



HLB FALL TEAM Program 2021
General Program Information - Boys Grades 6-8 (middle school)

Emphasis:

- (1) Player Preparation for School ball tryouts/start of seasons in Oct/Nov.
- (2) Begin identifying players/cores of players to build together for future spring competitive seasons

SEASON: SIGN UP & ORGANIZING PERIOD: 9/7-9/12 SEASON: 9/13 through 11/7

PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

- **TEAM PRACTICES & PLAYER DEVELOPMENT/SKILL SESSIONS**
 - With the program's primary goal of player preparation & secondary goal of building team competitive level, Fall teams only have a handful (5-6) traditional team style practices – most early on before games begin
 - Team practices early on consist of more team concepts and situational breakdown work, with about 1/3 of practice time devoted to individual skills
 - As competition period starts, focus turns to at least ½ of practice time spent on more individual skill work and situational drills to reinforce skill development to prime player for school tryouts
- **COMPETITION**
 Starts near end of Sept and continues through October. Typically Sun league games OR possible for 1-2 local area sat-sun tournaments. NOTE: game schedules DO have some flexibility (*See scheduling note below*)

VERY IMPORTANT! NOTE on SCHEDULING:

Fall team schedules are largely custom built for each team, since many who play are also involved in other sports. We work to minimize/eliminate scheduling conflicts & maximize practice attendance by gathering availability info for EACH player from time they sign up to when on floor workouts start (9/11-12 weekend).

FYI, For planning purposes, typically there are 1-2 team practices per week in September (1 usually on a Sat or Sun until games begin.) Once games begin, there is typically 1 per week in most of October.

We DO also allow, where space is available, for some part-time participants. For anyone interested in that route, please email information@higherlevelbb.com and let us know that along with your particular situation.

Fall team fees: Range from \$215-\$245 per player, depending on team level, # of players.

Exact amount given once rosters formed 9/13week. Note: 1 & 2 payment plans offered

*Fees cover: Head coach stipend, Staff assistant stipend, Team insurance, Team's league fees, Gym rental for practices/workouts, Balls/equipment & all administrative costs

How to get Involved or Find out More:

- **Formal SIGNUPS for fall ball are taken from now through 9/11**
 To sign up, email player name/grade to information@higherlevelbb.com OR inform at workouts
- **On-Floor Evaluation Workouts:** we hold 1 or 2 open workouts for all interested players. *These are NOT* tryouts, but give us a chance to see our numbers and positions. Workouts will begin 9/11-12 weekend. *Specifics on site/time will be posted at www.higherlevelbb.com and announced via email on Mon 9/6 and Tue 9/7.* NOTE: for players/parents interested, but not 100% sure on participating, you are welcomed to attend any workout and take a firsthand look with no obligation