

KBC NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2013

The KBC board would like to thank all the players, cheerleaders & families for a great season! Basketball is a very long season and we'd like to thank everyone for all their support! We would also like to wish all teams' good luck in their year end tournaments!!! GO BIRDS!!!

TOURNAMENTS

The Metro tournament games run from February 18TH through March 3RD. The GWOC tournament games run from February 25TH through March 7th this season. All are double elimination brackets. Most sites utilize weekends only but some may have weeknight games. The brackets are not up yet but should be out shortly. They will post on our site and you can also check on www.daytonmetro.org for metro brackets and www.gwocyouth.com for GWOC brackets when they are available. Metro brackets will be seeded based on divisional records as of completion of games on February 14th. GWOC brackets will be seeded after all games are completed (Feb 24). Following are the location hosts of your tournament...

GIRLS

3 rd	Metro DIII North	Kettering
4 th	Metro DII	Centerville
5 th	Metro DIII North	Bellbrook
6 th	Metro DIII South	Kettering

BOYS

3 rd Blue	GWOC	Kettering
3 rd Grey	Metro DIII Central	Centerville
4 th Blue	GWOC	Miamisburg
4 th Grey	Metro DIII Central	Kettering
5 th Blue	GWOC	Lebanon
5 th Grey	Metro DIII Central	Centerville
6 th Blue	GWOC	Centerville
6 th Grey	Metro DII Central	Centerville
6 th White	Metro DIII Central	Monroe

*******Remember passes are not good at tournament games. Even if your site is Kettering*******

PRACTICES—As mentioned in the email, we have had another instance of a child being unattended at practice and they vandalized a school building. There is no excuse for a child to be left unattended to roam the halls. The amount of writing indicates that an extensive period of time was involved. This type of behavior puts us dangerously close to being banned from facilities which would jeopardize the whole program. There may be an occasional reason for someone other than coaches & players to be at practice, but there is **no reason for anyone to be outside the gym**. At Prass, the gym contains restrooms and drinking fountains. At Beavertown, they are just outside the door.

Most people who attend practices follow the rules. Unfortunately, the next incident of someone outside the gyms other than for entering or exiting will have to result in a closed practice policy for the Future Firebirds. We cannot risk shutting down the program because of the negligence of a few. Also please stick to your assigned practice hours. Arrive at the beginning (not too early) and leave at the end (not too late). The best habit to be in is simply to drop players off 5 min before practice, make sure they know to go directly into the gym and sit in the bleachers until practice starts, then pick them up 5 min after practice ends.

- **No one is to be in any hallways at practice at any time! Except to come and go and use the drinking fountain.**
- **Teams need to leave when practice ends... 9 PM end time for late practices**

SPRING TRYOUTS are approaching. Tryouts will most likely be the second week of March. Once dates are confirmed they will all be posted on the website. For 3rd-6th grade teams:

- We try to offer a team in each grade **if** we have coaches and enough players
- Fall Winter Players are consider first for these teams
- If there are not enough players from Fall/Winter, then Kettering City School students are the next priority.
- Non-residents will be considered only if more players are still needed.
- Please email dave@futurefirebirds.com if you are a current player and want to be considered for a Spring team
- **We have coaches for the following teams: Boys 3rd (Greg Sagasser), Boys 4th (Joe Soter), Boys 6th (Jeff Renshaw)**
- **All other teams will be formed only if we can identify an appropriate coach**
- Cost for 3rd-6th Spring is \$75 for Fall/Winter Players and \$100 for others (who need uniform)
- Additional fees may apply if a specific team chooses to enter additional tournaments

For older grades OHSAA rules limit us to 2 players from the same Fall/Winter, so there are many more non-resident players by necessity. Most teams play in the Kingdom league which consists of a preseason tournament and 8 game season. Additional tournaments and travel are dependent on the team/coach. Cost for older teams varies depending upon coach's plans.

JOEY SHARPE MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

KBC will be hosting the 6th annual Joey Sharpe Memorial Tournament March 8-10th. Proceeds from this tournament will go towards the Joey Sharpe Scholarship awarded to a Kettering Fairmont Senior each year, and towards the KBC scholarship fund used to help Kettering youth play for the Future Firebirds. Many of our winter Future Firebirds are planning to play in this tournament. Please let us know as soon as possible so we can reserve a spot! A sign up link is available on the website. If there are other teams you'd like to see enter, please spread the word.

CHEER

We would like to thank all the parents for helping the cheerleaders cheer the boys on to victory game after game. Since the cheerleaders don't have a blue or gray team, they all take turns cheering at all the games...some of them cheer all day long! Thank you for shouting with them and being a wonderful crowd during time-outs and during their performances. They will be traveling with the boys at the tournament games and will be there during the Joey Sharpe Tournament to keep the energy up!

The COMPETITION Cheerleaders have attended 6 competitions so far this year placing 3rd at their first competition of the season, 2nd at all the ones afterwards, but most recently 1st!!! Our last competition is **Sunday, February 24th here at Trent Arena** where we will be attending CHEER FOR A CURE. Last year we almost took 1st place away from unbeaten Miamisburg for the first time EVER by losing to just 3 pts!!!!!! The girls are determined to clench 1st place for the first time in history this year! Please consider coming to support the girls and all their hard work! All proceeds benefit Breast Cancer Awareness.

The sideline cheerleaders have been busy learning a brand new routine where they will perform together as a combined team of 3rd-6th graders in an exhibition at Cheer for a Cure. YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!! GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE GIRLS!!!

FEEDBACK

All of our coaches and board members are volunteers, but we still like to know how you think we are doing. Please email dave@futurefirebirds.com or use the web feedback link to provide your inputs, good or bad. Please specify team if commenting on coaches. Feedback will not be shared directly with coaches but only as an aggregate. A one click survey will be sent at the end of the season to get a quick anonymous feedback from all participants. Please take the 10 seconds needed to complete this when it arrives.



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