

PARENT INFORMATION FORM

Mission Statement

Gem City Invasion Basketball was founded to provide positive alternative basketball programs for adolescents. Our program focuses on integrity, credible sports education, commitment to results that exceed expectations, and the belief that children need good role models both inside and outside of their homes.

We believe that through athletics, one can develop traits and skills that can be used in adolescence as well as adulthood. This includes but is not limited to, discipline, self-esteem, team building, problem solving, communication, and time management. Athletics build up student-athletes and help to form a positive atmosphere among peers, faculty, staff, and the surrounding community.

Gem City Invasion strives to instill these principles into each player and bring out their best so they can not only be superior on the court but crossover and become future leaders in our society.

Program Emphasis/Expectations

Our teams will be devoted to developing the skills of individual players with the collective goal of team success. Though success cannot always be measured by wins and losses, it is expected that the coaches and players will make an effort to be competitive in all tournaments and games.

Though competing is one aspect of the program, Gem City invasion expects that all players, coaches, and spectators always demonstrate the highest level of sportsmanship. It is our belief that a competitive program can be a positive experience for young people, especially when coupled with a proper perspective that promotes character development.

Roster Selection

Rosters could consist of a maximum of 12 players per team and will be determined by the Gem City Invasion Athletics Coaching Staff based on the scheduled tryout dates. Selections are based on ability, level of effort, ability to work within the context of a team, attitude, conditioning, and other intangible qualities.

Any concerns about the team selection should be addressed with staff.

Team Rules

Once roster selections are complete, each team's coach will discuss rules specific to their team. Team rules will cover issues such as practice attendance policies, team expectations, appropriate attire for games and practices, and other guidelines for behavior. The coaches have the right to add or subtract rules as the season progresses in order to address situations that may arise. Coaches are expected to clearly communicate expectations to team players, parents, and families throughout the season.

Playing Time

While Ohio Gem City Invasion coaches will strive to get all players adequate playing time, it is not guaranteed. Levels of playing time will be determined by the coaching staff and will be based on performance, attitude, and the ability to comply with team rules and regulations. It is our belief that all members of the roster are equally important and play a vital role in the team's success. Players should expect to be treated equally, but this does not guarantee that playing time will be equal.

In the event there is a disagreement over playing time, players are encouraged to speak directly to their coach. However, this discussion should never take place immediately before a game and follow a game. Tensions are always high after a game. Please allow for a "cooling off" period to occur before approaching the coach. If you are not satisfied with the explanation, please call staff at prospective numbers.

Communication

In order to run a successful program, it is expected that all parties will maintain open levels of communication throughout the season. This type of communication may include calling a coach in advance if a practice session will be missed or corresponding with other team families to secure transportation to practices or tournament sites.

Gem city Invasion will work diligently to make sure practice/game schedules are communicated clearly, along with other pertinent information that can affect the personal schedules of players and their families.

Paperwork Needed

All participants must complete and submit all the necessary paperwork that will be distributed at the parent's meeting. ***No player may participate in any game or tournament until these documents have been properly filled out and submitted.***

Before participating in the first game or tournament, the following documents must be signed and submitted to Staff:

- Copy of Birth Certificate
- Copy of Most Recent Report Card as Grade Verification
- Registration Form
- Waiver Form
- Medical Authorization Form
- Signed Copy of Player Contract
- Signed Copy of Payment Agreement

Participation Fees

It is our goal to provide a quality travel basketball experience that is affordable to families. We will strive to keep the program affordable while trying to offer quality opportunities to play a higher level of basketball. Our fees are all-inclusive. These fees cover facility costs, speed and agility training, uniform usage, practices, tournaments, equipment, AAU membership, insurance, administrative costs, and miscellaneous expenses.

Parent Information Form

Note: Our goal is for our high school teams to play in 5 - 8 tournaments during our Spring/Summer session. However, this may not always be possible due to player availability and event organizers changing/canceling tournament dates. ALL TEAM SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

A minimum **deposit of \$150** is due at the mandatory parent meeting during our Spring/Summer session in order to secure your son's spot on the team. This amount will be deducted from the total cost of the player fees. We will accept cash or a check for your son's deposit or the full amount at the time of the parent meeting only. All fees after the meeting will be processed electronically via either the credit or debit card information provided by each player's parent on the promissory note. If the deposit is not paid at the time of the mandatory parent meeting, Gem City Invasion will not hold your son's spot and may add another player. This deposit is non-refundable.

If possible, Gem City Invasion would prefer that you pay your son's entire fee at the mandatory parent meeting. If this is not possible, you may choose a payment plan. If you choose this option, all fees must be paid in full no later than May 15th. ***If you choose the payment plan option, and miss a payment, your son will not be allowed to participate in practice or games until the account is current.***

Please make all checks payable to Gemi City Invasion.

****Note*: If any team has less than 12 players, the participation fee may increase at the discretion of the program.***

Refund Policies

There will be no refunds given in the event a player discontinues participation for any reason. This is due to the fact that membership in the Gem City Invasion basketball program is limited and others were denied a position due to your acceptance and budgets are based on these numbers. There will also be no refunds given for canceled tournaments due to lack of player availability or if a tournament(s) is/are canceled by the event organizer.

Transportation

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian(s) to secure and/or fund transportation to and from all Gem City Invasion travel team practices, games, and tournaments. Car pooling is recommended between families. If transportation cannot be secured for any team event, the player/parent should notify their coach to try and resolve the situation. Parent/guardian(s) are also responsible to picking up their child at the appropriate times.

Parent Signature _____

Player: _____

