

Mount Horeb Basketball Club (MHBC)

2025-2026 Season – 6th through 8th Grade

Parent Meeting 9/17/2025

MHBC Mission Statement: The purpose of MHBC is to foster, encourage and promote playing basketball in the Mt. Horeb School District. This will be done through various means that develop and promote physical fitness, competitive spirit, team play, school loyalty and good sportsmanship. The MHBC will also develop and promote an understanding of the fundamentals and advanced skills of basketball.

Welcome and thanks for coming!

1. Introductions and Youth Basketball Committee:

- Christopher McCullick – President/Evaluations Coordinator
- Jim Myers – Vice President/Practice Coordinator/BDL Coordinator
- Kris Aeschlimann – Treasurer/Concessions Coordinator
- Mitch DeNure – Secretary/Evaluations Coordinator
- Melissa Gobourne – Drills for Skills Coordinator/Coach's Coordinator
- Sheryl Stampfli – Concessions Coordinator/Uniform & Team Apparel
- Nicole Kurth – BDL Coordinator/Uniform & Team Apparel
- Ben Schambow – Coach's Coordinator
- B.J. Hanson – Practice Coordinator/Drills for Skills Coordinator
- Additional Committee Member Opportunities Available – Get Involved!

2. Brief overview of the support that this club has provided to the Mount Horeb Basketball Community:

- Door wraps entering High School Main Gym (2025)
- Backboards in the High School Main Gym
- Sound System in the High School Main Gym

- Camera in High School Main Gym
- Finished Gym Floor the Middle School
- Support of the High School team's travel expenses for tournaments
- Backpacks for all members of the club when entering 7th grade
- Host tournaments (two BDL and one club sponsored – Troll Classic) - eliminates the need for players/families to fundraise

3. Registration

- Website: <https://www.mhbasketball.org/>
- **Registration closed on 9/8/2025**
- Please see a board member or email the club to notify us if you still need to register.
Email address: mhbasketball1@gmail.com

4. Badger Development League (BDL):

- This league is managed out of Waunakee and consists of teams from communities throughout South Central Wisconsin and into the Fox Valley
- The league consists of six (6) tournament weekends from December to March
- Schedule:
 - Play either Saturday or Sunday.
 - 6th through 8th Grade Teams play 3 games per day
 - Timeline for BDL weekend schedules release
 - Girls League weekend schedule will be released by October 15, 2025.
 - Boys League weekend schedule will be released by November 1, 2025.
 - This will only indicate which day and weekend your team will be playing.
 - BDL Time Schedules
 - The game times schedule will be released about 3-7 days prior to the scheduled event.

- Girls typically start the last weekend of November and end mid February
- Boys typically start the first weekend of December and finish the end of February

5. Skill Assessments

- Players will be assessed by an outside, third party. MHBC board members will facilitate the evaluation sessions.
- We need rosters submitted to leagues by mid-October.
- Assessments will be held on 9/14/2025 & 9/21/2025 in the High School (see schedule below)
- Please plan to attend both sessions and wear the same numbered uniform top for both dates
- Be there 15 minutes prior to time to get checked in

6. Teams and talent division

- 6th - 8th grades
- split into an A and B teams.

7. The board interviews candidates (both Parent & Non-Parent) for 6th - 8th Grade Girls/Boys

- Continue volunteer parent coaches for 6th - 8th Boys/Girls B teams.

8. Practice times TBD.

- In general, practice schedules will be released in segments:
 - Oct-Dec
 - Xmas break
 - Jan-Feb

- March
 - Schedules are not fixed throughout the season. Times and gyms may change.
 - Practice schedules will be impacted by Middle School Basketball.
- Boys Nov-Dec
- Girls: Jan-Feb

9. Mount Horeb BDL Host Dates

- Girls: December 6-7, 2025
- Boys: January 24-25, 2026
- BDL doesn't guarantee that all Mount Horeb teams will play in town when we host
- Expectation is that parents will volunteer so we can continue to host

10. Weather

- If no school or let out early, No practice
- If school is delayed, plan for practice unless told by coaches
- BDL tournaments – host school will decide and communicate with coaches as soon as possible

11. Tournaments outside of league play.

- Through the assessments, we try to identify like-talent.
- The goal is to create a competitive environment against equal or better talent level that will push our players to grow and develop, and prepare them for high school.
- This prepares kids for high school.
- There are plenty of A and B level tournaments:
- Wissports Event Directory <https://www.wissports.net/eventdirectory>

- InfoSports <https://www.infosports.com/?req=listing&t=t&s=bb&lr=WI>
- Recommendation:
- Each 6-8th grade team should aim for 30-40 games per season.
- MHBC will provide gym space to practice. Coaches/Parents need to take responsibility to find talent appropriate tournaments.
- If you don't know where to look or go... reach out to MHBC or other coaches.
- Cost of tournaments are covered by parents
- Coaches of these tournament teams has to be one of the BDL coaches

12. Troll Classic Tournament

- Dates March 21 and March 22, 2026
- We promote this as an A level tournament.
- One team (top ten – A team) per grade will represent Mount Horeb.
- Parents of tournament kids will be required to work a 3-4 hour admissions or concessions shift during this weekend.
- Girls play Saturday and volunteer Sunday.
- Boys play Sunday and volunteer Saturday.
- Please don't make your coaches fill in shifts.
- Keep these weekends open, it's fun and there is a lot of energy during this tournament.

13. Conflict Resolution/24-hour rule

- If you have issues with coaches, please communicate with them first.
- Never right after a game
- Please follow the 24-hr rule. This will be a standard once your child reaches HS
- MHBC is willing to assist with discussions.

14. Apparel and Uniforms

- Uniform Site: August 25 – September 17
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- 4th-8th Graders: if you order a new uniform, please use the same number as before
- Uniform/Apparel questions? Please contact Sheryl Stampfli – Sheryl.stampfli@yahoo.com or Nicole Kurth – nicolekurth@gmail.com

Summary of upcoming events:

Skills Assessments: September 14th and 21st. One Hour Sessions; 15 minutes between sessions.

8th Grade Girls	1:00-2:00pm	HS Main
8th Grade Boys	1:00-2:00pm	HS Aux
7th Grade Girls	2:15-3:15pm	HS Main
7th Grade Boys	2:15-3:15pm	HS Aux
6th Grade Girls	3:30-4:30pm	HS Main
6th Grade Boys	3:30-4:30pm	HS Aux
5th Grade Girls	4:45-5:45pm	HS Main
5th Grade Boys	4:45-5:45pm	HS Aux

***3rd & 4th graders will be evaluated during practice 2-3 weeks into the season.*

Uniform Orders

- August 25th – September 17th
- MHBC will email a link for ordering your uniforms.

Drills for Skills:

- o Grades 6th - 8th: Gary Close will be running this Boys and Girls (Grades 6-8)
- o You can sign up for one time slot each Sunday!
- o Sunday, October 19 6:00pm and 7:00pm
- o Sunday, October 26 6:00pm and 7:00pm

Coach Meetings:

Girls: TBD

Boys: TBD

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