

STANDISH RECREATION
2009-2010 GIRLS YOUTH 2nd – 6th GRADE BASKETBALL

Introductory Clinics – Monday, Nov. 30 and Wed., Dec. 2 @ George E. Jack Gym:

Grades 2-4	5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Grades 5-6	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The program focuses on instruction and recreational play along with an element of competition through the games that are played against other teams throughout SAD#6. Instruction and skill development is focused on at the 2nd – 4th grade level, and some of the rules are adapted to address this level of development. At the 5th – 6th grade level, the intent is to play official rules, thus preparing them for regional tournaments and middle school basketball.

The pre-season for both levels includes instructional clinics and team practice times, and a regular game schedule for both levels begins after the holidays. Practices and games are scheduled on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Friday evenings, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Practices for both programs will be held at G.E. Jack School and Edna Libby, and games will be held at various gyms throughout the Bonny Eagle School District. For the 3rd – 4th grade program, there may be some games scheduled on Saturdays with the Sacopee Valley School District. For the 5th – 6th grade level, there may be some games scheduled at Sacopee Valley or at Gorham. Complete game and practice schedules will be distributed once teams are selected.

- **Coaches needed at both levels – please indicate on your child's registration form if you are willing to coach. The registration fee is waived for anyone willing to coach.**

PROGRAM RULES

1. Participants are expected to be courteous, obedient and aware of safety issues at all times.

2. There is to be no physical contact that is not related to playing the game. (i.e. pushing, shoving, tripping, hitting, wrestling, fighting, tackling, snatching of clothing, etc.).

3. Participants are not permitted to leave the program at any time without permission from the volunteer in charge.

4. Participants are expected to leave the facilities neat and clean at the end of each session.

5. All equipment must be used safely and respectfully. Participants are not allowed to kick balls inside the building – much of our damage is a direct result of this rule violation. Gymnastics equipment is not to be climbed on. **If a child is found doing something deliberately that causes damage to the equipment, the parent will be billed according to the extent of the damage.**

6. Foul language will not be tolerated.

7. Participants will always obey instructions of volunteer coaches. We will stress the importance of mutual respect between participants, their peers and the coaches. By reinforcing the importance of respect for your neighbor's rights, the above rules should be followed naturally.

8. The following steps will be taken for a participant who chooses to break these rules:
 1. A first violation will result in a written warning being sent home to the parents.
 2. A second violation will result in the loss of playing privileges for one game.
 3. A third violation will be handled on an individual basis by the recreation director. If necessary, a participant can be asked to leave the program permanently. **Depending upon the severity of the offense, these steps can be bypassed and immediate suspension or dismissal from the program may occur.**

Parents' Code of Ethics

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parents' Code of Ethics Pledge.

- **I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.**
- **I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.**
- **I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.**
- **I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.**
- **I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.**
- **I will remember that the game is for youth – not for adults.**
- **I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.**
- **I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.**
- **I promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation.**
- **I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coach upholds the Coaches' Code of Ethics.**