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God, Family, School, Basketball

Dallas Homeschool Basketball, Inc., founded in 2003 to provide Dallas area homeschooled 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 stipend 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. Our priorities: God first, family second, school third, and basketball fourth.
2. Play competitive basketball at the 14U and High School levels while also providing opportunities for every player to learn, grow, and gain game experience at the 10-12U levels.
3. Develop outstanding team and individual basketball skills.

Dallas Thunder is a volunteer-led 501c3, non-profit organization, with each family volunteering either during games (running the clock, scorebook, game stats, video, and pictures) or in other capacities (team administrator, events, and senior activities, among others).

Parent Information Meeting - It is mandatory that one parent from each family (both returning and new families) attend the parent meeting. A parent needs to either attend the meeting or watch a recording prior to the first practice.

Date: Saturday, August 24, 2024

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: PSA 1, 6500 Preston Meadow Dr, Plano, TX 75024

Eligibility Requirements are located on the National Christian Homeschool Championship site <http://nchclive.com/guidelines/>. High School upperclassmen transfer students (from public/private school) must transfer before the first game and may have certain waiting periods. They must fill out a [hardship request](#) and be approved by the NCHCB to play. Please direct any questions to our Basketball Committee via email at basketball@dallasthunder.org.

Teams: Thunder intends to form a minimum of two teams, one boys and one girls, in each age group between 10u-18u. If there are enough players in an age group to facilitate two teams (minimum of 7-8 per team), we will have multiple teams in a single age group. We will form teams by the first week in October. We typically do not schedule games on Sundays or Wednesdays.

1. High School (16u and 18u) teams typically play around thirty-five games with two in-season tournaments and three NCHBC post-season tournaments. Typically, they play two-to-three games a week. Games start in late October or early November.

2. Middle School (12u and 14u) teams normally play around twenty games, or more, with an in-season tournament and three NCHBC post-season tournaments. Typically, they play two games a week. Games start in late October or early November.
3. 10u teams will play in a league (fourteen-sixteen games total) with a possible end-of-league tournament and two NCHBC post-season tournaments, *except the National Tournament*. Typically, they play one game a week and the games start in late November or early December.

At registration, players will be assigned to their age-appropriate teams. A player's age bracket is their age (and under) on August 1st. Coaches will ask players to play up in another age bracket at their discretion. The only exception to this is that players 14 years old in the 9th grade will be assigned to play in High School. Players in 8th grade and under typically play in their age group but may play-up, at a coach's request, the parent's approval, and the organization's discretion.

Practices: Begin 9/4/2024 and run through the end of the season in March 2025.

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

Practice Times: Monday & Wednesday 2-4 pm for ALL teams (Additional Friday practices are possible for high school teams before Nationals) **Exceptions:** There is no practice the Monday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving or During the Christmas/New Year holiday.

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.

Year-end Banquet - Thunder holds an end of season Banquet in March, after the NCHBC national tournament. We encourage all players and their families to attend as we celebrate the accomplishments of the players, teams, and organization.

Senior Activities – We recognize our seniors with special recognition at the Banquet, at Senior Night during a basketball game typically played in January or February, and possibly at a graduation (as decided by the senior parents).

Post Season Tournaments - The 12u-18u Thunder teams go to the North Texas District, the Big South Regional and the [National Christian Homeschool Championship](#) postseason events. *10u teams will only go to North Texas District and Big South Regional with the option of playing Team USA at Nationals.* We need every family to provide commitment to Nationals by December 1, 2024 and families are responsible for travel and accommodations. For more information visit nchclive.com.

1. [North Texas District](#) - January 24-25, 2025 at Fieldhouse USA Mansfield. There is a gate fee at this tournament for spectators. Families are responsible for travel and accommodations.
2. [Big South Regional](#) - February 20-22, 2025 in Frisco and Grapevine, TX. There is a gate fee at this tournament for spectators. Families are responsible for travel and accommodations.
3. [Nationals](#) - March 10-14, 2025 in Springfield, MO. There is not a gate fee at this tournament for spectators. Families are responsible for travel and accommodations.

Program Cost:

Registration begins in July:

1. You will find Registration at <http://dallashomeschoolbasketball.org/registration.html>. You will receive an emailed invoice upon approved registration. Dallas Thunder accept payment online through QuickBooks. *PRORATED PLAYER FEES ARE REFUNDABLE UP UNTIL TEAMS ARE DECIDED AT THE COACHES MEETINGS.*
2. Cost covers ~100 hours of practice gym time, all scheduled tournament fees, and coaches' stipends. Note: Teams may raise money or decide to attend additional tournaments at their own discretion. Players are not required to pay additional fees for additional tournaments, nor participate in those games.
3. Uniforms are the responsibility of each family.
 - o **New Thunder players** will be responsible for purchasing a uniform. Estimated cost is \$180.00.
4. Players will be responsible for obtaining their own practice jersey.
5. Shoes, Socks, Spirit Wear - These are NOT included in Thunder's player fees. Spirit wear for players and families will be available for purchase online at limited times during the season.
6. Fundraising - We have one required fundraising event in late October or early November through an event called BIG Serve. Each player must raise \$300 (or \$600 max per family) or pay that amount by November's first practice.
7. **Total fee is Tuition fee + Fundraising** Registration is included in the tuition payment below. Payment plans are available in three payments. Each payment is due at the first practice of the month (September, October, and November). Players must pay to practice and play in games. **Players with a balance cannot practice.**
8. **Late fees:** Monthly payments received after the first practice of the month are required to pay a \$20 late fee.

Level	Tuition	Mandatory Fundraiser (Family Max of \$600)	Total Basketball Fee
18u	\$999	\$300	Tuition + Mandatory Fundraiser (BIG Serve)
16u	\$999	\$300	
14u	\$699	\$300	
12u	\$599	\$300	
10u	\$500	\$300	

Examples of fees: A 14U player without any siblings playing with Thunder could pay the \$699 tuition before the first practice and then need to raise \$300 by the first practice in November. He/she could raise \$150 in BIG Serve, then payout the \$150 balance. In that same situation, the player could choose 3 payments, pay \$233 (\$699/3) before the first practice in September, pay \$233 by/at the first practice of October, not do any fundraising at all and pay \$533 (\$233 payment + \$300 fundraising) by/at the

first practice of November.

Fundraising:

1. BIG Serve - This is Thunder's mandatory fundraiser where we serve our community from 9am-1pm on Saturday October 26, 2024. Each team is given a project, like serving at a local retirement home, work on flowerbeds 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 \$300 per player or \$600 max per family. You can also opt-out of raising the funds by paying the \$300 per player or \$600 max per family by the first practice in November. Note: a buyout does not receive a tax-deductible receipt.

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

The other costs to consider are: fuel for traveling to games; admission into some games (including home games, although some schools may not charge an entry fee); food donations for home game concessions; eating out (many games are around dinner time); tournament T-shirts, spirit buckets for the players at nationals, hotel and food cost for nationals (and regionals and districts if you choose to stay in a hotel).

More information: dallasthunder.org or email at info@dallasthunder.org

Let the Thunder roll!