



Grand Forks Swish

Fast Break Club

Dear Basketball Parents & Players,

For the 18th season the Grand Forks Fast Break Club will provide an opportunity for your son/daughter to play on a spring basketball team during April and May. We are one of the longest running spring basketball programs in North Dakota and western Minnesota due to a number of reasons a few of which include quality tournaments (MYAS), quality coaching and the cost of our program which is less expensive when compared to other spring basketball programs. During the 2016 Swish season current UND players such as Quinton Hooker, Carson Shanks and Bailey Strand were just a few of our quality coaches during the Swish season. If you would like more information about MYAS (Minnesota Youth Athletic Services) you can access their website at www.myas.com. If you would like more information about the Grand Forks Fast Break Club, please access the Fast Break website at www.gffastbreak.com. For the 2017 Swish season, the Grand Forks Fast Break Club will form teams for boys and girls players in grades 7 – 11.

Player selection:

Complete and return the attached tryout registration form by Friday, March 10th (*We cannot guarantee your son/daughter will receive a tryout if returned after March 10*). **Tryouts are scheduled at Valley Middle School on Monday, March 20th.** Depending on the number of players who tryout, players in different grade levels may be considered for other teams. **Girls check-in will begin at 5:30 pm with tryouts starting at 6:00 pm. Boys registration will begin at 7:00 pm with tryouts beginning at 7:30 pm.**

Swish Season:

The season runs from March 28th – May 21st. Practices, for the most part, will be held on Monday and Thursday nights. Commitments from each player will be expected when attending practices and tournaments.

Tournament Schedule:

Each team will participate in four tournaments with the possibility of five tournaments. The most likely possibilities for tournaments will be from Alexandria to the Twin Cities. These areas have the quality and quantity of teams needed for a successful Swish season; yet if local tournaments are formed we will enter those tournaments to build a spring basketball foundation in our region.

Here are the **TENTATIVE** dates for the tournaments:

April 7 – 9	Jr. Grand Am (Optional for All Teams)
April 15	MYAS (10 th & 11 th Grade Teams Only)
April 22 – 23	MYAS (All Teams)
May 6 – 7	MYAS (7 th , 8 th & 9 th Grade Teams only)
May 13 – 14	MYAS (All Teams)
May 20 – 21	MYAS (All Teams)

Cost:

Please **DO NOT** send a check with your registration form, payment will be collected at the parent meeting on Monday, March 27th. Cost is \$250.00 (\$300.00 for players outside of Grand Forks). The cost of other spring basketball programs in North Dakota and Minnesota will be much higher. The GF Fast Break Club donated over \$5000 to this program during the 2015 season in order to keep the costs lower for families participating in this program. Partial scholarships are available by contacting Jody Thompson at 746-2205 Ext. 121.

Informational Parent/Player Meeting:

An informational parent/player meeting for those who were selected for the team is scheduled at Valley Middle School for Monday, March 27th at 6:30 pm. We will collect the fees, a copy of the player's report card, which must have the player's current grade level on it and a copy of their birth certificate.

If you have any questions, please contact Matt Bakke at 218-791-2259. We look forward to offering Swish basketball to the players in the Grand Forks area.

Sincerely,

Jody Thompson
President – Grand Forks Fast Break Club

Matt Bakke
Swish Basketball Coordinator/Fast Break Club

Complete and return this form by Friday, March 10th to:

Matt Bakke
2100 5th Ave. North
Grand Forks, ND 58203

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Tryout Registration Form

Name (include middle initial) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

The Fastbreak Club requires a parent email in order to communicate effectively about schedules for practices/games and to update parents about any last minute changes. The Fastbreak Club will not disclose parent contact information to any third party entities and will keep this information confidential. Thank you for your cooperation.

Birthday _____ Age _____ Grade _____ Male _____ Female _____

If I make the GF Swish, I plan to participate in the Jr. Grand Am as part of the GF Swish: Yes _____ No _____

Parents/Guardian Name (Please Print) _____

I understand that the Grand Forks Fast Break Club will not be held liable for any injuries incurred while playing spring basketball.

Parent signature _____

Date _____