



October 17, 2019

Dear Parents,

There have been a few concerns and inquiries regarding the upcoming PAL Basketball practice schedule. Some parents are concerned that their children participate in other fall sports and/or school activities that may prohibit them from attending their scheduled PAL practice/evaluations.

Generally, PAL basketball begins around the same time each year. We try to consider after school activities, soccer, football, dance, holidays, and springtime activities when we schedule PAL events. We have a very small window of time to register children for basketball, attract volunteers, evaluate athletes, and order equipment and uniforms in order to be ready for the start of the season.

We recognize the fact that many families have busy schedules that prohibit them from participating in every program. We would like to have athletes at all of their scheduled practice/evaluations but realize that may not be possible. There is no penalty assessed for not attending every preseason practice/evaluation. All athletes will be assessed by the coaching staff prior to the start of the season.

We ask that if you plan on playing PAL basketball, you register your child on or before Saturday, October 19th. This way your child will be registered, and you will receive information regarding upcoming practice/evaluation schedules.

Only families that have registered prior to October 19th will receive notice of our upcoming practice/evaluation schedules and our scheduled parent meetings. At these meetings we will be discussing the changes to our basketball program. I outlined some of the changes in my original parents' letter that you should have received already. If you did not receive the letter, it is on our website on the basketball registration page.

We are looking forward to the upcoming season. If you have any questions after receiving this letter, please address them to us at admin@torringtonpal.org.

Best regards,

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Executive Director