



Klein Oak Basketball Parent Information

Coaching Staff

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Academics and Classroom Behavior

We expect every student in our program to maintain an 80 or above in all classes, as well as holding them to a higher behavior standard than a standard student.

- Having below an 80 at any random grade check will result in punishment (we do take into account absences or special situations)
- Eligibility is based on the UIL Eligibility Calendar
- If a player is ineligible for two or more consecutive grading periods then it is likely they will be removed from the team
- Behavior is constantly monitored and tracked; any teacher email, complaint, or write up is documented
- Classroom behavior is strongly tied to coachability and work ethic on the floor, we take it extremely seriously
- We try to teach and change our players behavior on small offenses, but any extremely disrespectful or major offense can result in removal from team

Grades and Behavior are the two biggest things that contribute to a removal from the team

Practices

Practices are held daily during the athletic period. Once the season starts, practices are during the athletic period and after school. The practice and game schedule will be on kleinoakhoops.com, it is always subject to change but will typically be correct unless something comes up. The beginning of the season practice schedule is the most uncertain, but as we get closer to season, and know the gym situation with volleyball and girls basketball, it will be finalized.

- JV and Varsity players will have practice most Saturday mornings during the season
- Practices are non-negotiable, including holiday practices
- If a player is going to miss practice, a coach, typically their coach, must be contacted before the period or practice
- If there is no contact it is considered a “no call, no show” and results in consequences for player
- The consequences during the season will typically include being suspended the next game, especially if it is the day before the game
- Repeated unexcused absences will result in removal from team

- If a player has to miss practice and does contact the coach, the player will still likely have make up conditioning
- If a miss occurs during the season with contact, it still may result in loss of playing time to account for other players being more prepared for the next game
- Practice times for will typically be right after school to around 4pm for freshman, 4:30pm for sophomores, and 5:00pm to 5:30pm for JV/Varsity

Games

Game and tournament schedules will be posted on kleinoakhoops.com. Our expectations for player behavior are extremely high when at home and away games.

- All players will ride the bus home from away games
- In the case of an emergency, players will be allowed to ride home with their parent/guardian if they have spoken with coach, have signed a travel release form, and sign out
- Players will not be released to anyone else's parent/guardian
- On away games, players will be required to stay at the game immediately following theirs, but are given the option to stay for the Varsity game if it does not directly follow theirs
- On home games, everyone will be expected to stay for the Varsity game, and sub-varsity picks up the gym after the game, we take a head count after the Varsity game
- All players will wear the Klein Oak gear that coach has directed them to wear; to, during, and after the game
- Players can only wear shoes that are black, white, grey, or some combination; if minimal color ask coach before purchasing, coach can tell you if they are approved or not
- Varsity players must wear Nike shoes

Injuries

If a player is injured while in our care we will always make sure to have the player meet with the trainers and be evaluated. If a player is injured outside of school, or notices the injury while not with us, please let the training staff evaluate the player before going to see a doctor, unless it is a severe injury then immediately contact a doctor.

- Our trainers are here for the health of our athletes, they will always put that before anything else
- The trainers will always advise a player to see a doctor when the injury warrants it, and will help with the process
- The trainers are trained to deal with every sort of minor injury, and can make decisions on when a player can play or return to play if a doctor has not been seen
- Once a doctor is seen, a player must go back to the doctor to be cleared, a trainer cannot clear a player if a doctor was the one that held him out from playing
- Best practice if not an emergency, is to see the trainer and let them advise the player on next steps
- The only people that can hold a player out from competition based on an injury is a doctor or the trainers
- Feeling soreness or pain does not always constitute an injury, and a player cannot hold themselves out from practice without a diagnoses from the trainers or a doctor

- The training room has strict rules we follow to keep it efficient and able to serve almost 500 athletes at our school
- If an athlete has an injury and needs treatment, these are the rules to be followed:
 - To receive treatment during the athletic period or practice, the player MUST go before school for treatment, if a player does not they will not be allowed to get treatment in the period. If an injury is not severe enough to need treatment or be assessed before school, then it is not a big enough injury to miss practice time

Communication with Coaches

We want to have open and honest communication with parents and players, but for it to be effective believe we must follow a few guidelines.

- Coaches always communicate through players first; teach responsibility and gauge how important the game is to them
- Primary ways for coaches to contact parents as a whole will be through Remind and email
- Players will be contacted by coaches in team texts and daily in practices
- Email is the primary way to communicate with coach individually
- Always open to face to face communication and meetings as long as they are scheduled
- We will never meet or talk with a parent directly after a game; emotions are high and coaches have so many things they need to be doing on game day
- Please try and go through the basketball coaching staff first, before Campus Coordinator, Principal, and AD; the first thing each of those will do is have the coaches meet with the parents before moving up the chain of command
- Almost all concerns in the past have been resolved by talking with the coaches; most times just a full understanding of the situation relieves much of the concern

One Voice

Making sure parents and coaches are pulling in the same direction when speaking with our kids is key to their enjoyment, experience, and improvement.

- Nothing is harder for a kid to overcome than trying to play for two or more contrasting people or philosophies
- Parents voice will typically win out, but that is always at the expense of the kids improvement or playing time
- In basketball, every player affects every single play, it only takes one with a different agenda or pulling in a different direction to cause a total breakdown in defense or offense
- It only takes one player with a negative or selfish mindset to bring down a whole locker room, it only takes one player to negatively affect the experience of the entire group
- Ultimately, we want what is best for your child and all the others in the program
- Its ok to disagree with something we are doing, but come talk with us and see if we can figure it out before putting that on your child's mind

This is the Destination

I believe it is extremely important for parents to understand, that playing Varsity high school basketball should be the destination your child is trying to reach, and not just a stepping-stone to beyond. I want every kid to have the goal and drive to play college basketball, but goal for players and parents should be to be the best high school basketball player and teammate they can be for their team, and if options arrive beyond that then be grateful and take them as they come.

-If you want to enjoy your child's time playing basketball try not to put external expectations on each game

-If your only thought is about how much playing time, or how many points your kid needs to score to get recruited then it will be extremely hard for you or your child to every truly enjoy or buy in to their experience here

-If your child is not at the point where they are the best player on Varsity (or one of the best on an extremely talented team), then their goal needs to be "what do I need to do to be the best player on Varsity", if they are not on Varsity it should be "what do I need to do to earn a Varsity spot"

-If goals are different than those above then it will be very difficult to find enjoyment, and difficult for your child to play truly as a part of the team

-It is so unbelievably hard to get a scholarship to play college basketball, we have to be able to find success and enjoyment in the game if we don't make it to that point

-We have coached at the collegiate career, help kids get recruited or help college coaches find kids to recruit every year, we intimately know the process

-We want each player to be the best player they can be, that only makes us better, thinking your child needs to play in a different way, or position, or whatever else will not help them be recruited, we want them to play in the way they are most valuable to the team just like the people that would be recruiting them

-Making the Varsity basketball team at a school this large is extremely hard, if making it and be a key contributor, doing whatever it takes to do that, is your goal then you can enjoy the process and time playing here, and if you can reach that goal and have the talent to go further, everything else will work itself out

All information on how to get involved, buy Klein Oak Basketball gear, or almost anything else can be found at:

kleinoakhoops.com

Thank you so much for coming! We are really looking forward to this season!