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Liberty Patriots Basketball
2020-2021 Season

Dear Parents,

The 2020-21 basketball season is quickly approaching with tryouts in just a few weeks. I am looking forward to a successful season and I wanted to share some important information with you regarding the tryout process as well as some general basketball information for Liberty Middle School. I hope you find this information helpful. Please contact me should you have any questions.

We will be making cuts during the week of October 26 and final team selections will be made no later than October 28 for the girls' teams and October 29 for the boys' teams. The basketball staff will post a list after each tryout day and all students whose names appear on the list should return for tryouts the following day. Each list of returning players can be found at Liberty Middle School's website under the boys' and girls' basketball web pages. Should your son or daughter make the team, we will have a mandatory parent meeting on **Friday, October 30 at 6:45 pm** in the gym. Tryout dates and times are listed below:

7th & 8th Grade Girls

Monday, October 26	4:30-6:00 pm
Tuesday, October 27	7:00-8:30 am

7th Grade Boys

Tuesday, October 27	4:30-6:00 pm
Wednesday, October 28	4:30-6:00 pm
Thursday, October 29	6:15-8:00 pm

8th Grade Boys

Tuesday, October 27	6:00 – 7:30 pm
Wednesday, October 28	6:00 – 7:30 pm
Thursday, October 29	6:15 – 8:00 pm

All students must have a completed physical on file with the school to tryout and all physicals must be on the GHSA paperwork. You can get a copy of the physicals packet from the front office or download and print a copy at the following link: <https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/page/20527>

Student-athletes must also be academically eligible in order to attend tryouts. Students must pass 5 of the 7 courses taken in the previous Spring Semester to attend tryouts.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Is my child guaranteed to play should they make the team? No. Playing time is not guaranteed. We make every attempt to play every player in each game but playing time is a coach's decision that depends on many factors. Our philosophy at Liberty is to develop each players' skills and knowledge of the game in a fun and competitive environment so they are ready to compete at the high school level.

How much will it cost to play basketball at Liberty? We strive to keep the costs for playing as low as possible. Typically, the costs range from \$175-\$200. This estimate does not include basketball shoes or pre-game meals but does include warm-ups, practice jerseys and shorts, bags, and transportation fees.

How long is the season? We will play a 10-12 game regular season from early November through the end of January and a single elimination post-season tournament in late January. We hold practices each weekday when we are not playing games either before school or after school. We also practice on Saturdays during the pre-season only.

Does feeder basketball conflict with Liberty Basketball? The feeder basketball season and middle school basketball run concurrently from October through the end of January but they ***should not*** conflict with each other. All feeder basketball games take place on Saturdays and/or Sundays while all middle school practices and games take place on weekdays. Should your child be interested in playing on both teams you should know that players must tryout for Liberty in order to tryout for the West Forsyth High School or North Forsyth High School Feeder teams.

What if my child plays multiple sports? When basketball season begins, all players will be expected to attend all basketball team functions which includes all practices and games. Each player must communicate with their coach if they expect to miss any practices due to playing another sport during basketball season.

How will my child be screened for Covid-19 to ensure player safety during the season? All students who attend tryouts will be screened with a brief questionnaire and have their temperature taken with a non-contact temporal thermometer. Covid-19 screenings will take place before every practice and game each morning before school starts.

How will my child get to away games? All teams will travel to away games on the school bus. There will not be a return bus back to Liberty for any games. Parents must sign out with the head coach prior to leaving games at other schools.