home Games

- Admission fee for Thunder families
- Fees collected cover gym/ referee costs
- Families are required to volunteer at home games



Wrap Up



Important Dates

9/4	First Practice - 1st payment due
9/16	Parent/Coach Meetings
9/18	Uniform Fitting
10/2	2nd payment due
10/26	The BIG Serve event 8:00am - 2pm
10/?	Tip-Off Party 6:00 pm
11/4	3rd payment due
11/25 & 27	No practice Thanksgiving
12/23 - 1/1	No practice Christmas and New Year
1/6/2025	First practice after holiday
1/24-25	District Tournament
2/?	Senior Night
2/20 - 22	Regional Tournament
3/10-14	National Tournament
3/?	Banquet / Award Ceremony

*All dates are/will be on the dallashomeschoolbasketball.org/schedule/ and the Stack Team App - the calendar is public but still being updated.

**Tentative dates

Registration

Player application (Online)

Policy & Procedures (online)

New players - **upload a copy of birth certificate** in the application

->You will receive an invoice when you application is accepted<-

<https://dallashomeschoolbasketball.org/registration/>

LATE FEE OF \$50 for families who register September 4th.