

Monticello Trails Middle School Basketball Parent Handbook 2024-25

2024-25 Coaching Staff

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8th Grade Schedule

Date	Opponent	Where	Time
1/14/25	Leavenworth	Monticello Trails	4:00 PM
1/16/25	Mill Creek	Mill Creek	4:00 PM
1/21/25	Wheatridge	Monticello Trails	4:00 PM
1/23/25	Basehor Linwood	Basehor Linwood	4:00 PM
1/25/25	Seaman Tournament (tentative)	Seaman Middle School	TBD
1/27/25	Seaman Tournament (tentative)	Seaman Middle School	TBD
1/28/25	Lansing	Lansing	4:00 PM
1/30/25	Piper	Monticello Trails	4:00 PM
2/4/25	Turner	Turner	4:00 PM
2/6/25	Lawrence SW	MTMS	4:00 PM
2/10/25	Shawnee Heights B Game	Shawnee Heights	5:00 PM
2/11/25	Pioneer Ridge	Pioneer Ridge	4:00 PM
2/19/25	Lexington	Monticello Trails	4:00 PM
2/20/25	Trail Ridge	Monticello Trails	4:00 PM
2/25/25	KVL Tournament A Team Only	LTMS	TBD
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Expectations of Timberwolf Basketball Coaches:

1. We coach because it gives us an opportunity to meet, observe, and work with some of the greatest individuals in the field, at all levels of skill.
2. We want to be successful! Being successful is meeting the challenge of competition and overcoming that challenge. Life is competitive. Careers are competitive. Education is competition. Basketball is competitive!
3. We believe in discipline. The greatest discipline is self-discipline. This is knowing the difference between right and wrong and always striving to do the right things for your team.
4. Set goals for the team. Players will know what we want and work hard toward helping achieve the goals. To be successful, we **must** believe in what we do.
5. We want competition to be emotional. We aren't afraid to show our emotion in practice, during a game, or simply conversing with a player. We have fun while we are being successful.
6. Be positive. We look for the best in everyone and they will recognize the best in us.
7. We adhere to the total team concept of basketball. The coaching staff is part of the team as we strive to achieve consistency. You, the parent, are obviously a part of the team. We will constantly remind you of your value to the team's success. Your families, the community, and the school are all an important part of the team. We must earn their respect and show appreciation for their support.
8. Act with great sportsmanship at all times.

EXPECTATIONS OF TIMBERWOLF BASKETBALL PARENTS

1. Support your son in his commitment to the Timberwolf Basketball Program.
2. Be proud of his effort and commitment.
3. Work with the basketball staff to make your son's experience positive and rewarding.
4. If you have any concerns or questions, contact the head coach. Do not approach a coach after a game with a concern about playing time. Emotions after a game are too high and it is not a good environment in which to discuss any situation.
5. If your son makes this commitment to the basketball program, then we will do our best to help him in every aspect of his life. Academics, behavior etc. It is not a one-way street.
6. Remember, the basketball staff is here to instill life lessons in your son. We will teach honor, discipline, hard work, enthusiasm, and many qualities that extend beyond the court.
7. Act with great sportsmanship at all times.

Expectations of Timberwolf Basketball Players

1. **Be a Good Citizen:** A player is a part of the program not just in the locker room and on the court. They are a part of the program all of the time and will be held to a standard of representing their teammates, coaches, school, parents, and community all of the time.
2. **Be Committed to the Program:** Commitment is shown through daily attendance and a positive attitude toward becoming successful as a team. Attendance will be taken daily and all absences must be excused through communication with the coaching staff.
3. **Be a Good Student.** Eligibility will be based on the policies of Monticello Trails Middle School. Any student that requires extra academic time need only to make arrangements with coaching staff.
4. **Be a Good Teammate.** All players are equally important to the success of the team and will be valued as such by all players.
5. **Be respectful of facilities and those who take care of them.**
6. **Be responsible for your equipment.** If equipment is lost, it must be replaced, contact coaching staff about equipment issues.
7. **Take care of your body.** Report injuries immediately to coaching staff.
8. **Act with great sportsmanship at all times.**

Additional Information:

Practice Times:

PM Practice is 3:05- 5:00. Pre practice starts at 3:05. Arrival after 3:15 will be considered late. Please pick up as soon as possible or make arrangements for your son to ride with another parent.

AM Practice is 6-7:15. Pre practice starts at 5:45 with structured practice time starting at 6. Arrival after 6 am will be considered late.

Player Safety:

Concussions: Follow the KSHSAA policies and procedures. Athlete must have a written release from a MD or DO to return to practice and games.

Weather:

If school is closed due to weather, we will send out emails on whether we can practice or not. Use best judgement for AM practices.

Games:

All players will ride the bus to all away games unless prior arrangements have been made between parents and coaching staff. Parents will need to sign out players with a coach prior to taking them home. A bus will be provided to return home for all remaining players.

Outside School Teams:

Per KSHSAA rules:

While a member of the school team, a player may not play or practice with a non-school team. Playing or practicing would disqualify player from any further participation on our team.

Playing Time:

Playing time will be determined by coaches' evaluation of players and players meeting expectations. A Team and B Team will be fluid teams. We will communicate with the boys the practice before as to what they can expect at the next game.

We look forward to a great season. Please contact us if you have any questions.

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