

3/28/19

To: Prospective Jackson High School Players for the 19-20 season and Parent/Guardians

Re: “Summer (late May-July) Basketball” @ Jackson H.S.

Hope all is well with you and yours! The main point of this letter is to communicate what goes on during the “summer” (late May-July) at JHS basketball wise, and provide an opportunity for you to let us know your interest, availability. In planning for this time, the first steps are to let all know what is going on, and to determine interest. Unfortunately, more on this later, it is possible that not all that want to play in all of the tournaments we will enter into will get to play, but we do our best to get as many involved as possible, **and all are welcome to attend practices and open gyms**. We ask that you respond to this regarding your child’s availability and interest via the “survey” at the end. Thank you for your attention, time, and response.

First, some context regarding why late May-July is a different time than others during the off-season. We break down the off season into, “Spring”, “Summer”, and “Fall...”

Spring (now through May and this is a time we are not allowed to directly coach our players):

In our mind, this is a time for players to improve individually, by working on their skills, attending open gyms, becoming stronger and quicker, and playing on teams if they choose to. We also understand that other sports might be a priority too during this time, and that is certainly “ok” by us.

If a player wants suggestions on what to work on and how to do so, any and all of our coaches are happy to communicate with any returning, prospective players regarding what to work on, drills to improve, guidelines on proper training techniques, etc. In fact, we may have already done so. After Spring Break, there may be open weight room and open gyms available too.

Summer (After Memorial Day- July 31): *And this is what we need you to consider and get back to us on, mostly regarding practices/play in late May, June and the Gonzaga team camp June 24-27!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

This is a time period when HS coaches can coach JHS players and prospective players. A few things to know and understand about *summer/June basketball* are:

- 1) Unlike the real season, it is ok to miss an **occasional** game/practice due to vacations, other activities, etc. If you feel like you can commit by making most of this, then you should consider playing. If you are not sure and need to discuss before committing or not, then ask us!
- 2) While you are strongly encouraged to participate, playing or not playing this summer is not in and of itself a guarantee of anything, positive or negative, for next season.
- 3) Due to a limited number of coaches and playing time spots, we cannot have everyone play in all the events we play in during the summer period, but if you indicate an interest, we will do our best to get you involved. Based on a

perception of where kids were at to conclude the 18-19 seasons, *and perhaps after a tryout period the first week of summer basketball (May 28 and 30)*, we will place interested players on our June “varsity”, “junior varsity”, and maybe “freshman” summer squads (often times JV squads will include incoming Frosh). **We will do a fair amount of rotating and these can change during the summer (June-July) itself, and are not guarantees of anything, positive or negative, for next season/tryouts in November.** It is also possible that one might get the opportunity to play in one event but not another. **In short, we do everything in our power to be fair and give people an opportunity while also maximizing the value of this critical summer play period.**

- 4) \$, COSTS....Summer basketball will largely be **subsidized by the booster club and our ASB account**. Team camp is an exception, and the exact funding of summer basketball needs to be determined by booster club leadership. **All of the leagues and tourneys cost about 2500.00-3000.00 total and the bus to team camp costs 4200.00**, so this is no small blessing that we have a booster club that helps towards this end. Put bluntly, if your child ends up playing in the tournaments we enter in the summer, **we/the booster club particularly hope that in turn you would be willing to participate in booster club fund raising activities during next fall and winter. SPECIFICALLY, THERE WILL BE PROGRAM AD SALES IN OCTOBER-NOVEMBER THAT COULD USE YOUR ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT, AND PERHAPS A GOLF TOURNAMENT IN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER**
- 5) **One should only play in the summer with the JHS group if they planning on attending JHS in the fall of 2019 and turning out for basketball.**

Overall, success in the program has been built in part upon the mantra that all must do something in between March and November to become a better athlete and player! Playing in June is just one-way, albeit an important way because the high school coaches are there, that players can and should improve.

To follow on the next page is an *approximation* of the events planned in late May-July, so you can *consider all of this and respond regarding your interest*. **FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, WE NEED TO KNOW THE LEVEL OF INTEREST IN OUR SUMMER BBALL ACTIVITIES! AND PLEASE KEEP IN MIND, AT THE EXPENSE OF SOUNDING HARSH, YOU ARE NOW INDICATING *INTEREST*, SO THAT'S WHAT RETURNING THE SURVEY (LAST PAGE) IS ALL ABOUT.**

Thank you for your time and attention, please feel free to contact us with any questions. Steve Johnson and all JHS Basketball coaches

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JHS “Summer Basketball” 2019 Approximate Schedule

Practices

May 28, May 30, June 4, 6, 11, 13, 17, and 18 2:30-5:00, EXCEPT JUNE 4 AND 6 WHICH ARE 5:30-7:30

Open Gyms

July 9 and 11 10am to 12pm

July 16 and 18 10am to 12pm

July 23 and 25, 12pm to 2pm

Weight Room

In conjunction with football and other sports, hoping to make the weight room available for basketball players all summer...more info to follow.

Tournaments

Franklin, May 31-June 2 (varsity) Seattle Pacific U (JV) on June 1

June 7-8 JV and Var @ Redmond HS

June 15 1 Var and 1JV at Seattle Pacific U

Team Camps

June 24-27 Gonzaga (3 teams total, 2 JV's and Varsity)

July 24-26 UW team camp, Varsity only

When we receive more information, I will get out more specific, final schedules. But for now, I would imagine you need to get some of this on your calendars and **we need to do some planning based on how many kids are interested. So, towards this end and after considering, would you please return the survey (last page) by email, hand delivery, or mail by April 16 at the latest!!**

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions and/or need some clarification. Thanks and Go Wolves!

Steve Johnson, on behalf of all JHS Boys Basketball Coaches (425) 385-7065

Summer BBall Survey

Please check those statements that apply to you and answer the Gonzaga camp inquiry too please! Return via email to sjohnson@everettsd.org, or mail to Steve Johnson, 1508 136th NE, Mill Creek, WA 98012, or one can hand deliver to Steve Johnson at JHS, room D112 or in his main office mail box. Please return by April 16 if you would like to be considered.

Name _____ Email addresses to communicate with you and parent/guardian via _____ (parent/guardian email preferred)

- **I am available, interested and can make most of the late May, June basketball activities and want to be considered for the June tournaments.**

Yes _____ No _____

- **Regarding Gonzaga Team Camp 6/24-27 pecifically I DO _____, or DO NOT _____ want to go. (this costs about 370.00 and includes camp tuition, lodging, and meals)Please check one or the other!**