



2016-17 Season Overview

The MWA Elite Basketball Club is expanding, and will now offer a National-(graduation year) and Local-(Team Black) team for each age group. The National teams will have the opportunity to play in local Midwest Athletics sponsored events, out of town events (Lansing, Grand Rapids, etc.) and out of state events (IN, IL, OH, as well as East or Southern States). The Local (Team Black) teams will play in local Midwest events and local tournaments as well as out of town tournaments (Lansing, Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids, etc.). All teams will play between 60 and 110 games during the 2016 - 2017 season (November 2016 - August 2017)

Season by Age:

- 1st-6th grades will play November to August and have tryouts in late October
- 7th-8th grades will play late January to August and have tryouts in late October & early January
- 9th-11th grades will play late March to early June and then July-August. Tryouts will be held in Mid-March.

The following provides detailed information regarding Club Leadership Team, Vision, Player Expectations, Practice and Skills Training as well as season and uniform fees and payment options.

Vision

Goal of the club is to grow the number of elite teams that compete nationally, and eventually seek a National Sponsorship for the club. This is a tall goal for sure, but one we think can be achieved over the next 12 - 24 months. If all goes as planned, there will be multiple MWA Elite teams playing on the road in 2016 - 2017.

We believe in building dedicated teams of great players that know each other and play well together. Where other teams regularly look to add "high profile" players in order to win tournaments, we will succeed through hard work and continuing to improve the skill set and basketball IQ of the players on our rosters. This strategy makes our club unique---anyone can win by assembling the 7 best players from around the state or country---but it's a special experience to win as a result of hard work and dedication. This is the exact approach and model we will use to build out the vision for the MWA Elite Club.



Leadership Team

The advisory board is made up of parents and coaches and will meet once a month. There are five board positions. Parents may submit or nominate names for available leadership positions. As the club grows we want to insure there is joint leadership and input regarding decisions.

- President-Stephen Benard
- Vice President-Terrance Nichols
- Practice / Training Representative – Rob Crandall Jr.
- Parent Representative – Lee Bruner III
- Coach Representative: - Karl Williams
- Coach Representative: - Brian Jamison

Practice

Practice times and locations will be published once team rosters have been set. It is expected that each team will practice at least two times per week. If possible we will have both the national and local teams in each age group practice together.

Tryouts

Tryouts will be held in late October/November for grades 1st-6th, January for 7th-8th grades and March for 9th-11th grades. Final rosters will not exceed 9-10 players:

- 4-dates will be held for tryouts
- Cost of tryouts will be \$25 per player-(The \$25 tryout fee will go toward season fees for players selected onto a team)
- (1st-6th)Monday, October 17, 2016 & Monday, October 24, 2016: 1st-4th 6:00pm-7:00pm, 5th-6th 7:00-8:00pm
- (1st-6th)Saturday, October 29, 2016 & Saturday, November 6, 2016: 1st-4th 10:00am-11:00am, 5th-6th 11:00am-Noon
- (7th-8th)Monday, January 23, 2017 & Monday, January 30, 2017: 7:00-8:00pm
- (7th-8th)Saturday, January 21, 2017 & Saturday, January 28, 2017: 11:00am-Noon
- (9th-11th)Monday, March 13, 2017 & Monday, March 20, 2017: 7:00-8:00pm
- (9th-11th)Saturday, March 11, 2017 & Saturday, March 18, 2017: 11:00am-Noon

Tryout Location will be Basketball City-16400 Eastland Dr., Roseville, MI 48066.



Season Fees

The following fees are required for participation in the 2016 - 2017 Season:

- Individual Player Fee
- Uniform Fee & AAU Membership Fee

Individual Player Fee 1st-6th Grade: Season fees will be separated into two seasons for 1st-6th grade teams-Fall/Winter & Spring/Summer. Graduation year teams will have out of town tournaments included in their season fee. Team Black teams **will not** have out of town tournaments in their season fees. If a Team Black team would like to attend events outside their local schedule, the team would be responsible for the cost.

Graduation Year Teams-(Fall/Winter):

- League Play-AAU D-League, Fall-II, Winter-I & Winter-II sessions-30 games: Cost \$225 per player
- Midwest Tournaments: 4-7 events, 15 games: Cost \$120 per player
- Travel Tournaments: 5-6 events, 20 games: Cost \$240 per player
- **Total Fall/Winter Cost: \$585** (Payments can be made in full, 2-partial payments or a 3-pay)

Team Black Teams-(Fall/Winter):

- League Play-AAU D-League, Fall-II, Winter-I & Winter-II sessions-30 games: Cost \$225 per player
- Midwest Tournaments: 4-7 events, 15 games: Cost \$120 per player
- **Total Fall/Winter Cost: \$345** (Payments can be made in full, 2-partial payments or a 3-pay)

Graduation Year Teams-(Spring/Summer):

- League Play-AAU D-League, Spring and Summer sessions-20 games: Cost \$150 per player
- Midwest Tournaments: 4-7 events, 15 games: Cost \$120 per player
- Travel Tournaments: 5-6 events, 20 games: Cost \$240 per player
- **Note:** USBA & AAU Nationals are not included in the Travel Tournament fees
- **Total Fall/Winter Cost: \$510** (Payments can be made in full, 2-partial payments or a 3-pay)

Team Black Teams-(Spring/Summer):

- League Play-AAU D-League, Spring and Summer sessions-20 games: Cost \$150 per player
- Midwest Tournaments: 4-7 events, 15 games: Cost \$120 per player
- **Total Fall/Winter Cost: \$270** (Payments can be made in full, 2-partial payments or a 3-pay)



Individual Player Fee 7th & 8th Grade:

Graduation & Team Black (Winter/Spring):

- League Play-AAU D-League, Winter-II & Spring sessions-20 games: Cost \$150 per player
- Midwest Tournamnets: 3-5 events, 10 games: Cost \$80 per player
- Travel Tournaments: 5-6 events, 20 games: Cost \$240 per player
- **Total Fall/Winter Cost: \$470** (Payments can be made in full, 2-partial payments or a 3-pay)

Individual Player Fee 9th, 10th & 11th Grade:

Graduation & Team Black (Spring/Summer):

- League Play-AAU D-League, Spring & Summer sessions-20 games: Cost \$150 per player
- Midwest Tournamnets: 3-5 events, 10 games: Cost \$80 per player
- Travel Tournaments: 4-5 events, 15 games: Cost \$240 per player
- **Total Fall/Winter Cost: \$470** (Payments can be made in full, 2-partial payments or a 3-pay)

Uniform Fees for MWA Elite-Grad Year:

- UA black/white home & away uniform
- Short sleeve or long sleeve DA-Bounce shooting shirt
- Alternative UA grey/white uniform with blue shooting shirt
- Cost: \$200-(*If you have alternative unifrom already, Cost would be \$120*)

Uniform Fees for MWA Elite-Team Black:

- UA black/white reversible uniform
- Short sleeve or long sleeve DA-Bounce shooting shirt
- Cost: \$100

AAU Individual Player Membership Fee: \$14

- AAU Membership cards must be purchased at the beginning of the season at www.aausports.org. Use the MWA Club code: **WWDD9W**
- AAU Card benefits include: Player Insurance and access to AAU Events and Updates



Proposed 2016-17 Event List

Fall Challenge Tournament
11/20 – Fowlerville, MI

Michigan Triple Threat Thanksgiving event
11/26 - Perry, MI

10th Annual Midwest Showdown-'Hosted by Midwest Athletics'
12/3-Harper Woods, MI

Boys Winter Classic
12/10 &11 - Location: Flint, MI

10th Annual Christmas Classic-'Hosted by Midwest Athletics'
* 12/17- Harper Woods, MI

West Michigan Holiday Hoops
12/29 -Grand Rapids, MI

10th Annual MWA Elite Invitational
* 1/14 -Harper Woods, MI

MLK Classic-Spiece
1/14 &15 -Fort Wayne, IN

10th Annual Warrior Classic-'Hosted by Midwest Athletics'
* 2/4 -Harper Woods, MI

6th Annual Statewide Championships -'Hosted by Midwest Athletics'
* 2/18 -Location: Harper Woods, MI

10th Annual March Madness Event -'Hosted by Midwest Athletics'
* 2/25 -Location: Harper Woods, MI

Spartan Classic
3/4 &5 -Location: Lansing, MI

Storm Classic
3/25 &26 - Grand Rapids



Tentative: April-July Events

Buckeye Prep Classic
April 1 & 2 – Columbus, OH

Memorial Day Classic
5/27 & 28 -Fort Wayne

Team Teague
6/10 & 11 -Indianapolis, IN

AAU Midwest Nationals
June – Louisville, KY

Neo Youth Elite Camp
June – Akron, OH

AYBT Nationals
June – Grand Rapids, MI

USBA Nationals
July-2017 Miami, Florida

AAU Nationals
7/23-26 – Hampton, VA

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Proposed Tournaments (Dates and team participation to be finalized after season start):