



The Indianola Basketball Association (IBA) is committed to providing an opportunity for Indianola youth to learn about the game of basketball in a fun and competitive environment. In consultation with the Indianola High School girls' and boys' programs, the board has decided to make some changes in order to expand the reach for the Indianola youth and grow IBA opportunities. In addition, to ensure all players have the opportunity to participate, "The Academy" has been established and will serve as an option for any player who doesn't make a team to still practice in order to enhance skill development and knowledge of the game. Players in The Academy will not play in the IBA league, but may play in a tournament at the discretion of the coach.

The IBA will still hold a league in Indianola for boys and girls grades 3-8 (Oct.-Dec) and support practice times for teams choosing to continue into tournaments. We appreciate your patience as we implement these changes to improve the Indianola basketball programs.

### **3rd Grade Boys and Girls:**

- All kids interested in participating in IBA basketball will attend an assessment session held by HS basketball staff. Boys will be on Sunday, September 12, 6-7 pm and girls will be on Sunday, September 26, 6-7 pm at the Blake Fieldhouse.
- The HS staff will divide kids into fairly equal teams of 8-10 players for the IBA league.
- Assessments will cost \$50 and will go towards each player's IBA dues (IBA league costs, practice times, and insurance).
- Parents will be asked to voluntarily coach each team. Interest in coaching will be indicated when registering for the assessment day.
- If coaches/parents would like to continue with teams for tournaments they may continue to utilize their assigned practice times. Tournament sign-up and fees will be the responsibility of the coach.
- A uniform template will be provided and teams will order their own jerseys and shorts or just jerseys.

### **4th Grade Boys and Girls:**

- All 4th-5th grade kids not currently on a team or looking for a new team will be assessed by HS basketball staff. Boys will be assessed on Sunday, September 12, 6-7 pm and girls will be on Sunday, September 26, 6-7 pm at the Blake Fieldhouse.
- Players will be divided evenly into teams of 8-10. Any remaining players will be given the opportunity to participate in The Academy where they will continue to work on skills and play in tournaments at the discretion of the coach.
- Assessments will cost \$50 and will go towards each player's IBA dues (IBA league costs, practice times, and insurance) or their Academy dues (instruction, practice times, and insurance).
- Parents will be asked to voluntarily coach each team. Coaching interest will be indicated when registering for the assessment day.
- A uniform template will be provided and teams will order their own jerseys and shorts or just jerseys.
- The IBA is happy to support any Indianola teams already formed prior to the 2021-22 season. They may continue as-is if they'd like, however, they will be charged as an out-of-town team for the IBA league (\$575/team) plus a \$100 fee to secure practice space. If existing teams (or any individual player) would like to be assessed they will be placed on a new team as described above.

### **5th Grade Boys and Girls:**

- All 4th-5th grade kids not currently on a team or looking for a new team will be assessed by HS basketball staff. Boys will be assessed on Sunday, September 12, 6-7 pm and girls will be on Sunday, September 26, 6-7 pm at the Blake Fieldhouse.
- Players will be divided by skill level into teams of 8-10 (A and B teams). Any remaining players will be given the opportunity to participate in The Academy where they will continue to work on skills and play in tournaments at the discretion of the coach.
- Assessments will cost \$50 and will go towards each player's IBA dues (IBA league costs, practice times, and insurance) or their Academy dues (instruction, practice times, and insurance).
- Parents will be asked to voluntarily coach each team. Coaching interest will be indicated when registering for the assessment day.

- A uniform template will be provided and teams will order their own jerseys and shorts or just jerseys.
- The IBA is happy to support any Indianola teams already formed prior to the 2021-22 season. They may continue as-is if they'd like, however, they will be charged as an out-of-town team for the IBA league (\$575/team) plus a \$100 fee to secure practice space. If existing teams (or any individual player) would like to be assessed they will be placed on a new team as described above.

#### **6th Grade Boys and Girls:**

- All 6th graders will be assessed by HS basketball staff at the Blake Fieldhouse on Sept. 19 AND 26 at 7-8 pm (boys and girls). It is expected that players will attend both days, if possible.
- Players will be divided by skill level into teams of 8-10 (A and B teams). Any remaining players will be given the opportunity to participate in The Academy where they will continue to work on skills and play in tournaments at the discretion of the coach.
- Assessments will cost \$50 and will go towards each player's IBA dues (IBA league costs, practice times, and insurance) or their Academy dues (instruction, practice times, and insurance).
- Parents will be asked to voluntarily coach each team. Interest will be indicated when registering for the assessment day.
- Uniforms will be provided by the IBA. These will be checked out for the season with a \$50 deposit.

#### **7th and 8th Grade Boys:**

- All 7th and 8th-grade boys will be assessed by HS basketball staff at Blake Fieldhouse on Sept. 19 AND 26 (6-7 pm for 7th grade, 8-9 pm for 8th grade). It is expected that players will attend both days, if possible.
- Players will be divided by skill level into teams of 8-10 (A and B teams). Any remaining players will be given the opportunity to participate in The Academy where they will continue to work on skills and play in tournaments at the discretion of the coach.
- Assessments will cost \$50 and will go towards each player's IBA dues (IBA league costs, practice times, and insurance) or their Academy dues (instruction, practice times, and insurance).
- Parents will be asked to voluntarily coach each team. Interest will be indicated when registering for the assessment day.
- Uniforms will be provided by the IBA. These will be checked out for the season with a \$50 deposit.

#### **7th and 8th Grade Girls:**

- Any players, not currently on a team wanting to play in the IBA, please contact [girlscommissioner@ibaleague.com](mailto:girlscommissioner@ibaleague.com).

#### **IBA Assessment Schedule:**

(If interested in playing up a grade, please try out with the age group with whom you'd like to play)

3rd Grade: **Boys:** Sunday, Sept. 12, 6-7 pm, **Girls:** Sunday, Sept. 26, 6-7 pm

4th Grade: **Boys:** Sunday, Sept. 12, 6-7 pm, **Girls:** Sunday, Sept. 26, 6-7 pm

5th Grade: **Boys:** Sunday, Sept. 12, 6-7 pm, **Girls:** Sunday, Sept. 26, 6-7 pm

6th Grade: **Boys:** Sundays, Sept. 19 AND 26, 7-8 pm, **Girls:** Sundays, Sept. 19 AND 26, 7-8 pm

7th Grade: **Boys:** Sundays, Sept. 19 AND 26, 6-7 pm, **Girls:** contact [girlscommissioner@ibaleague.com](mailto:girlscommissioner@ibaleague.com)

8th Grade: **Boys:** Sundays, Sept. 19 AND 26, 8-9 pm, **Girls:** contact [girlscommissioner@ibaleague.com](mailto:girlscommissioner@ibaleague.com)