

Roster cuts are one of the most difficult parts of the coaching experience. When cutdowns happen, there will be parents who ask and in some cases demand an explanation. The following is a sample letter and template that Can be utilized in the event an email comes in demanding an explanation.

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Dear Mr. Orr,

Thank you for allowing and supporting your athlete as they tried out for the 2025-2026 Season of Hawk Basketball. We like to remind all parents that every person who tries out is not just an athlete but a son, brother, child, student, citizen, and future community member, and that is a major focus of our program. This season's tryouts were extremely competitive, and unfortunately your athlete did not make the cut.

Their ballhandling and rebounding abilities were solid. However, they lacked the shooting and defensive touch needed to be selected. We would like to encourage your athlete to keep working on their complete basketball game, and to not give up. We also encourage utilizing recreational and church leagues to further expose them to this beautiful game. Thank You For Your Support.

Kind Regards,

Coach Jon

Dear (Parents Name)

Thank you for allowing and supporting your athlete in trying out for the (Sports Year, Team Mascot and Sport) We like to remind all parents that every person who tries out is not just an athlete but a (son/daughter, brother/sister, child, student, citizen, and future community member), and that is a major focus of our program. This season's tryouts were extremely competitive, and unfortunately your athlete did not make the cut.

Their (Acknowledge and Compliment their strengths) However, they (Define the skills lacking that led to the cut) needed to be selected. We would like to encourage your athlete to keep working on their complete basketball game, and to not give up. We also encourage utilizing recreational and church leagues to further expose them to this beautiful game. Thank You For Your Support.

Kind Regards,

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