



## **POTOMAC VALLEY THUNDER (PV THUNDER) AAU BASKETBALL CLUB**

### **2016 SPRING SEASON TRYOUT INFORMATION SHEET**

#### **8<sup>th</sup> GRADE (CLASS 2020) TEAM**

This sheet provides key information regarding the team in the age group for which your daughter is trying out this spring. Included are general PV Thunder organizational information, team-specific information, as well as financial and logistical commitments associated with being part of these particular teams.

#### **Teams:**

The current PV Thunder 8th Grade (Class 2020) Team has 9 players returning for the spring season. We are looking to add 1-2 new players to the team.

<b>Team:</b>	PV Thunder 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade (Class 2020) Team
<b>Coach:</b>	Coach Krystal Ferguson
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#### **Player Commitment:**

**All players and parents should be aware of the commitment required for PV Thunder teams.**

All PV Thunder teams are year-round teams and acceptance of a roster spot on a PV Thunder team is a one year commitment. The team will train twice a week for 90 minutes each session and will play games on select weekends throughout the year. The number of practices and games and the requirement for attendance at these team events will necessitate a dedicated effort on the part of all team players and their parents. If your child is selected and you cannot make such a commitment, please reconsider accepting a spot on the team.

**If you do accept a spot on the team and cannot maintain your commitment to the team, the coach will limit your playing time to represent your level of commitment in all areas.**

### **Required Time Commitment:**

- **Practices:** This team will practice 2 times per week in Bethesda.
  - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30-9:00pm
  - There may be an occasional practice on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm
- **Tournaments:** Tournament play usually consists of games on both Saturdays and Sundays of a given weekend, with anywhere from 1 to 3 games played per day. This team will look to participate in the following schedule:
  - March 12-13: Flames March Madness (District Heights, MD)
  - March 19-20: USBA Big East Challenge (Laurel, MD)
  - April 9-10: Atlantic Coast Regional Championship (Baltimore, MD)
  - April 23-24: Loudoun Freedom Challenge (Loudoun County, VA)
  - April 30-May 1: Flames DMV Challenge (Boyd's, MD)
  - May 14-15: Battle of the Beltway by Zero Gravity (Washington DC)
  - May 21-22: M.A.G.I.C Mid Atlantic Girls Invitational Championship (Ellicott City, MD)
  - June 4-5: Mid Penn Classic (Carlisle, PA)
  - June 18-19: Coaches Choice USA Select Inner Harbor Challenge (Baltimore, MD)
  - June 30-July 3: NTBA National Championship (Myrtle Beach, SC)
  - July 9-10: Flames Red, White, & Blue Tournament (Boyd's, MD)
  - July 15-17: East Coast Invitational (Virginia Beach, VA)

### **Financial Commitment:**

All club and team expense are totaled and divided by the number of players on the team to determine a per player amount for dues.

We are anticipating dues to be **\$500** per player (based on an 11 player roster) that includes practice gym space, the above mentioned tournaments/league, coaches AAU memberships, and miscellaneous shared club expenses (insurance, website hosting, general business expenses, etc).

All travel (hotel, food, etc) related expenses for overnight tournaments are an additional expense. This team is planning for 3 overnight trips.

This amount does not include costs for uniforms for new players which would be an additional **\$200** that includes reversible uniform with name on the back of the jersey plus a PV Thunder logo Nike backpack personalized with player's number, and shooting shirt, and team socks.

Payments for player dues will be made in three installments:

- Installment # 1: due at the first practice = \$250
- Installment # 2: due in the middle of the season = 75% of balance due
- Installment # 3: due at the end of the season = balance due



**Team Placement Notification:**

Following the completion of Tryouts, invitations to join the team will be sent to players. Everyone should receive notification of placement within one week from the second Tryout session. In order to facilitate the notification process, it is requested that players either accept or reject their invitations within 24 hours of receiving this notification. If there are extenuating circumstances that prevent such a timely response, parents should contact the team coach to discuss any issues with their ability to make a prompt decision.

Thank you for attending the tryouts and for your interest in the PV Thunder Basketball.