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“We are the punishment of the basketball Gods. If you had not committed great basketball sins, the Gods would not have sent a punishment like us upon you.”

ABOUT US

Please allow us to take this time to tell you a little about our organization. Our teams range from grade level 5rd-12th and unsigned seniors. Our organization is determined to provide players the opportunity to learn the basic fundamentals of basketball, the value of sportsmanship, responsibility, discipline, and teamwork. Our organization is currently ranked #2 in the Nation from the JSA 2011 Nationals.

OUR PHILOSOPHY:

The Memphis Disciples & Lady Disciples Elite Basketball Organization promotes youth basketball in the Memphis and surrounding areas. We provide opportunities for training, improvement in skills, and competition in an enjoyable environment. We also encourage a culture of pride, dedication, and respect within the sport of basketball and the wider community.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Mission of the Memphis Disciples & Lady Disciples Elite Basketball Organization is to prepare all children to be successful citizens in the 21st century. This will include educating them to read, write, compute accurately, and use information to solve problems. The Disciples & Lady Disciples is a supplemental educational service provider. The Disciples & Lady Disciples combines academics and athletics in order to improve the students' grades and behavior. The involvement of the children in the program reduces failure rates, while increasing athletic skills and conditioning. It also increases the students' self-esteem, and while affording students access to high quality academic instructions.

CLUB CODE OF ETHICS:

Disciplining yourself to follow team rules and guidelines to be LOYAL...thinking in terms of “we” instead of “I”...sacrificing for the good of the team...respecting the organization, teammates, community and self. Players shall play for the LOVE of the game---winning without extreme EGO, losing without EXCUSES, and NEVER QUIT.

TEAMS:

Boys & Girls Teams: 5th grade, 6th grade, 7th grade, 8th grade, 9th/10th grade, 11th/12th grade Elite

TEAM SCRIPTURE:

“Each one, as a good manager of God’s different gifts, must use for the good others the special gift he has received from God.” 1 Peter 4:10

No one working in our organization receives compensation; we are a volunteer organization.



Disciples Parent Hand Out

The Memphis Disciples & Lady Disciples Elite Basketball Organization is a non-profit organization developed by a group of dedicated volunteers, for the purpose of providing the young student athlete the necessary basketball, social and leadership skills necessary to compete at the collegiate level. This skill set is created through our systems of: Skills Training, Team Practice, Tournament Play, Recruiting Assistance, Communications Development and appropriate Social behavior.

Each fall & spring period, we conduct rigorous tryout sessions for ages 8-17, the Elite Division. Players are selected based upon their athletic performance, their on and off court attitude, education standards and overall dedication to developing their game.

The Elite Division begins after the current High School season, usually around the end of February and continues through the 1st week of August with a few weeks of June off for High School play. The Elite Division will travel and frequently will play in events ranging from anywhere on the East Coast to the West Coast.

How does a club team differ from a high school team?

Club basketball is a compliment to the student athlete's High School regimen. For the Elite Division, High school players who are not yet seniors, the season begins after the Elite High School season is over and typically running from February through the month August. The Disciples & Lady Disciples Club program is focused on preparing the student athlete for the level of play demanded by NCAA Division I programs. There are certain dates that change from year to year in which college recruiters can evaluate prospective athletes for their college programs. We travel during the club season and attend some of the best events for college recruitment around the country. Most tournaments we attend are scheduled during NCAA evaluation periods for maximum exposure and top competition.

What is the focus of the Memphis Disciples & Lady Disciples Basketball Club?

As a club we have shifted our focus away from just playing as many games as possible, to one more toward the fundamental skill development of our players. We have found that college coaches start their evaluation process as young as the seventh and eighth grades, to get a head start in the recruiting process. We need to be training our student athletes toward the collegiate goal incorporating strong fundamental training along with the highest level of competitive play. This understanding is apparent in all of our coaches as we are continually improving our knowledge base to aid in the athlete's development.

What are the fees associated with club basketball?

The Memphis Disciples & Lady Disciples has two divisions, Jr. Disciples and Disciples Elite Division for all Middle School & High School players who are not yet seniors. The Elite fees include the following: Event entry fees, hotel fees for out of town events, airfare when applicable, van rental fees with insurance and player recruiting biographies for college recruiters. The Middle School Elite Division fees are \$175 per season for each player & the High School Elite Division fees are \$225 per player.

Where do you practice & how many times per week?

We practice two times a week (depending on the coach number of practices may differ) at different gyms in Memphis and or surrounding areas. As we have players from all around the Memphis and surrounding areas playing with our club. Some travel to practice is needed to keep cost as low as possible. The exact times are determined by each team and are subject to modification based upon gym time availability. Alternative gyms may be used for time to time.

How do you determine playing time?

Playing time is determined by the coaching staff only. Remember this is top-level travel basketball. Coaches will evaluate all areas effort in practice, attendance of practice, knowledge of plays, effort in game and situation match up of the game. In other works playing time is not a right; it is a privilege that is earned.

Do you guarantee my child will receive a college scholarship?

NO, and no one can make that guarantee. We will give your child the tools, guidance, support and knowledge to obtain an athletic college scholarship. But finally it is up to the player to put forth the effort in the classroom and at practice. We will make every effort to put players in a situation to be successful and market those skills to caches in DI, DII, DIII, NAIA and Junior Colleges across the nation.



The Memphis Disciples & Lady Disciples Elite Student-Athlete & Parents

Code of Conduct Conditions of Interscholastic Athletic Participation

Purpose: 1) To establish criteria for the student-athletes and parents in collaboration with the Disciples' Code of Conduct, to model and put into practice while participating in the related athletic activities. 2) To emphasize that participation in athletics is a privilege afforded to the student-athlete by the Memphis Disciples Organization. 3) The student-athletes and parents participating in athletic activities are expected to represent the Memphis Disciples & or Lady Disciples by adhering to high standards of personal conduct and ethical behavior. 4) Realizing that inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated during practice, during games or at any Disciples' activities. 5) Finally, the student-athletes and/or parents will be subject to and possibly dismissal from participation in the athletic activities if inappropriate behavior is exhibited.

Responsibility: It is the responsibility of the student-athletes and/or parents to be knowledgeable of the Memphis Disciples Organization policies, procedures, standards and codes of conduct. Failure to do so will result in dire consequences.

Student-Athlete Code of Conduct:

- I will conduct good citizenship and sportsmanship principles on/off the court at all times
- I will comply with the Academic and Athletic eligibility policies
- I will not violate team rules
- I will not display inappropriate verbal/physical accusations to others at any time
- I will not bully, intimidate or sexually, racially or religiously harass any individual(s)
- I will not gamble, steal, fight, assault or possess any weapons
- I will not possess/distribute tobacco products or medications without approval from the Disciples' officials
- I will not vandalize, deface or write graffiti on commercial property

Parents(s) Code of Conduct:

- I will support the Memphis Disciples' code of conduct and interscholastic athletic policies
- I will ensure that my child(ren) comply with all the athletic and academic policies
- I will set the example by conducting good citizenship and sportsmanship principles at all times, and encourage others to comply with these standards
- I will attend the pre-season parent/student-athlete meeting
- I will respect the decision of the coach, game officials and athletic personnel
- I will consult with the appropriate athletic representative(s) to resolve any problems that may occur



REQUIREMENTS & FEES

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- Copy of Birth Certificate (If this is your 1st year playing with this organization)
- Copy of current school year report card
- Complete filled out & signed Basketball Application
- A Signed Code of Conduct

PLAYER FEES:

- \$175.00 Middle School Player's Registration
- \$225.00 High School Player's Registration



**2012(Spring & Summer Season)
BASKETBALL APPLICATION
PLAYER'S INFO
(PLEASE PRINT)**

Player _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home # _____ Cell # _____ Email _____

D.O.B. ___/___/___ School _____ Grade _____

Graduation Year _____ Height _____

Has your child ever played with the Disciples before? Yes ___ No ___

(If no please provide Birth Certificate with this form)

Does the applicant have personal health Insurance? Yes ___ No ___

**PARENT'S INFO
(PLEASE PRINT)**

Parent's Name _____

Hm. Ph. # _____ Cell # _____ Wk. # _____

Email Address _____

Emergency Contact _____

Hm. # _____ Cell # _____ Wk# _____

I hereby release and discharge the Memphis Disciples, their authorized representatives, staff, and volunteers from all liabilities, of any kind or character, upon any claim, demand, or cause of action, which might be asserted on behalf of said applicant against staff of volunteers. Furthermore, in the event of an accident or illness, I hereby grant permission to said staff or representative to administer first aid and/or transport applicant to the nearest medical facility for treatment. I accept full responsibility for any financial obligation concerning this matter. I understand that I am responsible for sports related activities for my child. I grant permission for my child _____ to participate in this program. Tennessee law requires the Memphis Disciples' and subsidiaries' staff or volunteers to report any and all incidences of abuse and/or neglect of minor children.

Cost Per Player: \$175 for Middle School Players & \$225 for High School Players
which is **NONREFUNDABLE**

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Please make checks or money orders out to: JSA



CONTRIBUTION FORM

Let us take this time to introduce ourselves to you. We are the Memphis Disciples & Lady Disciples Elite Basketball Organization. Our organization consists of select groups of boys and girls who have been given the opportunity to develop for competitive basketball throughout the nation. Our teams range from 3rd – 12th grade. Our organization is determined to provide players the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of basketball, values of sportsmanship, responsibility, discipline and teamwork. With your support, our team(s) will be further equipped toward being able to participate in the required events and gain access to the JSA National Championships. Your contribution will help support the purchase of player registration fee & event expenses. If you wish to contribute, please complete the information listed below.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION LISTED BELOW:

Company/business/Individual(s) Name

Wishes to make a donation in the amount of _____

to the **Memphis Disciples & Lady Disciples Elite Basketball Organization**, a nonprofit organization, on behalf of the following team: (check one)

Jr. Disciples (3rd – 6th graders boys & girls)

Lady Disciples (7th – 10th grade girls)

Disciples (7th - 10th grade boys)

Lady Disciples Elite (11th – 12th grade girls)

Disciples Elite (11th - 12th grade boys)

Sponsor's Address

City

State

Zip

Print Name of Authorized Representative/Sponsor

Contact Number

Signature of Authorized Representative/Sponsor

Date

Please allow this letter to serve as authorization for utilizing the Memphis Disciples & Lady Disciples Elite Basketball Organization's Employer Identification Number: 56-2503411. Make checks payable to: Junior Sports Association Inc.

Team Colors:

Jr. Disciples, Lady Disciples & Disciples – Royal Blue & White

Lady Disciples Elite – Black, White, Royal Blue

Disciples Elite – Black, White, Royal Blue

Note: Authorization and/or use of this identification number will not be granted until form has been completed and returned.