



God, Family, School, Basketball

Dallas Homeschool Basketball, Inc., founded in 2003, provides Dallas area homeschooled students with the opportunity to improve their basketball skills in a developmental yet 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, senior activities, among others).

Parent Information Meeting - It is mandatory that a parent from all families, both returning and new families attend the parent meeting or watch a recording prior to the first practice.

Date: Saturday, August 26, 2023

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: PSA Murphy, 330 N Murphy Rd, Murphy, TX 75094

Eligibility Requirements are located on 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 send any questions via email at basketball@dallasthunder.org.

Teams: Thunder intends to form a minimum of two teams, one boys and one girls, in each age bracket between 10u-18u (5 girls and 5 boys teams in total). 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 make every effort not to play games Sundays or Wednesdays.

1. High School (16u and 18u) teams will play around thirty-five games with two in-season tournaments and three NCHBC post-season tournaments. Typically, they play two-three games a week and games start in late October or early November.
2. Middle School (12u and 14u) teams will play around twenty games, or more, with an in-season tournament and three NCHBC post-season tournaments. Typically, they play two games a week and the 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, we will assign players to their age-appropriate teams. A player's age bracket is their age or under as of September 1. Coaches will ask players to play up in another age bracket at their discretion. The only exception to this is we will assign to the High School Program players that are 14 years and are in the 9th grade. 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 September 6, 2023 and run through the March season's end.

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)

Exceptions: There is no practice the Wednesday before Thanksgiving or during the Christmas/New Year holiday.

Practice Dress Code:

- The practice uniform is a blue/white reversible 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 after the March 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 a special recognition at the Banquet, at Senior Night during a basketball game typically done 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 Red River District, the Big South Regional, and the [National Christian Homeschool Championship](#) postseason events. *10u teams will only go to the Red River District and the Big South Regional with the option of playing Team USA at Nationals.* We need every family to provide commitment to Nationals by December 1, 2023 and families are responsible for their travel and accommodations. For more information visit nchclive.com.

1. [Red River District](#) - January 26-27, 2024 in the DFW area. There is a gate fee at this tournament for spectators. Each family is responsible for travel and accommodations.
2. [Big South Regional](#) - February 23-24, 2024 in Frisco and Grapevine, TX. There is a gate fee at this tournament for spectators. Each family is responsible for travel and accommodations.
3. [Nationals](#) - March 11-16, 2024 in Springfield, MO. There is no gate fee at this tournament for spectators. Each family is responsible for travel and accommodations.

Program Cost:

Registration begins July 15, 2023

1. You can register after this date using this link: <http://dallashomeschoolbasketball.org/registration.html>. You will receive an emailed invoice upon approved registration. Dallas Thunder accepts payment online through QuickBooks. **PRORATED PLAYER FEES ARE REFUNDABLE UP UNTIL TEAMS ARE DECIDED AT THE COACHES MEETINGS.**
2. Cost covers practice jersey, ~100 hours of practice gym time, all in-season 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 their uniform. Estimated cost is \$180.00; and the plan is to use each set for a minimum of three years.
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 – this year's date is October 28, 2023. Each player must raise \$300 (\$600 max per family) or pay that amount by November 1, 2023.
7. **Total fee is Tuition fee + Fundraising amount.** Registration is included in the tuition payment below. A three-payment plan is available. 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 or other)
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 November’s first practice. 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 at the first practice of October, not do any fundraising at all and pay \$533 (\$233 fee payment + \$300 fundraising) 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 28, 2023. Each team has a project to do (serve at a local retirement home, work on flowerbeds at a church, work in a food pantry sorting and stocking, etc.). We will help you with how to raise money for your efforts. The amount is \$300 per player or a \$600 maximum per family. You can also opt-out of raising the funds by paying the \$300 per player or \$600 maximum per family by the first practice in November. Note: a buyout is not tax deductible.

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

Some other costs to consider are: fuel for traveling to games, admission into games (including Thunder 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 bucket 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!