



SCSD2 Youth Basketball

Warrior Nation: We have made some changes to the SCSD2 youth basketball program that we would like to inform you about. Please see below for some general information, along with an FAQ section.

Mission: It is the mission of SCSD2 Youth Basketball to create a positive, competitive environment with an emphasis on teaching core fundamentals in order to enhance the quality of basketball at Scottsburg High School in future years. Through quality coaching, in practices and games at each level, every participant will learn the traits of teamwork, sportsmanship, and competitive excellence as well as acquire the best skill set in the state of Indiana.

PROGRAM FEATURES

New Grade Levels: For the very first time, we are proud to offer **kindergarten, first, and second grade leagues for boys and girls!** This is an opportunity for children to play for the joy of the game and learn the basic fundamentals of the game.

Selection process: Each child will be thoroughly evaluated and ranked by members of our Youth Basketball Committee to properly identify what competitive environment will best suit him/her at this time.

Each child will be placed on one of the following teams:

Grades K-1: All players will be play in the SCSD2 elementary league. **There will NOT be district organized travel teams for K-1.**

Grades 2-5:

- *Scottsburg Warriors Purple:* (top 8-10 boys/girls): Will compete in a rigorous travel environment with the best competition Southern Indiana has to offer. Including league play and travel tournaments around southern Indiana. COST = \$175 (includes uniform, league and tournament entry fees)
- *Scottsburg Warriors Gold:* (2nd 8-10 boys/girls): Will compete in a modified travel environment that will include league play and a few tournaments. Competition will be less rigorous in league play as they may play against smaller schools. COST = \$175 (includes uniform, league and tournament entry fees)

- SCSD2 ELEMENTARY LEAGUE: (All boys/girls who do not qualify for Gold/Purple teams at this time): The elementary league will be an opportunity for players to develop their skills through proper teaching and a competitive environment against other boys in our program. The elementary league will be very similar to how it was in past years. The main difference is that we are adding grades K-2.

Other things to know:

- There will be NO CUTS. Players will be placed in the environment that best suits their development at this time. ***Members of the travel teams could change every year!***
- There will be a MAXIMUM of 20 boys considered for Gold/Purple teams. The teams will range anywhere from 8-10 boys/girls on each Gold/Purple team depending on current skill level.
- Not interested in travel? You can let our committee know at sign up or prior to training camp and we will automatically place your son or daughter in our elementary league.
- Your child should still attend training camp if s/he is not interested in travel basketball. This is an opportunity for your child to work alongside the SHS and SMS coaching staffs and develop his/her skills
- Boys/Girls in grades K-1 will automatically be placed in the elementary league. There will be no travel teams for those grades.
- Players who are not placed on Purple/Gold teams will play for their elementary school in the SCSD2 elementary league.
- There is NOT a registration fee for the elementary league. Parents, players, spectators, and cheerleaders will be charged \$3.00 admission each at elementary league games.
- Interested in coaching? E-mail Coach Jameson (bjameson@scsd2.k12.in.us) or Coach Cheatham (dcheatham@scsd2.k12.in.us). We need quality coaches who are willing to work with our players and help them with fundamental development.

TRAINING CAMP:

Boys: September 26,28, and 30th.

K-1: 5:30-6:30. 2-3: 6:30-7:45. 4-5: 7:45-9:00

Girls: September 26,27,29,30

3:30-5:30 All grade levels

1st ELEMENTARY LEAGUE GAMES:

Saturday, October 29th, 2016

1st Gold/Purple league game:

Sunday, October 30th, 2016

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q- Is my child allowed to play in both the elementary league and on a travel team?

A- Your child is able to play in the Elementary league OR a Scottsburg travel team, not BOTH. Practice and game schedules are in direct conflict, so it is not possible for boys or girls to play both. Moreover, we believe the players in the elementary league should have the opportunity to shine against players of like skill and ability. The elementary league will be a place where developing players have a chance to be a vocal point of his/her team.

Q- Is there a registration fee for the elementary league?

A- NO, There is NOT a registration fee for the elementary league. Parents, players, spectators, and cheerleaders will be charged \$3.00 admission each at Saturday games.

Q- Does my child need to attend training camp even if he/she doesn't want to play travel basketball?

A- Yes, your child should still attend training camp. This is an opportunity for your child to work alongside the SHS and SMS coaching staffs and develop his/her skills.

Q- Will there be a Gold travel team at every age level?

A- We will only create a Gold travel team at a certain grade level if we believe the team will be competitive in the travel environment and/or we have a enough players who are interested in travel basketball. Our goal is to place our players in an environment where they are challenged, but also experience success. We will make our decision regarding Gold travel teams with this goal in mind.

Q- What does the \$175 fee for travel basketball include?

A- The fee includes league fees, tournament fees, and uniforms (shorts/jersey) that your son or daughter is able to keep. It does **NOT** include travel expenses or gate fees for families at tournaments/leagues.

Q- Is there financial assistance available if my son/daughter is placed on a travel team and our family is not able to afford the fee?

A- Yes, there are opportunities for financial assistance for travel teams. If your son/daughter makes a travel team, please talk with either Coach Jameson (boys) or Coach Cheatham (girls) if you have a financial issue.

Q- Why not just allow dad's to select travel teams?

A- We are looking to create a feeder system where players and coaches learn the system that varsity coaches implement. Moreover, the Training Camp selection process allows the high school coaching staff, along with assistance from the evaluation committee, to objectively select the top players in each grade based on his/her current level of ability.

Q- Why do we need these changes?

A- The landscape of youth basketball has changed and we need to keep up with the changes in order to be a successful program. The best programs in the state, and the best programs in the Mid-Southern Conference, have very similar youth feeder systems. This system helps us accomplish both of our goals for our youth basketball program. 1- Place kids in the appropriate competitive environment that will help them grow as players and one which allows them to have an enjoyable experience. 2- enhance the quality of basketball at Scottsburg High School in future years.

Q- What if my child improves this year. Will he/she have a chance to tryout for a travel team next year?

A- Absolutely! This is a big part of our plan. We want players who are driven and work hard to become better players. Each year we will hold Training

Camps to evaluate players and each child will have a new opportunity.

Q- Who do I contact with questions?

A- Boys travel questions: Coach Jameson: (bjameson@scsd2.k12.in.us)

Girls Travel Questions: Coach Cheatham (dcheatham@scsd2.k12.in.us)

SCSD2 Elementary League Questions: Elementary Sports Coordinator, B.J. Best (wbest@scsd2.k12.in.us)

Q- Is the elementary league season and the travel season the same length?

A- No, it is not. FOR BOYS- The elementary league will start in mid-October (practices), first games will be the last weekend in October, and it will extend through December 11th. The travel will start in mid-October (practices), first games will be the last weekend in October, and it will extend through February or possibly a couple weekends in March.

FOR GIRLS: Travel ball will start in the late Fall and go through the winter. The Girls SCSD2 Elementary league will begin the same time as normal, getting underway in mid-December.

Q- When will the travel league games be?

A- We are still working on putting together the schedule for boys and girls travel teams. Games will typically be on the weekends, both Saturdays and Sundays.

Q- Where do I turn the registration application into?

A- You can turn the registration form into your son or daughter's elementary school office.

Q- Where can i turn the Future Warriors Dribbling Club information into?

A- Please turn this in, along with payment, to the SHS main office. This club is for BOYS IN GRADES 2-5. This is an opportunity from Coach Jameson and his SHS boys basketball coaching staff. This is an optional opportunity, which is completely separate from SCSD2 youth basketball teams.

Q- How will the coaches be selected?

A- The high school coaching staff will select coaches for each travel team. Elementary sports coordinator, B.J. Best, will select coaches for the elementary league.

Q- What is the purpose of the Evaluation Committee?

A- The purpose of the evaluation committee is to evaluate each player's skill and ability. Committee members will be evaluating players solely based on their ability/potential, setting aside any personal relationships they may have with the players or family members. Committee members will run a drill station and evaluate players at their station.

Q- Who will make the decisions regarding which players are on which teams?

The high school coaching staff will collaborate to make the final decisions regarding which players are on which teams. The staff will use the evaluations from the committee to help make these decisions. Ultimately, the head coach is responsible for each one of these decisions.

Q- How far will the travel be?

A- Many of the league games and tournaments will be in a 30 miles radius of Scottsburg. There may one or two tournaments that exceed that radius, but for the most part the travel should not be too lengthy.