

Libby Middle School – 2019 Boys Basketball Information Letter

Coaching Objectives

Coaches will provide an organized, disciplined, challenging and enthusiastic environment that enables players to become better basketball players, while enjoying the experience of representing their school on a Libby basketball team.

Tryouts

The first two practices will consist of tryouts that determine whether players are placed on A or B teams. Placement will be based on ability, effort and attitude. Tryouts will take place Monday (10/21) and Tuesday (10/22), 7th graders from 2:40 to 4:10 pm and 8th graders from 4:15 to 5:45 pm. The normal practice schedule will start Wednesday (10/23) but there may be a continuation of try-outs for a small group of players during the first few practices if additional evaluation time is needed.

Practice Schedule

Monday thru Thursday: B teams practice 2:40 to 4:15 pm and A teams 4:20 to 6:15 pm.

Friday: A teams practice 6:00 to 7:30 am and B teams 2:35 to 3:45 pm.

If necessary, coaches will communicate changes to above practice times. First 2 weeks practice schedule:

Date	Day	Libby A Teams	Libby B Teams
21-Oct	Mon	Tryouts, 7th 2:40-4:10 pm; 8th 4:15-5:45 pm	
22-Oct	Tue	Tryouts, 7th 2:40-4:10 pm; 8th 4:15-5:45 pm	
23-Oct	Wed	Practice, 4:20 - 6:15 pm	Practice, 2:40 - 4:15 pm
24-Oct	Thu	Practice, 4:20 - 6:15 pm	Practice, 2:40 - 4:15 pm
25-Oct	Fri	Practice, 6:00 - 7:30 am	Practice, 2:35 - 3:45 pm
26-Oct	Sat	Practice, 7:30 - 9:00 am	No Practice
28-Oct	Mon	Practice, 4:20 - 6:15 pm	Practice, 2:40 - 4:15 pm
29-Oct	Tue	Practice, 4:20 - 6:15 pm	Practice, 2:40 - 4:15 pm
30-Oct	Wed	Practice, 4:20 - 6:15 pm	Practice, 2:40 - 4:15 pm
31-Oct	Thu	Practice, 4:20 - 6:15 pm	Practice, 2:40 - 4:15 pm
1-Nov	Fri	Practice, 6:00 - 7:30 am	Practice, 2:35 - 3:45 pm
2-Nov	Sat	Practice, 7:30 - 9:00 am	No Practice

Players are expected to be at practice on time and are responsible for notifying their coach in advance if they will miss or be late to practice; coaches will assume the player has skipped practice if they aren't notified. Contact info for Libby coaches is provided below. Please note: players must be at school for at least half the school day in order to participate in practices or games. Also, if a player is serving In-School Suspension (ISS) they are not allowed to participate in practices or games.

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Shooting Shirts/Fundraiser

Warm-up shirts can be purchased for \$25 (no name on back) or \$30 (name on back). These shirts serve as the program's fundraiser as each shirt has an ~ \$10 mark-up. All players are strongly encouraged to purchase a shirt and is theirs to keep. The shirts will be worn as part of their game day uniform. Also, additional apparel can be ordered on the Spirit Wear order form. Please note: shooting shirts and apparel orders are due by Wed, 10/23!

Uniforms

Players will be issued a game uniform and practice jersey. Players are responsible for maintaining their gear during the season and required to turn in their uniform/jersey at end of season. There will be a fee assessed for lost or damaged gear. Most uniform damage happens during cleaning, to avoid this wash uniforms in cold or warm (avoid hot) water and don't combine with colored clothes. Also, it's highly recommended to hang dry uniforms rather than machine dry.

Playing Time

Minutes played on B teams will be approximately equal, although exceptions are possible due to illness, foul trouble, missed practices, grades or attitude. B games will be coached to win, but within the confines of equal playing time. Playing time on A teams will not be equal, players get a minimum of 6 minutes per game (subject to exceptions). Additional playing time will have to be earned as A teams will take a more competitive approach to winning games.

Away Games

For away games played in Richland – Carmichael, Chief Jo and Enterprise – players will be bussed to the game but return transportation will not be provided. For games outside Richland, transportation to and from game sites will be provided. If a player elects not to travel back on the bus after an away game, the player must be signed out by their parent. If a player will be traveling with someone other than a parent, a note must be provided and approved by Libby administration before departing for the game. Players should be on their best behavior at all times, but especially when visitors in another gym.

Parent Support

Parents are encouraged to be supportive fans during games but please refrain from coaching your kid from the stands. And please refrain from using discouraging words towards coaches, players or referees. Also, please be prompt picking your child up from practices and games.

Player/Parent Concerns

Players are encouraged to talk to their coach when they have concerns. Meetings between players and coaches should occur after practice. If parents have concerns they should set a meeting time by contacting the coach. Please don't try to have a meeting with a coach right after a game. Let the coach know if you would like to have others involved in the meeting, such as another coach, the Athletic Director or Principal. All coaches are encouraged to have another coach or administrator present when talking with a player or parent.

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Injury Protocol

Injuries should be reported to the coach as soon as possible. Players may return to play after coach or RSD Trainer assessment. If an athlete is injured to the point they need to be seen by a doctor, they must have a doctor's note of 'Return to Participation' to continue practicing or playing. When there is a possible concussion, the RSD Head (Concussion) Protocol will be followed.

AFTER SCHOOL RULES

- Rules for LATE PRACTICES (practices that don't start right after school): Players should arrive at the gym 5 minutes before practice begins. If players choose to remain at school before practice they must attend study hall*. That is the LONE option if choosing to stay on school premises - players are not to hang out in the gym, in the commons area, or anywhere else on school premises during this time.

- Rules for GAMES:

AWAY Games: Players need to be ready to board the bus at 3:00 pm. Players should change into their uniforms in the locker room and then gather in the small gym while waiting for the bus to arrive. Players are to be on their best behavior during this time. In order to make effective use of time, players should go through their pre-game warm-up routine in the small gym with only two basketballs being used per team.

EARLY HOME Game (4:00 pm): Players are to arrive at 3:30 pm for their 4:00 pm game. If the player chooses to remain at school they must attend study hall* until approximately 3:30 pm or until their coach arrives and removes them from study hall. In some cases, the coach may be available to supervise right after school and there will be no need to attend study hall as long as they are with their coach.

LATE HOME Game (~ 5:15 pm): Players should arrive no later than 4:15 pm. If the player chooses to remain at school they must attend study hall* until approximately 4:00 pm, at which time they are encouraged to attend the early game and support their Libby teammates.

*STUDY HALL: All basketball players are to be on their best behavior during study hall. Players must remain quiet while studying and be respectful of other students and teachers. Players must arrive on time (2:30) so they don't disrupt other students and are not to leave study hall and roam around the school and come and go as they please. They must remain in study hall. Any behavioral issues reported during study hall will result in basketball related disciplinary action, most likely reduced playing time.

Libby Boys Basketball Coaches

8th Grade A Coach: Joe Northrop; 509-430-1938; 5northrops@gmail.com

7th Grade A Coach: Clark McIntyre; 336-262-2601; clark.mcintyre@rsd.edu

8th Grade B Coach: Jeremy Kinlock; 509-967-6474 (ext 2820); jeremy.kinlock@rsd.edu

7th Grade B Coach: Stephanie Hogan; 509-967-6090; Stephanie.Hogan@rsd.edu

Additional B Coach (if needed): Monty Bowen; 509-967-6474 (ext 2851); Monty.Bowen@rsd.edu

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DETACH and return this page ONLY to Heidi Bird at the Libby front office no later than Tuesday, Oct 22

I have read the ‘Libby Middle School – 2019 Boys Basketball Information Letter’ and understand the expectations of the boys’ basketball program:

Student/Athlete’s Name Printed _____

Parent’s Signature _____

Student/Athlete’s Signature _____