

2017 Fox Ridge 6th/7th Grade Basketball Information

Head Coach 6/7 – Stuart Aron

Head Coach 8 - Lindsay Harder

Eligibility:

The FOX RIDGE Basketball Program operates on a “No Cut” basis. No player will be dropped from the team if the following conditions are met:

1. Regular attendance and promptness for practices. The league requires five practices before playing in a game.
2. Player displays self-control and acceptable behavior in school (refer to the Athletic Code of Conduct located in mandatory forms on the Website), at basketball and in the community.
3. Current Athletic Emergency Card on file.
4. Athlete's participation fee of \$30 (6th and 7th Grade), \$60 (8th Grade), has been paid or a waiver has been accepted. Full scholarships are available only with a copy of free and reduced receipt. There will be no refunds after the first week of practice.

Equipment:

Use of uniforms and basketballs are provided as part of your fees. Shoes and other practice attire need to be provided by each player. Students will not be allowed to practice if not properly dressed for basketball (i.e. basketball shoes and gym shorts).

Practice Sessions:

Plan to attend practices regularly. Practice will be every day from 3:50-4:45, except on game days. The locker room is open from 3:45- 3:55 for players to change for practice, and will be locked until practice concludes at 4:45. LATE Buses run each day and leave promptly at 4:50. Players need to walk home or make arrangements to be picked up **no later than 4:50 pm** following practice if not taking the late bus home.

Organization:

The coaching staff will play every eligible player in every game. Sixth and Seventh grade players are divided into two levels: experienced and developing. Students at the experienced and developing levels are further divided into equal ability teams (up to three at each level depending on the number of players). Eighth grade players are divided into three levels: experienced, novice and developing. Developing level plays are further divided into equal ability teams (up to two depending on the number of players).

Determining player positions and teams will be the coaches' decision based on the following factors:

1. Demonstrated hustle; passing, shooting, rebounding, dribbling and ball handling skills; knowledge of assigned plays and their execution; team play, attendance and attitude.
2. The best distribution of players to maintain team balance. For example, it may not be best to have ten tall or ten short players all on the same team.
3. Those things determined by the coaching staff to be best to help a player develop to his full potential.

GAME SCHEDULE

Please read the athletic schedule posted on the school's Website for game dates and locations.

Games are played in the afternoon and will start as close to 4:25 pm as possible and will end around 6:45 pm. **NO PRACTICES WILL BE HELD ON GAME DAYS. BUS TRANSPORTATION IS PROVIDED BOTH TO AND FROM AN AWAY GAME.**

** Players need to be picked up before 6:45 pm on game days!*

SAFETY OF PLAYERS' PERSONAL BELONGINGS:

*TO HELP ENSURE THE SAFETY OF PLAYERS' PERSONAL BELONGINGS, THE LOCKER ROOM WILL BE LOCKED DURING GAMES UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE LAST GAME OR UNTIL THE TEAM BUS RETURNS TO FOX RIDGE.

******* If leaving early with a parent *******

HOME GAMES: If a player plans on leaving before the end of the last game, he cannot leave his belongings in the locker room; he MUST bring them to the team bench. Read the above statement. Parents do not need to check out players at HOME games.

AWAY GAMES: If a player plans on leaving before the end of the game, he cannot leave his belongings in the locker room or on the bus; he MUST bring them to the team bench.

Players must check out with their coach before leaving an AWAY game. Parents MUST physically sign out their player. Parents may check out their own child, they may NOT check out someone else's child unless that child has a signed and dated note indicating permission for him to go with the noted parent. A player's failure to sign out will result in a phone call home to find and locate him and the player will forfeit playing in the next game. Safety and Responsibility are the issue and no exceptions will be made to this policy.

Bus Behavior

The normal district rules apply, especially the expectation that players remain seated at all times. No body parts should extend out the windows and nothing said or gestured to opposing players or community members.

Failure to follow team rules, guidelines and expectations may result in the player being dropped from the team.

**NO PRACTICE OR GAMES ON WEEKENDS OR ANY DAY SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION.
ALL GAMES WILL START AS CLOSE TO 4:25 AS POSSIBLE. THE BUS WILL RETURN
TO FOX RIDGE FROM AWAY GAMES AT APPROXIMATELY 6:45 PM.**