

Becker Youth Basketball Association  
July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008  
Becker Community Center in Becker, MN

Members present: Michael, Donna, Laura, Shelly  
In-house league Committee: Mike Hultgren.

### **Girls Fall Fundamental League “GFFL”/ Elementary Developmental Basketball**

At this particular time, we are only establishing a girl’s league. As the GFFL league is being organized, we are also gathering information to establish a boy’s league after football season has ended. Currently Princeton has a 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade In-house league that Becker could join. All games would be held at Princeton on a Saturday afternoon at this time. Zimmerman has expressed an interest at joining an In-house league with local cities also. However, for this 2008 season they have an outstanding contract with Elk River. They would not be able to participate until the 2009 fall season. Big Lake has an In-house season for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> grades. It runs mid-October until mid-December and for about 8 weeks. Our problem is that we currently need to check if the field house would be available to host a weekend event in Becker. We are looking at obtaining feedback from parents to form an In-house league for boys next year. There is a possibility we could hand out fliers after football practice for parental feedback. We need parental help and support to organize and run two In-house leagues.

**Becker “In-House” League Committee:** Mike Hultgren – Chairperson, will seek assistance from other parents who have expressed interest in past meetings to round out the committee

**Action Owner: Mike Hultgren**

- This committee will :
  - Arrange for referees.
  - Check facilities during the day.
  - Be a contact point for any information concerning the running and organization of the GFFL.

The GFFL will be responsible for play schedule during the season.

- We are not paying to be a member of the GFFL.
- Run by volunteers.

**End of Year Skills Contest & Tournament:**

- Weekend number 8.
  - The GFFL had decided that there will not be a tournament format at the last weekend game.
  - Instead 2 standard games will take place.
  - After all the games have taken place a voluntary skills contest will be offered.

**Participation Fee (Cost Structure):**

- **1st/2nd = \$45.00**
- **3rd/4th & 5th/6th = \$60.00**
  - The participation fee for athlete’s whose parent is a coach will be **refunded**.
    - **There will still be a required participation check from a potential coach. It will be handed back after the season ends.**

The below information was used to calculate the above participation fee:

Community Ed - \$10 per registration ... est. 100 registered players  
Uniforms (t-shirts only) ~ \$10~15 per registration ... est. 100 registered players  
Facilities (Field House) ~ \$400 per day, \$800 for two tournament dates  
Referees - each @ \$10/game ... est. 40 games per tournament  
Awards & Supplies – est. @ \$400 for medals  
Advertising Costs – est. @ \$400 – advertisement and flyer production

- **Late Fee:** \$25 after August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008.
- **Volunteer Fee:** None will be required.
- **Uniform Deposit:** None will be required. It is built into the participation fee and each athlete will keep the shirt they receive for the In-house league.
- **Awards:** Becker will purchase medals for all participants to be awarded by the coaches at the end of the year.

#### **Advertising:**

- The board needs to develop a flyer that can be distributed via other sports events. Laura confirmed we can pass out the fliers on next Monday/Tuesday at Soccer (7/28).  
**Action Owner: Michael, DUE: 7/27**
- MK to script announcement for the Citizen's Community Announcement section to run in 7/26 edition. **Action Owner: Michael, DUE: 7/23**
- MK to share announcement details with Community Ed to get added to the H.S. electronic bill board. **Action Owner: Michael, DUE: 7/28**
- We have decided to run an Ad in the Citizen during 1<sup>st</sup> two weeks of August that combines the details of the In-House league with the Travel league.  
**Action Owner: Shelly, DUE: 7/28**
- We have received approval from the middle school principal to have a table for Travel league information.
  - Waiting for the primary school and intermediate school principals to answer our request. **Action Owner: Sandy, Due: ASAP**

#### **Registration**

- Modify existing forms for the in-house program. **Action Owner: Donna, DUE: 7/25**
- Post registration materials to website once available. **Action Owner: Michael, DUE: 7/26**
- Laura confirmed that Community Ed will facilitate registration for the In-House league on our behalf.
  - All forms and money will be dropped off at Community Ed.
    - Registration is available Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> thru Aug 18<sup>th</sup>.
    - A late fee of \$25 will be applied to registrations received after Aug 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Equipment**

- Determine whether we will need to purchase smaller balls for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
  - What is the official position of the GFFL on size? **Action Owner: Mike Hultgren, DUE: 8/21**

- Determine whether we will need to purchase another set of hoop extensions.
  - We are still collecting data on if there is a need to have more hoop extensions purchased for the GFFL hoop height requirements used in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.
  - If there is a future need, Mike H. plans to petition the BYSA for the funds to purchase this equipment **Action Owner: Mike Hultgren, DUE: 8/21**

#### ***Coach and Team Requirements:***

- All coaches, head and assistant, will be selected and approved after the BYBA board runs a background check.
- We need to see how other organizations within BYSA handle background checks. **Action Owner: Michael, Due: 8/10 (next BYBA meeting)**
- Coaches will be required to schedule all practices.
  - We are looking at scheduling the Primary Gym to hold practices for all 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teams.
- All teams need to be aware that they will be asked to:
  - Provide a scorekeeper for some games.
  - Provide a clock person for some games.
- The teams are going to be as even as possible.
  - This is a fundamental league.
  - This is the responsibility of the BYBA board members and the In-house committee members.
- We are looking at how 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade coaches can form their teams.
  - Select team members through a draft.
  - Select team members through an evaluation process.
    - Be at evaluations.

#### ***Facilities***

- Reserve Field House for assigned weekends. **Action Owner: Laura, DUE: 7/23**
- Determine whether Field House alone will be sufficient for Becker tournament (depending upon participation levels). **Action Owner: Mike Hultgren, DUE: 8/21**

#### ***Evaluations:***

- They may be required, depending upon participation levels, for the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade level.
- They are not required for the younger grade levels. **Action Owner: Mike Hultgren, DUE: 8/21**

#### ***Pictures:***

- We will enter the season without pictures in the plans. Once registrations are received we can poll the participating families to determine whether this is something that any of them have an interest and determine at a later time.

#### ***End of Season***

- Surveys – suggest we solicit feedback at 11/8 event from all if not done by GFFL
- Banquet – We will not have a specific event for the in-house but rather will extend invitation to participants to join in the travel program banquet
- Business meeting – provide opportunity to review season with In-House stakeholders. Was not discussed.

### **Proposed Program Schedule for BYBA:**

Create program flyers  
Basketball program registration (deadline)  
Accept In-House Coaching Applications  
Select Coaches  
Evaluations – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades (*as needed*)  
*In-house league season (1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades)*  
Select teams  
Coaches meeting (distributes packets/equipment)  
In-house practices start  
Distribute team uniforms (t-shirts)  
Host 1<sup>st</sup> Becker tournament  
\*Team pictures  
Host 2<sup>nd</sup> Becker tournament  
\*Distribute surveys  
*End of In-House season*  
Collect equipment

by July 25<sup>th</sup>  
Aug 18<sup>th</sup>  
Aug 18<sup>th</sup>  
Aug 31<sup>st</sup>  
1<sup>st</sup> week of September  
*mid-Sept – mid-Nov*  
1<sup>st</sup> week of September  
1<sup>st</sup> week of September  
2<sup>nd</sup> week of September  
2<sup>nd</sup> week of September  
September 13<sup>th</sup>  
mid- to late January  
October 11<sup>th</sup>  
November 8<sup>th</sup>  
*November 8<sup>th</sup>*  
November 15<sup>th</sup>

### **Proposed Structure of the GFFL:**

**Season Length:** 8 weekends with each of 4 towns hosting 2 Saturday league games. The season will be 4 or 5 weeks and then the MEA break and then the final 3 or 4 weekends. Last Saturday to be November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Game Days & Number of Games:** Saturday will be the game day. We will have 2 games for each team.

**End of Year Skills Contest & Tournament:** Weekend number 8. No tournament, 2 standard games. Skills contest will be voluntary.

**Games Hosting:** Each town will host two weekend events and assume the associated costs. These costs should be figured into your participation fee. Each town will be responsible for their own practice arrangements and costs. HOST TOWN can charge admission fees.

#### Tournament Location & Date

- September 13<sup>th</sup>- Becker
- September 20<sup>th</sup> –Zimmerman
- September 27<sup>th</sup>- Princeton
- October 4<sup>th</sup> – Big Lake
- October 11<sup>th</sup> – Becker
- October 25<sup>th</sup> – Zimmerman
- November 1<sup>st</sup> – Princeton
- November 8<sup>th</sup> – Big Lake

- Princeton and Becker will not charge admission. Big Lake & Zimmerman have to review the Community Ed requirements and potential costs.
- The last weekend number 8 will be the same as the first 7, no tournament. We will look at having a voluntary skills competition.
- Each town can decide on their own if they want to hand out participation medals/trophies.

**Uniforms:** Colors are listed below. Numbers must be on front and back for the referee to call fouls (ex. no numbers over 5 permitted; 55 ok, 56 is not).

- Princeton will be black & orange t-shirts
- Zimmerman will be navy blue and light gray
- Big Lake will be royal blue and yellow
- Becker will be light blue and white (or dark gray.)

**Teams:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders together, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders together, & 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders together. At this time there will be no more than 15 girls on a team.

**Evaluation:** A town can decide to have an evaluation practice for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> to determine baseline ability. This is not a necessity but may assist in balancing the teams. All participants will be on a team.

**Equal Teams:** Applications should request player height & years playing league basketball. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, no draft in house committee decides. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, no draft in house committee decides. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, draft. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> balance must exist. Meaning if eight 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls go out for basketball 4 should be on each team if two teams. If 4 teams it would be 2 per team. Coaches that have children that play do not have to draft their own children; they start with them on their roster. Coaches without daughters or children on a team draft first.

**Practices:** Recommendations

Due to limited court time one of the two practices could be half court practices. GFFL is to focus on fundamentals and a team of 10-12 could hold one practice on half court. YOUTH BASKETBALL BOARDS SHOULD BALANCE PRACTICE TIME FOR EACH TEAM AND THE IN HOUSE COMMITTEE SHOULD SUBMIT THE PRACTICE TIME FORMS. Each town can handle the practices as it deems best. We need to remember that equal teams must have equal practice times and practice schedule balance.

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 1 ½ hour per week.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade, two 1 hour practices
- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade, two 1 ½ hour practices

**Coaches:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> can have first year coaches. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams must have a person that has coached before at elementary age level. BOARDS will provide equipment list and basic practice drill suggestion.

**Travel Teams:** This is a fundamental league and for learning and fun. The players will have the opportunity to participate in traveling teams and tryouts before the end of the GFFL. Tryouts can be prior to the league ending, but the players should fulfill their GFFL team commitment. Becker & Big Lake have their traveling tryouts the last week of September or the first week of October. Becker has 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> travel and Big Lake has 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. Zimmerman & Princeton are yet to be determined. Each town can handle this as they deem necessary, however this GFFL is not meant to replace traveling teams.

## GAME RULES

**Game Length:** 8 four minute periods (could be 3 minutes to accommodate a one day event). 1 minute between periods. 3 minutes after period 4. Time outs: Three 30 second time outs per team per game. Technical foul if more than 3 called. T-foul, lose ball & 2 points. In 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> fundamental league timeouts can be called with or without possession of ball, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade team must have possession for time out. Clock stops for free throws, free throws for shooting fouls only. LAST TWO periods, clock stops at whistle and must have possession for time out. 25 point advantage clock continues

**Referees:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders together use coaches or experienced family members, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders high school or adult, & 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> high school or adult. Each town is responsible for the arrangement and payment of the referees.

**Equal Play Time:** All participants shall have equal play time. 10-12 girls per team, absolute maximum of 15.

**Player Point Limit:** 12 point player limit, no shot limit. 13-14<sup>th</sup> point would not count and ball to other team. Second offense includes player foul in addition to the no points and turn over. This rule is to help the dominating player to pass the ball.

**Pressing:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> not pressing. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, man to man full court pressing in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> periods. During the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> period no full court presses with zone. 20 point rule, once ahead by 20 no press.

**Defense:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders man to man, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders man to man, & 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> man to man. 2-3 zone allowed in the 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> period for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders. This will allow the older girls to learn zone defense prior to travel basketball. Full court press is not allowed in the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> period.

Double team defense is only allowed inside the three point line/arch

### **Basket Height:**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade 8-8 ½ feet

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 10 foot

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 10 foot

This will assist in keeping games on schedule

### **Free Throws:**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>: 3 feet in from line

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>: 2 feet in from line

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade regulation