



Dear Basketball Parents and Players,

For the 16th season the Grand Forks Fastbreak Club will provide an opportunity for your son/daughter to play on a spring basketball team during April and May. We are the longest running spring basketball program 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 much less expensive when compared to other spring basketball programs. During the 2014 spring season current/former UND players such as Quinton Hooker (Minnesota Mr. Basketball), Carson Shanks, Doug Archer, Katie Houdek, and Katie Klapprodt (current/former UND players) were just a few of our quality coaches during the spring season. Our program continues to grow as we had the highest number of players registered in program history during the 2014 spring 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 Fastbreak Club, please access the Fastbreak website at www.gffastbreak.com. For the 2015 spring season, the Grand Forks Fastbreak Club will form teams in the following grade categories:

Grade 10 and 11 Boys and Girls Teams

Grade 9 Boys and Girls Teams

Grade 7 and 8 Boys and Girls Teams

Player selection:

Complete and return the attached tryout registration form by Tuesday, March 17. (A \$10 late fee will apply and we cannot guarantee your son/daughter will receive a tryout if returned after March 17). Tryouts are scheduled at Valley Middle School on Monday, March 30. Depending on the number of players who try out, players in different grade levels may be considered for other teams.

- Girls check-in will begin at 5:45 with try-outs beginning at 6:15
- Boys check-in will begin at 7:00 with try-outs beginning at 7:30

Spring season:

The season runs from April 16 - May 17. Practices, for the most part, will be held on Mondays and Thursdays beginning April 16. Commitments from each player will be expected when attending practices and tournaments.

Tournament schedule:

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

Cost:

Cost is \$200.00 (\$250.00 for players outside of Grand Forks). The cost of other spring basketball programs in North Dakota and Minnesota will be much higher. The GF Fastbreak Club donated over \$5000 to this program during the 2014 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. 7121.

Informational meeting:

An informational meeting for parents whose players are selected is scheduled at Valley Middle School for Monday, April 13 at 6:30. We will collect the fees and a copy of the player's report card that has the player's grade on the report card and birth certificate. If you have any questions, please contact Matt Bakke at (218) 791-2259. We look forward to offering spring basketball to the players in Grand Forks!

Sincerely,

Jody Thompson
President - Grand Forks Fastbreak Club

Matt Bakke/Scott Bommersbach
Spring Basketball Coordinators - Grand Forks Fastbreak

Cc: DJ Burris, Dan Carlson, Jason Gregory, Kent Ripplinger

Complete and return this form by Tuesday, March 17 to:

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

Grand Forks Spring Basketball Tryout Registration Form

Name (include middle initial) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Birthdate _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian _____

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

Parent signature _____ Date _____