

# FAQ's

**How long is the season?** Practices will begin the first week of April and the last tournament will be mid-July. Teams will play 6-8 tournaments through season with 2 practices per week and one skills training session during the months of May/June/July.

**Can we play on a different club team if we make a Siouxland Select team and play both?**

We are fully committed to developing your son/daughter when they make one of our teams. With 2 practices per week, skills training every week during May/June/July, and tournaments most weekends during season we ask for complete buy-in from families as we are all-in with our coaching and training staff. At the youth level, practice and skills **attendance** is vital for individual and team development as we want to make sure our players are building good habits.

**How are the teams chosen?** Certified coaches who have been involved in youth basketball for years as well as program directors hold 2 evaluations for players to compete and showcase their abilities. After evaluations, kids are placed on a team or recommended to development league based on their skill level.

**Does anyone get cut?** Yes, the tournaments we will be playing in will be competitive and not a great fit for players new to the game or who need to refine their skills. If tryout evaluators decide a player is in a position where they need more development and skill work to help them reach the next level as a player, that player will be offered a position in the Academy or Development league.

**What is the development league?**

The development league is a series of camps, skills training sessions, and a 3v3 development league that focuses more on helping a player develop their game to be prepared to play competitively at the 5v5 level.

**What if we need to carpool?** From the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-7<sup>th</sup> Grade level we usually do our best to accommodate all requests due to travel/carpool. Unfortunately, these situations don't work out too often. The only times we deny a request is if we feel a player will be playing too low or too high for their skill level. We believe summer is great time to play with kids from other schools..

**What do our fees go towards?** A players fees is broken up into a few different things: Team tournament entry fees, hiring qualified/talented coaches, their expenses, coaches season expenses, training sessions, and uniforms. We keep the overhead as low as possible as we know how big an investment this is. Fees change depending on the age/level of the team and the amount of travel the team will do. Fees vary depending on the age of the player, and the level of the team that they are selected for.

**Can we fundraise?** Yes! Over 80% of our players raise 50%+ of their fees every year. All fundraising goes directly to the player. Siouxland Sports Academy takes no part of fundraising \$.

**Who coaches the teams?** Our coaches are chosen based on their qualifications as a player/coach and then go through an interview process. We then place a coach with a team based on what that coach's skillset is, and where their strengths are. We do this to maximize potential chemistry between players and coach.

**What is the schedule?**

If a player is offered a position and accepts, the team will have a parent meeting. At parent meeting the coaches and families will work to pin down practice times as well as the tournament schedule. Scheduling is flexible so families can work around already planned events. It takes communication on the front end but usually allows for better attendance.