

Libby Basketball Objectives

The Libby basketball program is dedicated to helping players achieve their basketball goals and reach their full playing potential. Coaches will provide an organized, disciplined, and enthusiastic environment in which players can develop their skills and increase their basketball knowledge. In turn, players are expected to play hard, play smart and play unselfish. The philosophy of the program will be, "How can I be the best teammate I can be?"

Tryouts and Player Placement

The first 2 to 3 practices (starting **Monday, January 6th**) will consist of player evaluations which will determine whether players make the A or B team. 10 to 12 players will make the A team while the rest will make the B team. Players will be evaluated and ranked based on basketball ability, basketball knowledge, effort and attitude.

- Tryouts will be held from 2:40 to 4:00 pm for all athletes

Practices

A teams & the 8th Grade B Team will usually practice from **2:40 to 4:00 pm**

The 7th Grade B team will typically practice from **4:05 to 5:35 pm Monday-Thursday & before school on Friday**, times to be announced when season begins. Players are expected to be at practice on time. Players need to notify their coach when they will miss or be late for practice. Coaches will assume the player has skipped practice if they don't receive a call, text or email. The coaches contact info is provided at the bottom of the next page.

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. The primary goal of B teams is player development. 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 through skill level, attitude, practice attendance, and effort. The A teams will take a more competitive approach to winning games by keeping better players on the court for longer periods of time.

Away Games

For games played in the Richland School District (RSD) – Carmichael, Chief Jo and Enterprise – transportation will be provided from Libby to the game site. Return transportation to Libby will not be provided. For games outside the RSD, transportation to and from game sites will be provided. If a player elects not to travel back with the team after a road 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 are to be on their best behavior at all times, but especially when visitors in another gym. We are representing Libby Middle School.

Parent Support

Parents are encouraged to come to all games and be supportive Libby basketball fans. Please refrain from coaching your child during games. Players should look toward the bench for guidance, not to the stands. Parents also need to refrain from using discouraging words towards coaches, players or referees. Positive comments from parents in the stands will go a long way. Please be prompt in picking your child up after practice or after returning from an away game. The coaches must stay until all players have been picked up and we want to get home as soon as possible.

Player/Parent Concerns

Players are encouraged to speak with their coaches when they have concerns. Meetings between players and coaches should occur after practice. If after an athlete speaks to their coach and a parent concern remains, please then set a meeting time by contacting the coach directly. Please don't try to have a meeting with a coach right after a game or without a scheduled meeting time. 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 speaking with a player or parent.

Uniforms

The school-issued uniforms are white jerseys and white shorts. The white shorts are a thin material so we recommend girl's purchase spandex or compression shorts to wear underneath.

Spirit Pack/Fundraiser

Spirit Pack items will be available to order soon. All players are strongly encouraged to purchase a shooting shirt. The shirts will then be worn as part of the game day uniform. They also serve as the program's fundraiser as each shirt has an approximate \$6 mark-up, \$20 per shirt. They do not feature LMS lettering so that students can wear them beyond this year. Additional information will be provided the first day of try-outs.

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 that 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.

Coaches Contact Info

8th Grade A Coach: Kristin Walker Kristin.walker@rsd.edu

7th Grade A Coach: Kayla Ruble Kayla.ruble@rsd.edu

8th Grade B Coach: Stephanie Hogan Stephanie.hogan@rsd.edu

7th Grade B Coach: Clark McIntyre Clark.McIntyre@rsd.edu

I have read and understand the expectations of the girls' basketball program at Leona Libby Middle School :

Parent's Signature _____

Student/Athlete's Name Printed _____

Student/Athlete's Signature _____