



Hoop Force Basketball

About us

Hoop Force was founded in 2019 by Tony & Monique Clardy. Both have over 15 years of being a part of organize sports basketball and football programs. **HF is a non-profit organization; our program offers year-round basketball and mentoring programs that provides basketball skill camps and travel teams based out of south suburban area of Chicagoland.** Our program focuses on **developing players basketball skills, teaching life skills and qualities to prepare them for the transition to high School and ultimately collegiate basketball.** We compete at different levels including AAU in local tournaments and surrounding cities.

Mission statement

Hoop Force basketball aspires to be an **outstanding developing, athletic organization that provides a high-quality experience to every athlete.** Our commitment is to complete the personal growth of our players. Providing the opportunity for boys and girls of all levels of ability to experience instructional and competitive basketball in a safe and fun environment while promoting sportsmanship, discipline, and respect.

Our goal

Is to teach our young athletes respect, responsibility, and teamwork. Together, our players, staff, and parents work together with unyielding spirit to cultivate a safe and disciplined environment so that every child can reach their full potential and increase their skills in the game of basketball.

A high-quality experience in which every athlete:

- TO DEVELOP EACH PLAYER'S CHARACTER BY TEACHING THE VALUE OF TEAMWORK AND SPORTSMANSHIP THROUGH THE GAME OF BASKETBALL.
- TO PROVIDE PLAYERS WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE GAME BY OBTAINING AN EXCELLENT COACHING STAFF WHO USE INSTRUCTION AND TECHNIQUES THAT ARE DESIGNED TO IMPROVE SKILLS AND ENABLE PLAYERS TO COMPETE AT A HIGH LEVEL.
- TO FOSTER AN ATMOSPHERE WHERE WORKING HARD TOWARDS A COMMON GOAL AND ACHIEVING YOUR POTENTIAL ARE INTERTWINED.
- TO PREPARE PLAYERS BOTH ATHLETICALLY AND ACADEMICALLY SO THEY ARE READY TO ADVANCE TO THE NEXT LEVEL OF PLAY OR STAGE OF LIFE.
- FEELS LIKE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE TEAM REGARDLESS OF PERFORMANCE
- IS COACHED USING THE PRINCIPLES OF POSITIVE COACHING
- LEARNS "LIFE LESSONS" THAT HAVE VALUE BEYOND PLAYING SPORTS

We recognize that coaches are the people who most directly make this all possible. It is our goal to provide every coach with the tools to succeed as a **Positive Coach**. We are committed to creating a positive culture, in which athlete's coaches, parents, spectators, and officials work together to achieve our mission.

Hoop Force player/parent Handbook

The information contained in this section of handbook outlines the expectations and responsibilities of the players, parents, coaches and staff of Hoop Force basketball.

Coaching Staff Responsibility

The coaching staff of the Hoop Force is committed to carry out the following responsibilities:

- Strive to assist team members in the improvement of their individual strengths.
- Coach and stress the basic fundamentals of basketball.
- Create an environment in which the primary emphasis is placed upon the wellbeing of the athletes.
- Conduct structured practices and attend all tournaments.
- Lead by example and demonstrate the value of fair play and sportsmanship.
- Be a leader and supporter of the Hoop Force' Mission statement.

Issue Resolution

Coaches for Hoop Force are exclusively volunteering that are doing the best job they can in providing an educational, healthy, safe and fun time for our players. Even with those intentions in mind it is inevitable that there will be conflicts between coaches, parents and players. We urge everyone to address these issues in a positive manner, keeping in mind that we do what we do for the boys and girls. It isn't about the parent, it isn't about the coach and it isn't even about Hoop Force, **it's about the players**. When an issue or problem arises please follow the following guidelines:

1. Do not interfere with the coaches on game days. If you have an issue at a tournament that does not immediately affect someone's safety please schedule a time to speak to the coach in person, by phone or by email no sooner than 24 hours after the conclusion of the tournament.
2. If your issue cannot be resolved by the coach, please contact any member of the Board of Directors. The member of the Board of Directors will be certain to make sure that your issue is handled by someone appropriately.

Hoop Force Refund Policy

The fees paid for participation in Hoop Force Basketball organization are non-refundable once a player has been selected for a team.

Playing Time

Travel/AAU Basketball is a highly competitive athletic endeavor. Amount of playing time is up to the discretion of the individual head coaches. We understand that competitive basketball is not without cost and, as an organization, we feel that anyone who was good enough to make one of our teams is deserving of playing time in each and every tournament so long as they have met practice requirements. **However**, you should not expect playing time to be evenly distributed, especially as the teams mature and the competition gets tougher. Hf coaches will do everything possible to see that all players get minutes in the game.

Player Responsibility

The following represent the expectations of the board and coaching staff regarding player responsibilities. Remember, you not only represent yourself, but the entire Hoop Force organization. This is a tremendous responsibility. The coaching staff and board volunteer their time and we trust you will exhibit a sense of pride and respect both on and off the court.

Players are expected to demonstrate respect to the coaching staff, officials, opponents, spectators, the board and especially their own teammates. The coaching staff places respect, attitude and character as top priorities of sportsmanship in our athletes.

Player Agreement

- Players are expected to be courteous in word. Vulgar language is not acceptable.
- Players are expected to be courteous in action. Fighting of any kind will not be tolerated.
- Any illegal activity will result in immediate suspension pending investigation by the board.
- School and Hoop Force will be the priority in athletics during the basketball season.
- To play on this team is a privilege, not a right. Playing time must be earned through hard work and a commitment to improve your basketball skills.
- Unexcused absences may result in action determined by the Head coach.
- Players/parents are expected to call the coach or post message in team GroupMe prior to the start of a scheduled practice / game in the event they will be late or will not be able to attend.
- Practice and game attire should be appropriate including: sneakers tied, shorts worn at waist and no jewelry.
- Players must arrive ready to start practice on time.
- Uniforms must be maintained as originally issued and may not be altered in any way.
- Players must bring complete uniform to all tournaments.
- The use of tobacco, alcoholic products or illegal drugs or narcotics is always prohibited.
- Violation of any of the above responsibilities could result in suspension or dismissal from the team/organization at the sole discretion of the head coach and board.

Parent/Guardian Responsibility

Hoop Force basketball is an all-volunteer organization. A non-refundable player fee provides the majority of the funding. This fee will cover expenses related to uniforms, players registration, tournaments and practice gym fees.

Hoop Force is a non-profit organization. Contributions are currently being accepted and are tax deductible. If you or the company that you work for is interested in supporting our program, please contact a board member for information or visit our website.

The parent/guardian is responsible for:

- Arranging transportation to and from practices and tournaments.
- Arranging overnight stay at away tournaments.
- Expenses at away tournament, such as room for overnight stay, meals, etc.
- Demonstrating respect to coaching staff, officials, spectators, opponents and especially our team.
- As a team parent I recognize that I am a representative of the Hoop Force team. I will therefore maintain a positive attitude in myself and encourage that same positive attitude in my child in all team events and all related interactions at all times.
- Recognizing that I am part of a growing organization with financial needs, I will work toward assisting the organization in keeping our membership costs as low as possible by participate in team and organization fund-raising events.
- Understanding that failure to comply with policies or failure to show proper respect to players, coaches or officials can result in disciplinary action or in extreme cases in the suspension or dismissal of my child from the team at the sole discretion of the board.