

OCTOBER 15TH HEAT COACHES MEETING

2025-2026 Season

CONTACTS

PRACTICE SITE QUESTIONS, GENERAL INQUIRES, GIRLS SCHEDULE, ETC... – Justin Bryant (309-221-1155)

PRACTICE SITE QUESTIONS – Dave Kraft (309-369-1863)

BOYS SCHEDULE – Gavin Pearson (217-508-6245)

SOCIAL MEDIA (FACEBOOK) – Erin Chan (309-253-3026)

- Game pics/videos, team pics at tourneys, pics from practice (birthdays, holiday parties, etc..)

CONCESSIONS/ADMISSIONS & MJHS QUESTIONS – Matt Polk (309-706-6859)

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS – Tiffany Bell (309-397-0304) and Joe Gropp (309-369-9581)

UNIFORMS

- Shipping notification on 10/14.

- Any parent who states they need a uniform should contact me ASAP and realize it may not arrive on time.

- Once uniforms arrive and are sorted we will announce a distribution plan.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

- Practices starts on Monday October 27th (Boys) and Tuesday October 28th (Girls)

- No practice Wednesday November 26th or Thursday November 27th (Thanksgiving)

- No practice when winter break starts (Monday 12/22) thru Jan 4th, practices resume Monday the 5th.

- Subject to change based on school district needs only (Ex: MJHS events, other school “team” events/practices, or school specific events).

- Communicate any nights you will not have practice so that I can make the school (janitors) or other coaches aware.

- Please do NOT arrive more than 15 minutes before your start time. Access cards will NOT work and most importantly we don’t want kids unsupervised in the school.

TEAM	WEEKLY PRACTICES	TIME	GYM
3rd Grade Girls	Tuesday-Thursday	5:30-7:00 PM	Lincoln
4th Grade Girls	Tuesday-Thursday	5:30-7:00 PM	Lincoln
5th Grade Girls	Tuesday-Thursday	7:00-8:30 PM	MJHS
3rd Grade Boys	Monday-Wednesday	5:30-7:00 PM	Grundy
4th Grade Boys	Monday-Wednesday	5:30-7:00 PM	Lincoln
5th Grade Boys	Monday-Wednesday	7:00-8:30 PM	Grundy
6th Grade Boys	Monday-Wednesday	7:00-8:30 PM	MJHS

GAME SCHEDULE

- Goal is to hit a minimum of 25, max out at 30 (could get 1-2 more based on tourneys).

- Visible on HEAT website.

- We are 95% done in terms of booking dates.
- TBDs and locations (away sites) will be updated as we get closer to the start of the season.
- NO games Thanksgiving weekend, last December's games are 20th-21st and games resume Jan 10th-11th, end of season is last week of February (some may finish the weekend before).

CROSSBAR APP - COMMUNICATION

- Communication tool/app for organization, coaches, and parents. Feel free to use or not to use.
- Coaches have the ability to add practices onto the website schedule (not mandatory).
- HEAT Board will notify coaches of changes, tourney brackets/times, etc..
- Coaches are to communicate to your team and parents via whatever method you choose.
- Crossbar questions can go to Matt Polk (or me...maybe).

GYM SET-UP, CLEANUP, ADMISSIONS, CONCESSIONS, SCOREBOARD, etc...

- Responsibility of all coaches/teams.
- First games sets gym up.
 - > Chairs out, scoreboards on, side hoops up, admissions table setup, concessions open
- Last games clean up. **CONCESSIONS AND ADMISSIONS NEED TO ARRIVE 35 MINUTES PRIOR TO FIRST GAME OF THE DAY!!**
 - > NO sign that we have been there. Concessions cleaned up, chairs put away, side hoops back down, bleachers swept up, hallways clean. NO popcorn left behind!!
- Admission assignments start a half hour before game time and ends at halfway point of next scheduled game (Ex: 3PM game, admissions starts at 2:30 and ends at 3:30 when next game takes over).
 - > *It is IMPORTANT to make sure admissions is ON TIME for the first games of the day!!*
- Concessions is the same but only needs to be "staffed" for new gym only.
- Need to have someone work the scoreboard/clock and scorebook.
- **6th Grade Tournament** – parent involvement is a must. Coaches must be behind this in order to have the coverage we need (admissions, concessions, clean up)

MJHS EQUIPMENT ROOM

- OFF LIMITS to anyone who is not a coach.
- Do NOT use the ball racks (lost/gained basketballs last few years).

PARENT MEETING

- STRONGLY suggest having a team meeting before practice starts or during the first week of practice.
- Great opportunity to communicate expectations (communication from coach to parents and parents to coaches, volunteer help, etc..), team philosophy (playing time, winning, etc..), goals (development), team manager (if desired), and stressing behavior for kids while in Morton CUSD facilities.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS – Please follow the "Code of Conduct" that was acknowledged during the registration process. Morton HEAT has a reputation for being a very well-ran and respected program in the area and that includes how our parents and coaches conduct themselves at games and tournaments. Yes, we are all competitive and want our teams and kids to perform well, but at the end of the day we are all part of a youth program that focusses on learning, growth, and having fun, all of which are a priority over winning at these age levels.

"MUST DO" LIST

- Must have two adults at all practices and on bench for game. No exceptions. This is a Morton Park District Rule and as an affiliate we will abide by their guidelines.
- Respect Morton CUSD facilities. We get to use these gyms for FREE and our job is to make sure the gyms look the same as they did when we arrive by the time we leave. Coaches are responsible for making sure that the gym is clean and any issues are reported to the HEAT Board. Make sure kids are supervised at all times prior to practice (no dribbling or bouncing basketballs off the walls, no running in the hallways, etc..).
- Always conduct yourself "professionally" while coaching. HEAT has a fantastic reputation in the area and that starts with great coaches who represent our program during games.



ABOUT US

Morton Heat Basketball provides Morton area boys and girls the opportunity to learn and practice the fundamentals of basketball in a structured setting and to experience basketball at a competitive level against other teams their age. The goal of the Morton Basketball Association is to provide Morton area boys and girls the opportunity to learn and practice the fundamentals of basketball in a structured setting and to experience basketball at a competitive level against other teams their age.