

Junior Bison Boys Basketball Program (for boys born in 1996)

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The 2009 / 2010 96 Junior Bison Program will promote the overall vision, goals and structure of the Junior Bison Boys Basketball Program.

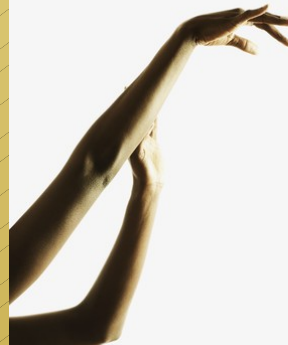


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PROGRAM GOALS

- Provide youth with a structured basketball experience focusing on **skill development**
- Supplement their school basketball experience.
- **Encourage personal development**, by modeling positive character traits.
- Foster **positive relationships** in an open and accepting environment.
- **CHALLENGE** each individual player to push themselves and their team mates to become the best basketball player that they can be.

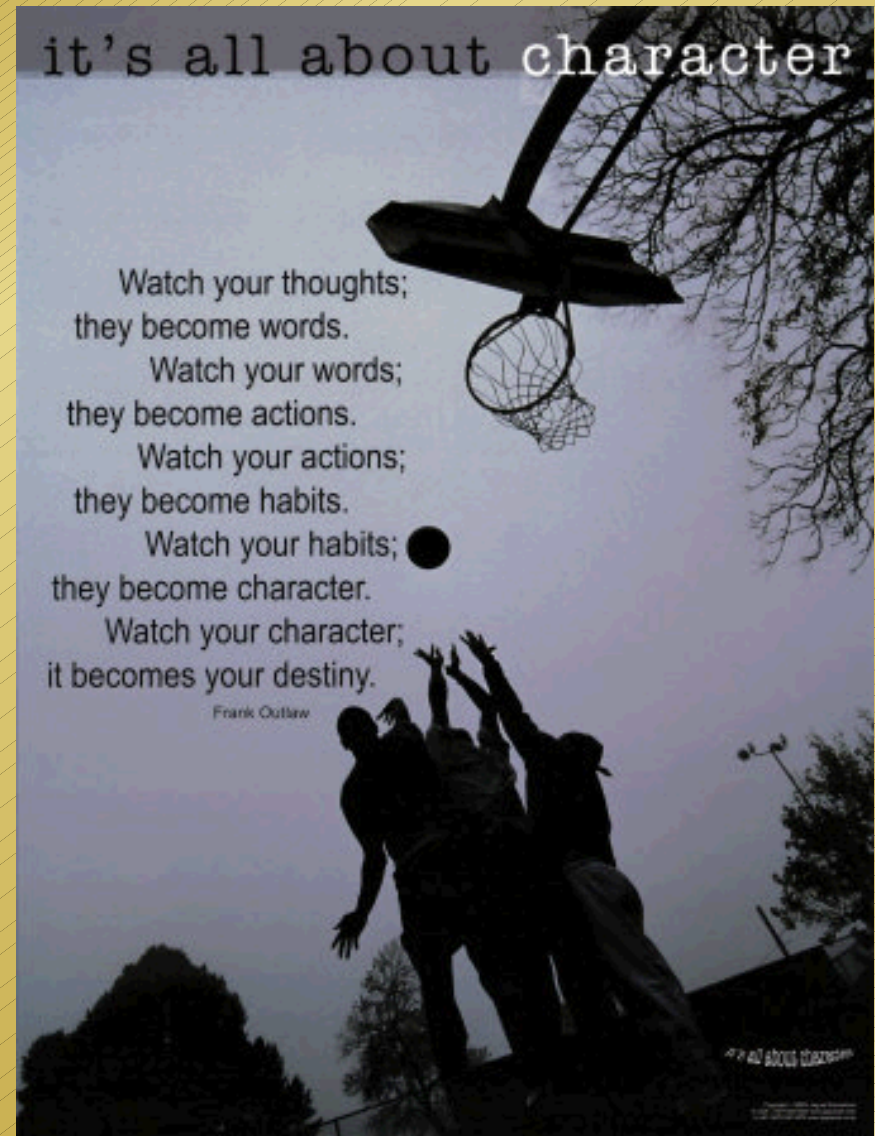
“Only playing games will not improve your skills. Games will only reveal what you know. The most effective way to become a better basketball player is through specific skill development and repetition”



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Player Selection

- **Maximum of 20** players to be selected (**minimum of 12 players**)
- Players will be chosen by a selection committee consisting of the Head Coach and assistant coaches and other designated observers.
- Players will be selected based on their:
 - **Ability to demonstrate fundamental skills with a high degree of proficiency**
 - **Above average level of physical agility and endurance**
 - **Desire to learn and willingness to be “coached”**
 - **On court discipline**
 - **Attitudes towards coaches and other prospects**



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PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- **Fall** – minimum 2 weekly practices. Emphasis on skill development, and the application of these skills within a team concept
 - **Tournaments** – it is anticipated that there would be 2 or 3 fall tournaments
 - **Strength and Conditioning** – weekly strength and conditioning sessions to be offered
- **Winter** – 1 weekly practice, to supplement school basketball. Players will be encouraged to attend U of M Men's Bison Basketball games
 - **Tournaments** – it is anticipated that there would be 2 late winter tournaments. The second tournament will be the Junior Bison Tournament in mid April.

****Tournament teams for the fall / winter will be established with a goal to being as balanced overall and at each position as possible. Rosters will not be fixed and players will be given the opportunity to play with different team mates****

The Junior Bison Tournament will officially mark the end of the 96 Junior Bison Boys Basketball Program for 2009 / 2010

- **Spring** – a team of 10 boys will be selected out of the participants in the Fall / Winter program, to continue to practice with the goal of playing in additional tournaments (to be identified at a later date.)

*****Rising Stars** – We will be entering the Rising Stars fall qualifying tournament. If we enter 2 teams, and qualify both teams, then the Spring Elite program will be re-evaluated. If we enter 2 teams, and do not qualify both teams, then we will not be participating in Rising Stars and will proceed with the Spring program as outlined.

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Head Coach – Dan Neufeld

Assistant Coaches - Richard Dyck,
Scott Reimer

Player

- Sir Winston Churchill (Calgary)
- Mount Royal College (Calgary)
- Fresno Pacific College (Fresno California)
- U of Calgary (Calgary)
- Calgary Cascades
- Western Canada Summer Games
- Alberta Junior Provincial Team
- Invited to Junior National Team tryout

Coach

- WMBA 9, 10, 11, 12 yr Boys
- WMBA 12 yr Boys Championship
- WMBA 11, 12, 13 yr Girls
- WMBA 12 & 13 yr Girl Championships
- Free Press Classic 12 yr Girls Championship
- Junior Bison Grade 6, 7 boys
- Guest coach U of Calgary youth basketball camps
- South Side Tsunami Girls
- Winnipeg Thunder Girls
- NCCP Level 1 and 2 certified
- Greendell CC Coach of the Year

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- **2009 / 2010 Program Fees – To Be Determined**
- **Fees will include the Junior Bison tournament registration, as well as a clothing allowance and a predetermined number of practice sessions held at the U of M IGAC**
- **Additional Fees will cover off additional tournaments or exhibition games, as well as strength training sessions and additional practices.**
- **Tournaments will not be limited to Winnipeg, and may include tournaments held in Saskatchewan, North Dakota and Minnesota**
- **Coach to player ratios of 1 coach to 5 players (or better).**
- **Community volunteering opportunities**

Every effort will be made to ensure that your son has the best possible basketball experience!