

FALL 2019 PARENT MEETING
BANTAM BASKETBALL

I. Leadership

- a. Jim Gensley, League Director
- b. Dan Kamwesa, Director of Sports—562.716.7222
- c. Risa Blyer, Director of Admin

II. First Friends Sports

Vision: First Friends Sports is a ministry of First Friends Church. We are committed to the church's vision to **transform the heart, home and world**. In order to do that, our sports programs must offer MORE THAN SPORTS. At First Friends Sports, we want to help individuals and families grow in their athletic ability, their character and their faith in Jesus Christ.

Mission: To provide Christ-centered sports programs for our community.

What we offer:

1. Sports and Recreation for the whole family.
2. A fun, safe and positive environment for competition.
3. An opportunity to encounter Jesus.

III. Main Source of Communication = WEBSITE

Our sports ministry website is **www.firstfriendssports.com**. It is the main source of information regarding teams, schedules, announcements, game cancellations etc. Please consult the website **FIRST** if you have any questions. After that, please feel free to contact the Sports Office directly via email at **sports@firstfriends.org** or via phone at **330.966.6868**

IV. Cancellation Policy

- a. **Practice and Game Cancellations** – Practices and games will be cancelled by the **Director of Basketball** and will be posted to the website (firstfriendssports.com) at least one hour ahead of the affected practice or game time. If you do not have computer access, contact your coach.
- b. Whenever the weather is inclement or may become so, please check your e-mail and check the website before you leave your home on practice and game days to verify that your activity is still a go.

V. Practice Schedule

- a. Basketball practices will be at First Friends Church in the gym. Depending on team assignment, your child's practice will be at one of the following times:
 1. Thursdays—5:00 or 6:00pm

VI. Devotionals During Practice

- a. During each practice, we will be having a short devotional that corresponds with our written curriculum. We consider this to be a CRUCIAL element of our program and believe it is a big part of your participation in this league. Players who complete these booklets will receive an award for their efforts.
- b. ****Please note that each practice will involve a 15-minute devotional. This is REQUIRED. Any player missing devotionals will sit out the first rotation of the next game.**

VII. Game/Event Schedule

SATURDAY GAMES – The season consists of 9 regular season games and an end-of-the-season celebration brunch.

PICTURE DAY, Saturday, September 28th – Teams will be assigned a time prior to their game for team and individual pictures. Picture forms will be distributed on the practice prior to the Picture Day. While a specific schedule will be posted to our website as the date gets closer, plan on coming about an hour early to your scheduled game on Saturday.

Important Dates

- a. **Thursday, Sept. 5th** First Team Practices of the Season
- b. **SATURDAY, Sept. 7 & 14th** Saturday Scrimmages
- c. **Saturday, Sept. 21st** First Games of the Season
- d. **Saturday, Sept. 28th** Picture Day (Times TBA)
- e. **Saturday, Nov. 23rd** BASKETBALL CELEBRATION BRUNCH @ 9:30am

VIII. Apparel and Equipment for Practices/Games

Each Player will receive their jersey (if they purchased one) when they check-in for their assessments. Players can use an old jersey from years past if it still meets the requirements (reversible, black and red, number on both sides). It is expected that players wear their jerseys during games. NO jewelry or piercings are permitted during games and practices due to safety reasons.

IX. Spectator Rules & Expectations