



LEWIS & CLARK BASKETBALL

Dear Lewis and Clark Boys' Basketball Parent,

Your son has expressed an interest in being a member of the Lewis and Clark High School Basketball program. Although practice does not begin until November 14th, we would like to inform you about what is needed to become eligible for try-outs.

A student may not participate in try-outs until they have received clearance from the school and the coaching staff via **1.) A completed Family Forms registration online (this includes purchasing your ASB/GSL card),** and **2.) Student and parent sign and return the permission slip in the back of this packet** regarding the reading of this letter and the rules and policies of the Boys Basketball Program. Please take care of physicals and paperwork **before** the season begins, as we cannot take practice time to take care of clearance issues; this paperwork is available in the athletic office. Please take care of these simple, yet time-consuming procedures ASAP!!

Attached you will find a "Team Selection and Criteria" that is used as a guideline by the coaching staff in selecting team members. Unfortunately, it is a reality that not all students who try out will make our top rosters of 12 Varsity players, 10-12 Junior Varsity players, and 12-15 Freshman Team players. However, we do provide 2 additional teams to give everyone interested an opportunity to play basketball. Our C Team #1 will carry 15-20 players and compete in a 12-15 game schedule. Our C Team #2 will carry all other players and provide a shorter, 4-5 game season that concludes at winter break.

Basketball is a highly competitive sport. Our goal as a coaching staff is to build a championship program. This level of competition frequently requires an involvement of six days per week during the season, including holiday weekends, and vacations. This requires a commitment from you as well as your son.

Your understanding of this process is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jase Wambold
Lewis and Clark Head Boys' Basketball Coach

Tryout Schedule: 10th – 12th Grades

Monday, Nov 14th – Wednesday, Nov 16th: 5-7:30pm in Main Gym

(*Cuts will occur during these tryouts)

Thursday & Friday: 5-7:30pm Practice #1 & #2

Saturday: 11am-1pm Practice #3

Tryout Schedule: 9th Grade

Monday, Nov 14th – Wednesday, Nov 16th: 3-5pm in Aux Gym

Thursday & Friday: 5-7:30pm Practice

(*Cuts will occur during this week of tryouts)

Saturday: 11am-1pm in Aux Gym



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RULES AND POLICIES

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

All team members will be expected to maintain the highest standard of conduct and performance in school beginning with regular and punctual attendance. Players are expected to be in school every day for the entire day. All absences must be cleared with the attendance office **and** the coaching staff. If players are in school, they will be expected to be at practice.

PRACTICE ATTENDANCE

Every player will play an important role in the success of our team. Therefore, attendance at all practices, team meetings, and games is **mandatory**. While injured/ill players may be unable to play, they are still expected to arrive on time, listen to coaches, and encourage teammates and assist the team. Practice schedules will be printed as far in advance as possible for convenience. Practices will be held on **Saturdays** and **during vacations**. Due to the demands placed on the school facilities, it is impossible to adjust the practice times to the many individuals involved in our program. Your cooperation and support are appreciated.

Players are responsible for informing the coach verbally or through a phone call/text at the earliest possible time if they will be late or miss practice for any reason. The number of student-athletes we have at practice can change our practice plan significantly. Any other absences from practice must have advance approval of the appropriate coach. Unexcused practice tardies and absences will result in extra conditioning, will negatively impact a player's playing time, and may eventually lead **to suspension or removal** from the team.

APPROPRIATE CONDUCT

When traveling or playing games, individuals represent Lewis and Clark High School and their community. All team members will be expected to maintain the highest standard of conduct during practices, games, school, and in their personal life. Players who do not cooperate with the coaches, show disrespect, or are insubordinate will be suspended or removed from the team. Any inappropriate behavior, including trash talking during games, may result in the suspension or removal from the team. A player's behavior at school or in his personal life that reflects negatively on him and thus his teammates may result in suspension or removal from the team.

TRAINING ROOM AND LOCKER ROOM

All injuries must be reported to a coach or trainer immediately. It is the responsibility of each individual to secure and protect his personal property and any school uniforms or equipment issued to him. The student-athlete is responsible for any school uniforms or equipment lost at the replacement cost.

DRESS

All members are encouraged to dress appropriately for games (as announced). Remember, we are representing our families, school, and community when we appear as a group. Our major goal is to represent ourselves to the best of our ability.



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TEAM SELECTION AND CRITERIA

All candidates for the Freshman, Junior Varsity, and Varsity teams will be judged and evaluated based on the following criteria.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

A student must have passed at least five classes the previous semester and **currently passing** five graded classes. We, the coaching staff, may in some circumstances monitor your student-athlete's academic progress throughout the school year. A student's grades / academic progress may be a deciding factor for team selection.

BASKETBALL SKILLS

Candidates will be evaluated on tier execution of various skills: passing, dribbling, shooting, ball handling, rebounding, individual offense, and defense. They will also be evaluated on their ability to apply skills and fundamentals in drill and scrimmage situations. Student-athletes will also be evaluated on their basketball sense, general court awareness and the compatibility of their skills with the style of play and needs of the team.

PHYSICAL CONDITION – WORK ETHIC

Candidates will be evaluated on their general physical conditioning in addition to the specific physical traits of speed, strength, and endurance. A strong work ethic is a vital part of any successful program. We believe our student-athletes need to have a work ethic second-to-none. The intense effort to achieve must always be a part of a student-athlete's personality.

CHARACTER – CITIZENSHIP – ATTITUDE

Candidates will be evaluated on their **past and present** display of character, attitude, and citizenship. A positive demonstration of these traits is important within the school and community as well as in the student's relationship with teammates and the coaching staff.

PAST PARTICIPATION – PERFORMANCE – COMMITMENT

Candidates will be judged and evaluated on their past participation and performance on organized teams and individual effort to improve. They will also be judged on **their commitment** to the total Lewis and Clark Basketball Program.

FUTURE POTENTIAL

Candidates will be evaluated on their year in school, experience, and **future potential** when appropriate.

COACHABILITY

Candidates will be evaluated on their abilities to learn and to remember as it applies to the techniques and style of play within the Lewis and Clark Basketball Program. Students will also be observed and evaluated on how



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they will respond to coaching instruction, criticism, and authority. Coachability is very important to us, we feel it is a vital part of any success our teams will have.

I have read the Lewis and Clark High School Basketball *Team Selection and Criteria and Rules and Policies*. I understand that all players trying out will not make a team and accept the challenge to play for the Tigers. I understand all requirements of the Lewis and Clark basketball program and agree to adhere to all rules and policies.

I am ready to take the challenge to become a champion!

Go Tigers!!

Player Name

Player Signature

Date

Parent Signature