

Basketball Meeting Notes 11/24/2025

7:00 PM

In Attendance:

Jim Hinkel, Marc Rossi, Matt McKenna, Jessica Cardella, Mike Sullivan, Anthony DiPietro, Ed Yackacki, Ernie D’Orazio, Vince Nuzzo

Update from Anthony DiPietro – Girls Travel Basketball Director

The girls’ uniforms have shipped, and 95% of them are fully completed. Checks for the uniforms were sent out today. Referee payments are still being finalized and will be addressed next.

All teams have been finalized and submitted. Our first tournament will take place on December 30th in Moorestown, called the Holiday Tournament. This tournament may also be opened to include recreational teams. I have already reached out to Vince regarding this option.

Program payments are still being worked through and will be resolved this week.

Mark Rossi:

- Reported two complaints regarding messy bathrooms and that janitors were being given a hard time.

Mike McCoy

- Interviewed for the Member-at-Large position.

- A vote was taken and the decision was unanimous to approve him.

League Rules:

- Discussed possible rule changes for next year, including:
 - Adjusting 5 seconds in the lane to 3 seconds.
 - Other potential rule modifications were mentioned.
- Considering simplified special rules to make them easier for Board 34 referees to enforce.
- Discussed using grade levels instead of ages for division placement.

Jess:

- Not certain yet about final team numbers.
 - Draft dates work for her.
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Ernie's Update

- Information was sent out regarding coaches and teams.

- Still in need of one more coach for 10U.

- Currently:
 - 7 coaches

 - 59 players

- Waiting on two coaches to complete Megan's Law requirements.

- Spoke with a parent who had concerns about their child playing on a specific team; matter was resolved after discussion.

- Denis Coyle has been notified about all relevant updates.

- Ernie and Jim will determine whether a particular coach should be red-flagged.
 - If approved, that coach must have an assistant.

Mike Sullivan – Boys Travel Director

- Uniforms: All uniforms and sizes are in.

- Registrations: Biggest challenge right now is getting coaches and players fully registered.

- Team Status:

- 5th grade: All set

 - 7th grade: Short 5 players

 - Holiday Tournament: Scheduled for December 27th & 28th — all players will be participating.

 - Fees: Working to get all fees to Mike, aiming for completion by the weekend.

 - Playoffs / Ref Payments: Referees will receive checks, and this needs to be organized.

 - Games: There will be a total of 17 games
 - Opening Weekend: Begins December 5th.
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Mark

- Schedule: Approximately 95% complete.

- His wife is organizing the final schedules for distribution.

- Facility Updates:

- Chestnut Ridge is fully booked.
 - After the holidays, no more practices — games only.
 - Holiday Week Practices:
 - Exploring extra practice time during holiday week.
 - Possible rental at Total Turf (\$91.00).
 - Considering blocking off Sundays 11am–7pm at the school gyms.
 - Union School District: Needs final gym schedules by Wednesday — no changes afterward.
 - Communication Needed: Jim will reach out to discuss scheduling with Anthony.
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Orchard Valley

- Gym floor condition is poor — “like a skating rink.”

Matt

- Scoreboard: Expected to be fully completed by December 15th; more updates coming this week.

- Payments:
 - Girls' uniforms went out today.

 - Boys' uniforms going out Tuesday.

 - Ref checks scheduled for Tuesday or Wednesday.

Action Items & Additional Notes

- Total Turf invoice: Will need a vote for approval.

- By-laws: Will be reviewed and discussed for updates in May.

- Next Meeting:
 - December 16th

 - Municipal Building

- 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM