



## **SD. 73 Kamloops Elementary Basketball**

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December, 2013

Attention Administrators, Sports Council Representatives & Coaches:

Welcome back,

Basketball season is just around the corner and things are getting exciting in the schools. We hope that all of your basketball coaches are excited and ready for the new season. I look forward to working with all of you in making our Elementary Basketball season for 2013/2014 a great success.

We are gearing up to have three tiers for basketball, much the same as volleyball. We will have Tier 1 & 2 boys and girls, and Tier 3 boys and girls with some teams being co-ed (Note: the co-ed teams will be grouped together, as will the boys and girls, as best as we can accommodate). For Tier 3 please try to remember that it is geared toward 4/5 but it is not limited to 4/5. There is no written rule that says Tier 3 must be 4/5. However, we really don't recommend loading a Tier 3 team with 6/7s. A team loaded with 6/7s should be Tier 1 or 2. A few 6/7s on a Tier 3 team would be fine.

**Remember as well that where you place your teams should be dependent on the policy outlined by the elementary sports council with regards to school populations:**

**K-7 school with over 225 students and only 1 team (excluding tier 3) must participate in tier 1.**

Tier 1 & 2 Boys will play their games on Tuesdays.

Tier 1 & 2 Girls will play their games on Thursdays.

Tier 3 will play games on Wednesdays.

Our first week of league play begins the week of January 20 2014, running for five weeks, ending on February 21, 2014.

Playoff weeks will be held during the weeks of February 24, 2014 to March 7, 2014. As playoff time approaches, further information will be forwarded.

**Please forward your intent to play this year with your teams (Tier 1,2,3)(Boys/Girls) and your numbers prior to the Winter Break (By Friday December 20, 2013 at the very latest). Also, I will need to know of gym availability and if you are not able to host games on certain days.**

**Send team information through your attached Google DOC and gym availability if there is any. This information can be sent to Grant Naylor at: [gnaylor@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:gnaylor@sd73.bc.ca)**

Some further notes:

- Please make sure that teams entered in the league have coaches secured prior to letting me know that you are participating.
- Host schools for games in Tiers 1 & 2 will need to report scores and results to their respective Tier coordinators on a form attached. It could be scanned and emailed or sent via fax.
- A district wide score sheet has been made for this upcoming season that should be used during games and sent to coordinators once games are complete.
- Schools scheduled to travel out of town for games need to do their very best to make sure that they travel to their games (Remember: there is funding available for busing).
- Coaches that have concern throughout the season need to note the following protocol:
  1. Take your questions to your school sports council representative first.
  2. If still unclear, forward your questions/concerns to the tier coordinator.
  3. Finally, the sports council representative or the tier coordinator can contact the district coordinator (there are far too many coaches to be directly speaking with the district coordinator, especially if the question or concern can be answered or resolved first).
- **As the playoff season approaches, a schedule will be forwarded that will hopefully rank teams based on wins and losses, noting that this can be somewhat subjective as not every team will play each other (this is where the results being turned in will become important). The tier coordinators will do their very best to make things as fair and equitable as possible.**
- The playoff schedule will be a single knock out tournament style.

- Teams playing Brock Middle School will need to remember that if they are travelling to Brock Middle, games will not begin until just after 3:00pm, and if Brock Middle is travelling to play at your school, games will not be able to start until close to 3:30.

For this year, the following individuals have volunteered to be District and Tier coordinators.

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**Please find attached:**

- 1) Elementary School Basketball Rules for the 2013-2014 Season.**
- 2) Score sheet that should be used for all league and playoff games.**
- 3) Sports council member and representative contact list.**

Looking forward to an exciting season.

Sincerely,

Grant Naylor

District Basketball Commissioner