

# Egg Harbor Township Boys Basketball



## Pre-Season Meeting Handout

Dear Parents or Guardians,

Your son has expressed an interest in being a member of the Egg Harbor Township High School basketball program. Though practice does not begin until November 26<sup>th</sup>, we would like to inform you about what steps need to be completed prior to tryouts.

Your son may not participate in tryouts until he has received clearance from the school:

- An athletic physical or recertification form needs to be on file at the school. This can be turned into Coach Bell, the nurse's' office or the main office
- Students must be in good academic standing. Report cards are released on the first day of tryouts.
- Players and parents must sign and return the back page of this document

Failure to complete these prior to tryouts will negatively impact your son's opportunity to tryout and make a team.

Unfortunately, not every tryout participant will make a team, thus we recommend that you do not invest in new shoes or other items if you are worried about your son making the team. Tryouts will begin on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, and conclude on Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

South Jersey Group IV boys' basketball is a challenging sport. Our goal is to build a basketball program that is exciting, competitive, and develops great young men. This will require sacrifice and a committed involvement up to six days a week during the season, including time on the weekends and holidays. Your understanding of this process is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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## Policies and Expectations

### School Attendance

All team members will be expected to maintain the highest standard of conduct and performance in school, beginning with **regular and punctual** attendance. Players are expected to be in school **every day for the entire day**. If players are in school, they will be expected to be at practice.

### Practice and Attendance

Every player has an important role in the success of our team. It is therefore expected that players will attend all practices and meetings. Practice schedules will be printed as far in advance as possible for your convenience (though subject to change). Practices will be held on weekends and during vacations. Due to the demands placed on our facilities, it is impossible to adjust the practice times to the many individuals involved in our program. Your cooperation and support is appreciated.

If a player is going to be absent from school and unable to practice, the coaching staff would appreciate a phone, text or email message; as the number of people we have at practice can change our practice plan. Any other absences from practice must have prior approval of the coach. Practice tardies and absences may result in extra conditioning, will negatively impact a player's playing time, and may lead to further disciplinary action such as suspension or removal from the team.

### Appropriate Conduct

When traveling or playing games, individuals represent Egg Harbor Township High School and the community. All team members will be expected to maintain the highest standard of conduct during practices, at games, at school, and in their personal life. Players who do not cooperate with the coaches, show disrespect or are insubordinate will be suspended or removed from the team. To be the best on the court, you must be great in all aspects of your life.

### Parents

We believe the parents' role is a big part in any success we will have. A successful team consists of players, coaches, and parents working together with effective communication. We also believe that we must teach athletes to work through problems independently. We ask that the player come to a coach first to discuss any problem or concern he may have. If the player and parent(s) are not satisfied with the outcome, we then ask that the parent set up a meeting with the coaching staff after a practice or at an appropriate time (after a game is not appropriate). If the

parent is still not satisfied with the outcome, we will then set up a meeting with our administrative team.

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## Acknowledgement

I have read the Egg Harbor Township High School Boys Basketball “Policies and Expectations”. I understand that not all players trying out will make a team and accept the challenge to become a player in Egg Harbor Township’s program. I understand all of the expectations and will adhere to all rules and policies. I also understand that there may be disciplinary action for any team rule or policy violation.

**#EHTPRIDE!!**

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Player Name

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Player Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature