Who are the Colorado Titans?

The Colorado Titans is an AAU Club Basketball Program founded in 2006 by Bruce Gamble. Now going on its 14th year of existence, the Colorado Titans is a 501c3 non-profit organization that allows young men and women in the state of Colorado to play the game of basketball. In the spring of 2019, the Colorado Titans fielded 17 men's teams and two women's teams with players coming in from all parts of the state of Colorado and Wyoming!

How many teams do you have?

The number of players who participate in tryouts each season determines the number of teams that we field each year. We are a competitive program and not all of the kids at tryouts will be selected for a team. For the 2019/2020 winter season, we are projecting at least two teams for each age group, ranging from U9/3rd Grade to U14/8th Grade.

How are teams selected and when are tryouts?

Colorado Titans will have a 1-day tryout for an one hour fourt-five minutes on October 6th at Alexander Dawson. Players are evaluated by the Titans coaching staff, then ranked individually overall as well as by position. Following a thorough and objective evaluation process, players selected for the Black team are offered roster spots first. When the Black team has been confirmed, players selected for the White team will receive team offers. If there are enough players for a third team, players will be offered spots on the Grey when the White team has been filled.

Times for Tryouts are the following:

U9/3rd Grade – U11/5th Grade 9:00am – 10:45am Dawson Main Gym

U12/6th Grade 11:00am – 12:45pm Dawson Aux Gym

U13/7th Grade 11:00am – 12:45pm Dawson Main Gym

U14/8th Grade 1:00pm – 2:45pm Dawson Main Gym

U13/7th Grade – U14/8th Grade Girls 1:00pm – 2:45pm Dawson Aux Gym

Registration for Tryouts can be done here:

Boys Registration Link: https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/208976

Girls Registration Link: https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/208996

How many players are selected per team?

Our goal is to have 10 players on each team. This allows the organization to be more cost effective. Additionally, 10 player teams ensures that we will have enough players to field a team in tournaments/leagues when players can't play due to injuries, vacations, school functions, family functions, etc. There are some circumstances in which we do carry more than 10 players, but our players' families are aware of this unique situation.

Where are practices located?

Practices will be held at four different locations throughout the year; Erie Middle School, Soaring Heights K-8 in Erie, Aspen Ridge in Erie and Alexander Dawson in Lafayette. All locations are within 7 minutes of one another.

How often do you practice?

We will practice two times a week for an hour and half and there will be player development sessions offered on Sunday as part of the program fees.

Team Practices last an hour and a half. Player Development Sessions last for an hour.

How long does the season run?

Our winter season begins in November and runs through February. This season is only for our U9 - U14 age groups. We will either play in the Gold Crown League, Power to Play or the CYB Premier League. In addition to league play, each team will play in three tournaments.

How do you select coaches?

Our Staff comprises 25 coaches who have been selected by the Director and approved by the Board of Directors. Many of our coaches have been with our program for more than 10 years! Our coaches all have extensive backgrounds with the game of basketball and communicate exceptionally well with young men and women. Many of our coaches are currently coaching at the high school level or have done so in the past. We also have some coaches who were once Titan players and are now giving back to the players in our program. We try to have two coaches per team.

Travel Tournaments

For the winter season we will look to travel once with our teams if we feel like it is a good fit for our teams/players/families. This tournament would be held over President's Day weekend in February in Portland, OR. Final determination of travel will be decided by November 1st, 2019.

What are the club fees and what do they cover?

The Colorado Titans is an all-inclusive organization, meaning that once the fees are set by the Board of Directors for the 2019/2020 winter season they will not be changed. All travel is included in our fees for the teams that travel to out of state tournaments. This includes flights, hotels, and van transportation.

For the Winter Season we are anticipating the Team Fees being between \$600-800. The fees you pay go to the following: Accounting, admin work, Team Snap, coaching costs, tournament fees, and insurance. Costs vary from team to team. For the winter season we will play in (3) local tournaments and (1) 14 game league which will start in January of 2020.

If we do travel, flights, hotels, and transportation costs will be in **addition** to the Team Fees stated above for the season.

What does my club fee NOT cover?

When we travel, daily food and entertainment is not covered. We do try to stay at hotels, such as Embassy Suites, that include a daily breakfast. **Not included for the Winter season is uniform costs. If a player is new to our program, they will have to purchase jersey and short which will be around \$60.**

When are the club fees due?

Families have the option to make two to three monthly installments or to pay the entire fee by November 1st, 2019. Payments will need to be made by the November 1st and December 1st. If team travels they will have until January 1st, 2020.

What does the Colorado Titans Expect out of your son/ daughter?

If your son/daughter is selected to play for our program and they accept, we expect our program to be their first commitment during the season. We do understand the values of family functions, school functions, church functions, and spring sports at the Middle School and High School level.

We expect all players to attend all practices and games. This is a competitive program, and we need everybody's full attention as we teach our brand of basketball. Our brand consists of 100% effort at all times, willingness to take constructive criticism, and be the best teammate possible. If you embrace our brand, you will be become a better basketball player and be part of the Titans Family for Life!

Whom do we contact with additional questions or concerns?

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