



## Mount Si Boys Select Basketball Program 2021-2022 Season Highlights

### **Continued Partnership**

Si View Metro Parks and the MSHS Boys Basketball Booster Club will continue our partnership to elevate the level of youth basketball play in the Snoqualmie Valley! This exciting partnership brings more resources for player development and opportunities to work closely together with the high school program.

### Key Bullet Points:

- ✓ Program/Player fees for 2021-22 season (Fees schedule available prior to Tryouts)
- ✓ Families will purchase player uniforms and AAU Cards (players keep uniforms)
- ✓ Implementation of a paid coaching model/selection process for grade 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> ETL and Peak teams
- ✓ Implementation of youth training sessions during the select season
- ✓ **\*\*\*Key bullet points are subject to change depending on the current health/economic landscape and advice from health officials!!!**

### **Role of MSHS Boys Basketball Booster Club**

An Advisory Board of booster club and community members will be created to support Si View Metro Parks in the following program areas:

- Recruiting, interviewing and selecting coaching staff for all boys 4-8 grade ETL and PEAK teams.
- Participation in the player tryouts including evaluation and team selections.
- Implementing a youth player training program for participants.
- Working with Si View Metro Parks on the program budget to ensure sustainability and plan for future growth.
- Hosting fundraising events such as the Mount Si HS Golf Tournament, Free Throw-Athon, and the Wildcat Shootout to provide support for the youth program.

### **Role of Si View Metro Parks**

With the lead of youth recreation coordinator Aaron Colby, Si View Metro Parks will continue to manage the day-to-day operations of the Select Basketball Program including contracting for coaching services, program registrations, promotions, scheduling, site management, administration, and evaluation. Si View Metro Parks will look to implement the following in the 2021-22 season:

- Offer ETL and PEAK team options for 4-8 grade boys Select Basketball Program.
- Implement a paid coaching model for all boys 4-8 grade ETL and PEAK teams to elevate the level of play. Si View Metro Parks will contract for services with individual coaches selected by the Advisory Board.

- Implement a player owned uniform model for all boys 4-8 grade ETL and PEAK teams where players will purchase uniforms from Cloud9 Sports. Players may opt to use uniforms for multiple seasons.
- Ensure player insurance coverage by requiring all players to purchase an individual AAU card through [aausports.org](http://aausports.org) for the season.
- Assist with implementation of Advisory Board executed youth training program sessions.

### **What to Expect in the coming season**

Overall day to day operations of the Select Basketball Program from registrations, promotions, scheduling, site management, evaluation, and communication will continue to be managed through Si View Metro Parks.

### **Tryouts**

Tryouts will continue to take place during the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> weeks/weekends in September. Tryouts will be 60 minutes in duration and all kids are encouraged to attend all scheduled tryout dates.

Communications about team selections will be known within a week of the final tryout day. Rosters will consist of 10-12 players based on numbers/talent depth per grade level.

### **League Format**

All boys teams participate in the Eastside Travel League (ETL) or the Mercer Island Peak League (Peak). ETL teams are our top tier teams and Peak teams are the next tier teams. League games begin the first weekend in December and will run until the final weekend in February or the first full weekend in March. Most league weekends will consist of 2 games for each team. ETL will have a home and home format with our Mount Si teams hosting and/or traveling to our opponent's gym. Peak all league games will be hosted on Mercer Island or nearby Bellevue/Redmond with the high possibility of a double header format with games being hosted on the same weekend day. League tournaments will take place the week after each team's last regular season game. Both leagues will form a Gold/Silver League Tournament format. Teams will participate in either Gold/Silver depending on their league standings.

League schedules often come out monthly with the first 1-2 weeks could come out weekly due to the high demand for gym space. This is caused mostly by playoff fall HS sports.

### **Communications**

Si View Metro Parks communicates information about season schedules, potential schedule changes and other urgent matters via email. Please ensure that you have an active email address on file for these communications.

### **Eligibility**

You must live within the Snoqualmie Valley School District attendance boundary or otherwise attend a school that feeds Mount Si High School to participate in the program. It is the same requirement for all programs in the league. Kids cannot participate in league or tournament play until all requirements are met. Kids who move into the Snoqualmie Valley School District after tryouts and teams have been formed will not be added to our rosters. There are occasional exceptions to this rule, check with the Program Director or Leadership members with any questions.

## **Playing Time**

The Mount Si Select Basketball Program is designed for the more advanced youth basketball players who are seeking a more competitive challenge than recreational leagues. League/tournament rules do not mandate a minimum player playing time each game. Playing time will be determined by each head coach and may vary from game to game. Keep in mind over the entire course of the season teams typically play 20+ games.

## **Player Responsibilities**

All Select Basketball program participants must pay applicable program season fees by October 5<sup>th</sup>. Season fee schedule will be available prior to tryouts. Payments for program fees can be made in two installments, with first payment due October 5<sup>th</sup> and final payment due December 1<sup>st</sup>. Players must purchase a uniform through Cloud9 Sports by October 5<sup>th</sup>. Uniforms can be used for multiple seasons. Players must also purchase an AAU card by October 5<sup>th</sup>. Participation in practices, league games or tournaments is not permitted without a valid AAU card. All players are responsible for attending scheduled team practices, games and tournaments, and communicating absences with coaches.

## **Practices**

Teams will start practices in early October. Season will end in early March. Teams will practice 2-3 times per week based on gym availability. October/November generally has good gym availability while December/January/February is tighter with number of activities at local gyms. 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade teams will get priority with 6pm practices while older teams 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades will be scheduled for the later times at 7:30pm.

## **School Access**

Anytime the schools are closed due to holidays, scheduled school breaks, or inclement weather, school gyms are not available for practices or games. This includes Thanksgiving Weekend, December Holiday Break, MLK Day, and February's Mid-Winter Break. \*\*We will have league games the back half of Mid-Winter Break in February (will try to schedule special practices if we can during the week).

## **Training Program**

Training schedule through Elite in Preston that is determined on a yearly basis due to programs needs and demand. Monthly schedules will be released to share with all teams/families.

## **Tournaments**

All 4-8 grade boys' teams will be scheduled for 2-3 tournaments during non-league playing weekends. Pre-Season Tournaments will start in early November and all tournaments including league tournaments will have gate entry fees. Teams will play anywhere between 3-5 games during a tournament weekend depending on results. Games are typically played on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Tournament schedules will be made public the week of and often come out 2-3 days prior to the tournament starting. With limited gym space and the high volume of participating teams, public

schedules are often released at the last minute. Si View Metro Parks and the Mount Si Select Basketball Program have no influence or decision-making power with any tournaments our teams participate in.

Teams can participate in traveling tournaments or qualifying tournaments such as State if those teams choose to do so after their regular season and league tournament. Si View MPD does not cover travel costs, only the team entry fee.

### **More Information**

Additional season information will be available prior to the tryouts, including season fees, tryout schedules and other updates. For more information about the Select Basketball Program, please contact Aaron Colby at (425) 831-1900 or email [acolby@siviewpark.org](mailto:acolby@siviewpark.org).