

2010 DBI Summer Basketball

We have elected to make some significant changes to the way our program is structured for this summer. Our feeling was that the team-based approach of past summers was not effective at the younger levels due to challenges with dividing teams evenly, varied quality of coaching, and spotty attendance. We did not feel that we were seeing the types of improvement in young players that we hoped for.

In an effort to address these shortcomings, we are taking a new approach that will vastly increase the number of touches that each player will get over the course of the summer and will increase the amount of instruction they receive. Our feeling is that younger players learn more and develop more quickly by playing in small-side (1 vs 1, 2 vs 2, etc.) games that are more spontaneous in nature. Players need to try out new things to figure out what works for them, and it is very difficult for players to do that in a game setting with unfamiliar teammates and unfamiliar coaches. This approach should also allow for players to progress at their own speed, as they will be matched up with players of similar skill in competitions and drills.

At the incoming 5th through 8th grade levels, we will provide a series of ten 90-minute sessions that will span from mid-May through early August, all on Monday evenings. Most of the June and July sessions will be held at DSHA, but the May and August sessions will be at a yet-to-be-determined location. Incoming 5th and 6th graders will go from 5:00 to 6:30, while incoming 7th and 8th graders will go from 6:30 to 8:00.

Roughly one half of each session will be devoted to individual and group drills that build fundamental skills, while the other half of the session will be devoted to small-side competitions such as 2-on-2, 3-on-3, etc., with each week bringing new experiences and new teammates.

To maximize value for each participant, we are limiting the total number of participants in each session to 32 players. The cost per player for ten sessions and a reversible jersey is \$95 per player.

At the incoming 9th grade level, we will be forming 3 DBI teams. Players sign up individually and will be evenly divided among DBI teams with 10 players per team. \$195 per player covers ten games (played on Wednesdays), 6 skill sessions (on Mondays in June/July from 8:00-9:30), 6-8 practices (on Thursdays from late May through mid-July), and a reversible jersey.

DBI has historically had a strong presence from players that intend to attend DSHA, and while that will continue to be the case going forward, we want to emphasize that these opportunities are not exclusively limited to those who have an interest in attending DSHA.

Registration forms for the 5th through 8th skill sessions, 9th grade individual, and 9th grade team (for non-DBI teams signing up as a group) can be found at www.dasherbasketball.org.

We look forward to another great summer of basketball, and as always, we welcome your feedback!

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