

# PLEASE READ UNTIL THE END

## VOLUNTEER COACHES

**Thanks to everyone who volunteered to coach. If you can't make it one week, just shoot me a text at 330-441-2887 and we will find a fill-in. It is super easy, and we will have the rotation schedule and make sure you are good to go the first week.**

## Skill Classes

Every person will get a punch card for 5 skill development classes at Swish 365 in North Royalton. There are instructions on how to redeem them on the back of the card. The classes have a limit to them, so if you are on the waiting list, you DO NOT have a spot and don't show up for the class. You must bring the punch card to the class every time you come. We will add classes and move some around due to high demand, but all classes need to be used up by the end of October. You are looking for the HITS classes on the schedule

## Swish 365

We think the quickest way to become a great shooter and ballhandler is to be a member of Swish 365. Our Dr. Dish shooting machines provide players with the ability to get 400+ shots up during each 30-minute session. There are pre-programmed drills and workouts as well that the players can take advantage of from some of the best trainers in the country. Players can get up to 500 shots up in a 30-minute session and they can see an increase in their shooting percentages within weeks of being a member. We are in the process of upgrading all of our machines and soon we will have those at the facility. The new machines will be able to track the arc of every shot and that is some very useful information. No other shooting machine offers that and we will have them at Swish 365 this summer!!! **We are offering all Summer League players our lowest price point ever. *If you want the promo code for the special offer, please test me at 330-441-2887.* There will be a one-time \$25 tech fee with any membership. They are month to month recurring, and you can cancel at any time through the Swish 365 App. If you want to take advantage of the special offer, simply download the Swish 365 App and go through the easy steps to create a membership.**

## **Scorekeepers**

The year was 2019 and one of our scorekeepers failed to record a basket during the game and an irate parent who was living vicariously through their 5th grade son's summer rec league got all up in their feelings and launched an investigation. We were investigated by FEMA, The Department of Homeland Security, a rogue HOA, Northeast Ohio Quilting Association, PETA, The Warren Commission, L.Ron Hubbard, MADD, Space Force, The Screen Actors Guild, Joseph McCarthy's grandchildren, The Ohio Gaming Commission, 3 community Karens, The KGB and OSHA. This sent ripples through the scorekeeping community as well as local and national Facebook Mom pages. The collective outrage was over the top and out of control and almost sparked a revolution from the Scorekeepers Association of America. Due to some deft and maybe nefarious backend deals with Tim Misny's rejects, Hoop Guru was absolved of any wrongdoing and is back in good standing with the Ohio Gaming Commission, MTV (you know back when they actually played music videos), Northeast Ohio Knitting and Crocheting Association, The Kiss Army Fan Club, NATO and PETA and was only given a 10-year probationary period. Our poor 16-year-old scorekeeper was whisked away never to be heard of again. We think they are in a witness protection community living as an Amish buggy salesperson or is secretly one of those mannequins on the side of 71 (I swear I have seen them move before) but can't verify that information. That being said, scorekeeping is boring and hum drum, and we pay our high school workers to do the best they can. They may forget to record a basket or take a little longer to do it. It isn't the end of the world, and we don't keep standings, so give them a little grace (today's youth aren't as industrious in general as we were and sometimes have the attention span of a goldfish). Don't yell repeatedly from the stands because it makes you look desperate and foolish.

## **Officials**

We have a good group of officials who really care about the game and make sure it is played the right way. Many of them have been involved with Hoop Guru for many years and take pride in their craft. Please refrain from being the person who complains about a call (please note we have banned all NBA/College scouts European AND Russian Oligarchs from the facility, so there is no need to think that your child will miss a college scholarship or NBA contract because of a "bad call" by one of our officials), because we won't put up with it. Nobody wants to take the "walk of shame" because they got kicked out of the Summer league. We will try to save you from the embarrassment, but it does happen. Be one of the people who actually thanks an official for doing a great job, I am sure they would appreciate it.

## **Parents**

I have done this for a long time and appreciate your desire to give the best opportunities for your children in whatever passion they have and in this case basketball. Be a positive voice from the sidelines for all players (some are at different levels in ability, but all are out there trying their best) as you never know who you might be sitting next to when you make a snide comment about another player. I am pretty sure that players aren't trying to dribble off their foot, turn the ball over or miss a bunch of shots (we have the ability to help with the missed shots at Swish 365 (shameless plug, you should check it out, it would really help), so piling on their mistakes just takes the joy out of what they see as something they really like. Find a few positives to say to them and I am sure they will feel much better about themselves on the car ride home and want to work even harder the next game. If you are living vicariously through your child's sports career in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, I am sure there are better things to do, let them be a kid and love a sport. If your child isn't getting the ball to shoot, I would suggest getting a steal, grab a rebound or run the floor a little harder as this will create opportunities for them.

## **Missing Games**

If you are taking a trip to The Maldives, jet setting to Paris, hiking the Appalachian Trail, Crocker Park or just going to the Aldis (hey we can't all be living the high life), you don't have to let us know. We understand that everyone lives a busy life and it might make us feel bad since we weren't invited (although we do like a great deal from The Gap). We will toil in the sweaty, hot gym without you and carry on in your honor.

## **Facilities**

We do our best to keep it clean and need your help. Have the players pick up the bench area after the game. If you can do your part and throw away any trash that you accumulate during your time, that would be greatly appreciated as there are many games throughout the day and if we do our part then it doesn't accumulate for the next group. If there is an issue, please bring it to our attention and we will address it immediately.

## **Hoop Guru**

We are here to help your child in any way we can. This is my passion and small business, so if there is anything within reason that I can correct or help, don't hesitate to contact me. I will always try to do the right thing and if I can make it a better experience, I will certainly do my best. We reserve the right to move players to make the teams more competitive and that will result in them not playing with their friend for that game possibly. Please understand that the more competitive the game is the better for all players involved. We do

our best and appreciate you choosing Hoop and if you have any issues, I can be reached via text or call(easier to get in touch with me via text) at 330-441-2887.

Some teams will play doubleheaders on certain weeks. Please note that. As a result, some teams will not play toward the end of the league since they will have 7 total games(the evaluation day counts as a league game)

Andrea will be in charge of the league most of the time, if you need anything, she will do her best to figure it out. It might not be immediate, but whatever the issue is, please know that we will do our best to make it right. I appreciate some patience and grace for my workers during my absence as they will do the best they can. If something comes up, don't hesitate to contact me via text at 330-441-2887 and I will do my best to resolve the issue. This is my small business, and I appreciate you taking part in it and will always do what is right when I can. All issues can be fixed rather quickly, but not always in real-time.

Thanks once again and appreciate you indulging in my sarcastic ways. Life is too serious, laugh a little and don't be too uptight. It goes by fast!!