Q & A FOR BASKETBALL COACHES AND FAMILIES – (Updated 9/16/2021)

Q: Can I coach more than one team?
A: Yes. We have had several parents do this for their players. It requires a little extra communication and work, but we have made it happen.

Q: Can I change my practice schedule if there is a conflict?
A: Practice schedules will be issued at the mandatory coaches meeting in the coach’s packet. Changes can be made by emailing or contacting the program coordinator directly. If there are openings and availability, practice schedules can be modified.

Q: Can I change the game schedule after it is posted?
A: Once the game schedule is posted, changes are only made for emergency situations or if there is situation on our end that requires the change. Coaches have any opportunity to make game schedule requests on the application, in an email prior, or at the coaches meeting. All requests must be made prior to the posting of the schedule.

Q: What are the requirements to coach youth basketball?
A: All coaches need to submit a volunteer application, complete a background check, participate in a 25-minute free online concussion training, watch the 25-minute volunteer coach YouTube video, and attend the 1-hour coaches meeting. Links to all online trainings as well as the application are available at https://gjpr.org/coachtraining21

Q: Does the assistant coach need to complete the requirements to coach youth basketball?
A: Yes. Any adult that will have contact with the players needs to fill out the application, provide a copy of the concussion training certificate, watch the 25-minute volunteer coach YouTube, and complete the background check. Links to all online trainings as well as the application are available at https://gjpr.org/coachtraining21

Q: Do I need a concussion training every year? Can I use one that I have from work or coaching another sport?
A: Yes. Volunteer coaches need to renew their concussion training every year or season. If you have a current training certificate from your job or from another coaching opportunity and it is less than one year old, it is valid.

Q: When and where are the mandatory coach meetings?
A: 1st Grade Co-ed and Girls 2nd Grade Coaches meeting date: October 19, 2021 at the Main Office
Girls’ 3rd-6th grade Coaches meeting opportunities (pick one): October 7 at the Fruita Community Center OR October 12, 2021 at the Lincoln Park Barn
1st Grade Co-ed 2nd Grade Coaches meeting date: January 11, 2022 at the Main Office
Boys’ 3rd-6th grade Coaches meeting opportunities (pick one): January 10 at the Lincoln Park Barn OR January 13, 2022 at the Fruita Community Center
7/8 grade Coaches meeting date: January 27, 2022

Q: Should I organized my weekly practices or fly by the seat of my pants?
A: That depends! If you have solid knowledge base of the skills expected at each grade level, then a more spontaneous approach may work for you. If not, please look over the skills that are listed in the basketball rules manual and organize your practices appropriately. Coaches will need to stay within the boundaries of the progressionary skills listed for each grade level. Additionally, officials in 4th – 6th grade will call the game(s) based on these skills.