

2007 – 2008
Millcreek Youth Athletic Association
Boys Basketball Season
Opening Newsletter

On behalf of Millcreek Youth Athletic Association's Board of Directors, Mr. Herb Down, Commissioner of Boys Basketball, and myself, welcome to the 2007-2008 season. We look forward to another successful and enjoyable season of player development and friendly competition. It is the absolute intention of this MYAA program to focus on player skill development, respect for supervisors, coaches and referees, appreciation of the game of basketball as a potential lifetime recreational sport. and principally to have fun. This program is not competitively motivated as are the scholastic or "Family First" programs. Until the "Major League" we do not encourage a competitive coaching approach. The program's intent is to learn the game and have fun while doing so.

Over the years, MYAA Boys Basketball has produced hundreds of high school varsity players, and many college players. These players received their foundation through MYAA's developmental program. We welcome any constructive suggestions and comments regarding any area of our program. Family support is critical in any phase of child development. Attendance at your son or grandson's games on Saturdays are rewarding to both the player and the adult. Please be only positive in your support of players, coaches and referees. The following are a few brief notes regarding the program:

- All games are on Saturday – December through February
- Players must wear gym shoes and their issued team shirt
- Call coaches if unable to attend a game or practice
- Check "Lost & Found" weekly for missing items
- Support the Millcreek Scholastic boys and girls teams for all sports, both financially as well as attendance
- Games are played regardless of bad weather. Attendance is not mandatory. Please do not drive in bad weather to get to an MYAA game! Call the coach and stay home!
- Please do not park on the grass or in Fire Lanes at any game or practice site. MPD will ticket cars
- In snowy weather, please do not wear wet shoes or boots in the gym! It becomes very dangerous for the players. Slippery floors result in accidents
- McDowell South Gym---Do not use south doors to enter and exit. Heat loss and wet conditions result
- Please support the concession stands when available. The Booster organization uses their proceeds for the McDowell athletes benefit
- Be aware, our program is at the mercy of the scholastic programs of the schools. If a practice or contest is scheduled that conflicts with our pre-arranged schedule; we wait until the school activity is over or we reschedule our days activity to another date or location
- Please read and understand the rules for the age groups of your player. To facilitate player development, MYAA plays under different rules than PIAA basketball. The rules vary by age level, approaching standard PIAA rules by Major League
- In summary, your child's participation is appreciated and we sincerely hope you enjoy your MYAA basketball experience this season.

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