



PELLA HOOPS CLUB



2019-2020 WINTER PROGRAM FLYER

BACKGROUND:

The Pella Hoops Club, established in 2017-18 in cooperation with the Pella Community Schools basketball programs, is opening registration and holding skills evaluations for the 2019-2020 Pella Hoops Club travelling (AAU) basketball teams.

These travelling basketball teams will typically play between 5 and 10 tournaments during the winter months of November through early March with the option of playing a limited summer schedule (typically July) funded separately from Pella Hoops Club annual fees. Tournaments are normally located within 60 to 90 miles of Pella, such as Oskaloosa, Knoxville, Grinnell, Indianola, Ames, Grimes, and other Des Moines area locations, but can be further (ie: Cedar Rapids) on occasion.

ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for a Pella Hoops Club Team, a player must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled in Pella Community Schools for the 2019-2020 school year
OR be home schooled with the intent on enrolling in Pella Community Schools in the future

NOTE: Board may approve exceptions to this rule to help fill rosters. Once granted, a player accepted into PHC by exception is grandfathered into the PHC each year as long as their participation is continuous.

- AND be in 3rd through 7th grades

NOTE: The intent is to add 8th grade during the 2020-2021 season.

TEAM OPTIONS:

A summary of the team structure and commitment levels for the 2019-20 season is summarized in the table below. In some cases there are two commitment levels available to consider:

CLUB: Fewer tournaments per season (5-7) with a focus on those catering to school teams and thus easier competition. Appropriate for players wanting to limit their commitment in terms of time or cost, or who may not want the higher developmental focus or competition. **Uniform requires jersey top only (~ \$60 used 2-3 yrs)**

TRAVEL: More tournaments per season (8-10) with a mix of both school and select teams, offering tough competition. Appropriate for players interested in a higher commitment in terms of time and/or cost, and with a passion for development and more intense competition. **Uniform requires jersey top and shorts (~ \$100 used 2-3 yrs)**

	GRADE LEVEL (2019-20)	APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF TEAMS	APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PLAYERS	PRACTICE TIME PER WEEK	ROSTER SKILL MIX	CLUB TEAMS		TRAVEL TEAMS	
						NUMBER OF TOURNAMENTS	REGISTRATION COST	NUMBER OF TOURNAMENTS	REGISTRATION COST
BOYS	3rd	1-2	8-10	1-3 hrs/wk	BALANCED	5-7	\$200	N/A	N/A
	4th	2-3	8-10	2-3 hrs/wk	STRATIFIED	5-7	\$200	8-10	\$300
	5th	2-3	8-10	2-4 hrs/wk	STRATIFIED	5-7	\$200	8-10	\$300
	6th	2-3	8-10	2-4 hrs/wk	STRATIFIED	5-7	\$200	8-10	\$300
	7th	2-3	8-10	2-4 hrs/wk	STRATIFIED	5-7	\$200	5-7	\$200

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GIRLS	3rd	1-2	8-10	1-3 hrs/wk	BALANCED	5-7	\$200	N/A	N/A
	4th	1-2	8-10	2-3 hrs/wk	STRATIFIED	5-7	\$200	8-10	\$300
	5th	1-2	8-10	2-4 hrs/wk	STRATIFIED	N/A	N/A	8-10	\$300
	6th	1-2	8-10	2-4 hrs/wk	STRATIFIED	N/A	N/A	8-10	\$300
	7th	1-2	8-10	2-4 hrs/wk	STRATIFIED	N/A	N/A	5-7	\$200

NOTES:

COSTS are PHC Winter Program fees. **Jersey fees are separate.** For more detail on PHC costs, see PHC Handbook for details.

SCHOLARSHIPS are available. During the payment of annual fees later in August, parents will get a \$100 reduction in fees if the player is eligible for the free or reduced school lunch program at school, and \$50 off for each child of theirs that participates after the first one.

CLUB teams will play a minimum of 5 tournaments and a maximum of 7 tournaments, based on coaches' discretion and how far they can stretch the team's tournament budget. **TRAVEL** teams will play a minimum of 8 tournaments and a maximum of 10 tournaments. If teams wish to play any Spring/Summer tournaments those funds would need to be charged separately as the PHC program and funding is only for the November-March

winter season.

SKILLS EVALUATIONS:

Skills Evaluation sessions will be held in August to evaluate all players who have registered to be part of the Pella Hoops Club program. These evaluations will be one of several factors that will be used to determine team rosters. These factors include but are not limited to: Skill Evaluation, Position, Prior Experience, Attitude, and Exhibited Skill Level (from prior seasons).

Player Evaluations will be performed by experienced staff including but not limited to coaches from the Pella Community School basketball programs. To maintain impartiality, current travelling team coaches may help administer the evaluations but will not participate in the skill evaluations of players if at all possible. The Evaluation Forms from these sessions will only be available to the Team Building committee who will build the team rosters using the evaluations as one of their inputs.

The Evaluation schedule for 2019-20 is as follows:

BOYS	GRADE (2019-20)	EVALUATION DATE & TIME	EVALUATION LOCATION
	3rd-4th	5-6:30pm Aug 13	Lincoln Elem
	5th-6th, new 7th	6:30-8pm Aug 13	Lincoln Elem

GIRLS	GRADE (2019-20)	EVALUATION DATE & TIME	EVALUATION LOCATION
	3rd-4th	5-6:30pm Aug 12	Lincoln Elem
	5th-6th, new 7th	6:30-8pm Aug 12	Lincoln Elem

Please show up 15 minutes early to get your Evaluation Number and to be ready for the Evaluations to begin. Evaluations will typically involve various "stations" where the players will be asked to perform various athletic (running, jumping) or skill (ball handling, shooting, passing) drills in addition to 1 on 1, 3 on 3 and 5 on 5 competitive play, so they should dress accordingly.

To register for the Pella Hoops Club 2019-2020 season, please use the link in the communication email you received.

TEAM CONSTRUCTION:

After the Skills Evaluations, a committee consisting of (at minimum) a Pella Hoops Club Board Member and a coaching representative for each gender and grade will take the Evaluation Forms and other inputs and build the team rosters. **The 7th and 8th grade team rosters stay the same as the prior season, and new players will be added to them as room allows, which is why only new members attend skills.**

Starting in 4th grade, if there are 2 or more Travel teams or Club teams within a Grade, team rosters will be "stratified", meaning that players of a higher skill will be placed together on the same team, rather than "balanced" as done in 3rd grade. This allows coaches to structure practices and schedule tournaments to match their players' current skill levels so that all players in the program are put in the best position to develop more quickly. Rosters are rebuilt each year - this is typical in all developmental programs we've benchmarked.

Once rosters are finalized, **OFFER LETTERS** will be sent to each player via email indicating the team they were placed with and the team's coach. Players will have 24-48 hours to accept or decline the offer as declining the offer would affect rosters.

NOTE: An attempt will be made to place every player who registers on to a team, but due to constraints on the number of teams based on limited gym time this may not be possible in some cases. As an alternative, an Offer Letter may include the option of participating as a Practice Player at a reduced cost. Players who participated on a Pella Hoops Club team from the prior year in almost all cases will find a spot on a roster, although based on evaluations it could be with a different team.

Once rosters are finalized, coaches will communicate practice schedules and tournaments as they are determined.

COACHING:

Any parents interested in potentially serving as a coach for the Pella Hoops Club can apply for a role via the Coaching Registration link sent in the communication email, and will be considered by the committee during the Team Building phase. The committee may reach out to you at that time to better understand your background and availability.

QUESTIONS:

If you have any questions concerning Skills Evaluation, Team Construction, Coaching, or other aspects of the Pella Hoops Club program, you may contact a Board member at the following:

BOARD MEMBER		CURRENT INVOLVEMENT (COACHING OR CHILD PLAYING)			CONTACT INFORMATION	
MEMBER	POSITION	BOYS	GIRLS	BOARD ONLY	PHONE	EMAIL
Dan Tauke	President		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		641-780-6806	taukedan@gmail.com
Carrie Naig	Treasurer			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	641-629-0445	naigcj@pella.com
Louis Hartke	At-Large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			641-780-9931	lhartke@vermeer.com
Joe Van Hemert	At-Large			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	641-780-0909	joe.vanhemert@pella.k12.ia.us
Tim Tousey	At-Large		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		641-416-0546	tbousey@pella.com
Joe Borg	At-Large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			641-651-0506	jborglaw@yahoo.com
Katie Peterson	At-Large			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	641-780-9801	Petersonkatie2000@gmail.com
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