



July 2011

Dear Parents,

The 2011-2012 MTS Basketball Season is just around the corner, and we have some business to take care of before it begins.

Please read through the following information, and ***return the permission slip and fees to the office by Tuesday, September 6.***

If you have any questions, AFTER you read the next page, you may call me at

383-9434 x164 or e-mail me at **cmurray@mttam.org**

All schedules will eventually be posted on the MTS webpage: **www.mttam.org**

DATES

1st Practice	Week of November 7	11/7/2011
1st Game	Saturday	1/8/2012
NO GAMES (Holiday weekend)	Saturday & Sunday	2/18/12 - 2/19/12
Last Game	Sunday	3/18/2012

Thanks for helping get this season off to a great start. GO BEARS !

Cathal Murray

2011-2012 MTS BASKETBALL PROGRAM SUMMARY

Permission Slips

- Please return the attached permission slip with a check for \$85 to the office by Tuesday, September 6, 2011.
- The \$85 player fee covers: CYO league fees, referee fees for non-league games, insurance, etc.
- No player will be allowed to practice until his/her permission slip has been turned in.

Uniforms

- Players must wear their entire PE uniform to all practices. NO EXCEPTIONS !
- The game uniforms will be the same as last year's. These uniforms can be purchased at a cost of \$85 each.

Practices

- The first practices of the 2011-2012 basketball season will be held the week of November 7.
- Players **must** wear their entire PE uniform to all practices. NO EXCEPTIONS !
- Practice times will be determined after we hold the Coaches' Orientation Meeting.
- Each team will have two practices per week.
- Practices are for players and coaches ONLY. **NO SIBLINGS OR NON-COACH PARENTS ARE ALLOWED AT ANY PRACTICES.**

Games

- As we did last year, we will compete in the Marin CYO league. CYO games will be played at various gyms throughout Marin County on weekends from January 6 until March 18.
- Each team may also play several weekday non-league games.

Each team will need:

- 2 coaches (Final decisions are made at the discretion of the school.)
- 2 team parents (responsible for arranging carpools, snacks, etc.)
- 2 scorekeepers

Commitment

- *According to our year-end coaches' survey, the one area in which most teams needed to improve is COMMITMENT.*
- We prefer to have seven to ten players per team. This small number helps to ensure more playing time for each player, and results in a better coach-to-player ratio during practices.
- The downside to having so few players is that if just a couple of players don't show up to a game, the team ends up with a forfeit. Therefore, this year we are asking for a greater commitment from all of our players and families.
- Out of respect for the players, the coaches, and the rest of the league, we ask that if you will be unable to commit to practices and to games then you choose not to play basketball.

Greater Commitment asks that you:

- Call both the Head Coach and the Athletic Director before missing any practices or games.
- Reschedule individual activities (piano lessons, tutoring, etc.) during the basketball season.
- Show up 5 minutes early for practice and 15 minutes early to games.

2011-2012 MTS BASKETBALL PERMISSION SLIP

(Please attach a check for \$85. Uniforms are an additional \$85.)

Please return to the MTS Office no later than Tuesday, September 6, 2011

_____ has my permission to join a Mount Tamalpais School Basketball Team, attend practices and compete in games.

(Parent's Signature)

(Date)

2011-2012 MTS ATHLETICS PARENT VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP FORM

(Please fill out and return to the office by September 6, 2011)

I _____ would like to volunteer to be

Basketball

_____ Head Coach
_____ Assistant Coach
_____ Scorekeeper
_____ Team Parent
_____ Uniform Coordinator

Parent Volunteer Duties

Head Coach

- Attend all practices and games
- Create daily practice plans
- Run practices
- Monitor and address player conduct
- Monitor and enforce player dress code
- Determine and teach game plan
- Determine substitution pattern
- Attend coaching clinics

Scorekeeper

- Keep score at games
- Give stats to AD after each game

Uniform Coordinator

- Help determine sizes, order, and distribute uniforms.

Assistant Coach

- Attend all practices and games
- Fill in for Head Coach as needed
- Consult and advise Head Coach
- Help run practices
- Monitor and address player conduct
- Monitor and enforce player dress code
- Attend coaching clinics

Team Parent

- Phone calls for schedule changes
- Arrange treats schedule according to guidelines
- Arrange off campus post season party

* We appreciate the enthusiasm shown for our athletic program, however, we will not be able to accommodate all requests. **PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL COACHES WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND A TRAINING SESSION OR ORIENTATION OR REORIENTATION BEFORE THE NEW SEASON STARTS.**

ALSO, CYO NOW REQUIRES THAT ALL COACHES BE FINGERPRINTED.