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Team Nikos Basketball Academy FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We have put together this brief Frequently Asked Questions (“FAQ’s”) to help you in making a decision about Club Basketball.

Being part of a travel team is demanding and time consuming for all parties involved. We stress the importance of family/religion, schoolwork and development of our players throughout our club at all levels.

Q: How long is the Club season?

A: The full club season runs from approximately the beginning of October through the end of July. For those who are interested in a shorter club season, we also hold tryouts toward the end of February for a March through July season.

Q: How many days will my son/daughter have practice?

A: Team practices are generally held twice per week, with Academy training on Monday evenings.

Q: What is Academy?

A: Academy is fundamental skill training focused on improving players’ dribbling, ball handling, shooting and footwork. Academy is separate from the team practice sessions, and we highly encourage all club players to attend regularly.

Q: How many players will be on a team?

A: There will be 8-9 players on each team at all grade levels. In some cases we have enough skilled players in a grade level to form multiple teams. For these grades, players will be placed on teams at the coaches’ discretion.

Q: How many coaches are involved with each team?

A: Each team will have a Head Coach.

Q: Will my son/daughter have guaranteed playing time?

A: Club basketball is different from NJB basketball in that there is no guaranteed playing time for any player. Coaches will do their best to get every player in the game, but some players will play more than others.

Q: How many tournaments do you play in and how often?

A: We play in two tournaments on average per month from October through July. September is when we come together as an entire program, hold training camp and learn the plays, and we may or may not participate in tournaments as part of training camp. Most tournaments will have games on both Saturday and Sunday. Some tournaments will be on holiday weekends with games taking place over three days. Our full tournament schedule for the upcoming season can be found in the Welcome Packet.



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FAQ's (continued)

Q: When will we find out which team our player will be on?

A: As stated above, we hold "training camp" directly after tryouts and for the majority of the month of September. This gives all players (both new and returning) an opportunity to be further evaluated by our Team Nikos staff of professional coaches, so that their skill level and areas for development are fully considered before they are placed on a team. Teams are officially announced during the last week of September, and will participate in their first tournament as a finalized team in October.

That said, players continue to be evaluated throughout the season to ensure that they are on the correct team for their skill level and to maximize their development. Please see the "Team Rotations" section of the Welcome Packet for more information.

Q: How soon in advance will we know the game times for a tournament?

A: We realize that every family has schedules outside of basketball and likes to plan their weekends in advance. With many club basketball tournament organizers, schedules are not set until typically the Thursday night before the tournament begins. In other words, the schedules are not set by us, but by those putting on the tournament. We send out schedules as soon as we receive them, in order to give our families as much notice as possible. Please know that scheduled tournament dates are always subject to change at the tournament hosts' discretion, and is outside of our control.

Q: Do you play in out of town tournaments that require hotel stay?

A: The large majority of our tournaments will be local (most will be in Ladera Ranch, Garden Grove and Anaheim). However, we will play in 1 to 3 out-of-town tournaments each season. In previous seasons we have traveled to locations such as Santa Barbara, San Diego, Phoenix, Arizona and Las Vegas, Nevada. Hotel stay is recommended for out-of-town tournaments, and we typically contract with a local property for a group rate.

Q: Do tournaments cost extra?

A: The cost for a team to play in a tournament is covered in your club dues. However, every tournament charges an entry fee for spectators. It is the nature of the sport. Parents, grandparents, siblings, etc. will pay a daily admission fee and most often a parking fee. These fees are determined by the tournament host(s) and/or facility, and are not controlled by TNBA.

Q: What is AAU Basketball?

A: Team Nikos is officially sanctioned by AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) which allows us to be nationally ranked and play in high quality AAU tournaments. Each club player must become a member of AAU. Membership is \$16 for one year.

Q: What does Team Nikos Club Basketball cost?

A: Team Nikos Club Basketball has a fee structure for a full 10-month season and a shorter 5-month season. We also offer discounts based on your payment method. Please see the Payment Schedule in the Welcome Packet for complete details for the upcoming season.

Q: Are uniforms and gear included in the cost?

A: The cost of the uniforms/gear are specified in the Uniforms and Gear section of the Welcome Packet and is paid at the time of registration as part of the non-refundable registration fee. It is not part of the Club Dues. The



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uniform/gear package includes game uniform (jersey and shorts), game shooting shirt, reversible practice jersey and team bag. There are optional items available for purchase when completing your registration online.

Q: Can we drop out if it's not for us?

A: We ask every player to make a commitment they plan to honor for the entire season. Pulling out of the program is disruptive to the program and the team. Please see our full Drop Policy found in our Welcome Packet.

Q: What is the next step after tryouts if my son/daughter makes the team?

A: If your son/daughter makes the team you will be contacted within 3 days of tryouts.

For any additional questions, please contact us through our website at:
<http://teamnikoslb.com/contact/>

Thank you!