



March 2014

LET THE SEASON BEGIN

The First day...

Your First day of practice will be on March 29th. Practice will be from either 10:00–12:30 or 12:30-3:00. There will be a WELCOME parent meeting for everyone (all teams) at Becker Field House from 12:20-12:40. At this time we will introduce the North Tartan staff, the directors, and answer any questions. It will also be a great time for families to meet all of the coaches and the other families you will spend time with over the next few months. The Becker Field House is a six-court facility along with two more high school gyms that will allow all of the athletes to take part in the excitement and thrill of starting a new season!

The Second day...

On March 30th Sunday, all teams will be practicing at Concordia College, St Paul. Exact times will be listed on your team web sites. Once again, all teams will be practicing at one site to keep the North Tartan Family together!

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A SIGNIFACANT CHANGE IN GRASSROOTS BASKETBALL

NIKE EYBL

CHECK OUT THE WEB SITE:

www.nikeeyb.com/nike-girls/



A NEW ERA OF YOUTH BASKETBALL will begin this spring, as the spotlight will shine on the Boo Williams Nike Showcase in Hampton, Virginia. Nikes top 32 Nike teams will square off in the quest to be the best!

Take these steps:

1. www.youtube.com
2. Type in: The Circuit Official Trailer
3. Check it out – and look for more!

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IMPORTANT: Meet Scott Dekart

Scott Dekart has been involved with our club for a number of years. He has offered his time to make sure that our out of state travel runs as smoothly as possible. Scott has been very busy arranging all of your accommodations for the upcoming season. He has already secured the majority of hotel “blocks” and will provide each team with the proper information on the first day of practice. If reservations are needed in early April we will email those teams shortly through your coach or parent representative. Scott will also send out information on when families need to arrive at out of town tournaments and possible return times. Please make sure that you secure your hotel reservation inside the “North Tartan” room blocks as soon as you get the information from Scott / Coaches / or parent representative. Since many of the tournaments that we attend are quite large, hotels permit room blocks only up until a few weeks prior. Once the agreement expires, rooms are “grabbed-up” by teams that don’t have a Scott Dekart!

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT TRAVEL STATEMENTS

Made by those who did not read their emails from SD

SD = SCOTT DEKART

1. “Bill just get North Tartan a plane, we have like 20 people traveling.”
2. “We are going to fly into somewhere and drive over”
3. “Forgot to get a room, we’ll get one when we get there” – by the way 350 team tournament in Virginia.
4. “Tickets must have gone up” – by the way 3 weeks before we took off”
5. “What do you think the odds are we can get a room?”

3 on 3 Olympics 2016 or 20

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5QGHvJR4UD0>

[http://www.aajrogames.org/Sports/Basketball\(3x3\).aspx](http://www.aajrogames.org/Sports/Basketball(3x3).aspx)

The FIBA 3x3 concept was first developed in 2007, with a demonstration competition held in November of that year at the Asian Indoor Games in Macau. Further test events were held in April 2008 in the Dominican Republic and October 2008 in Indonesia. FIBA 3x3 was later contested at the 2009 Asian Youth Games by 19 teams in the boys' tournament and 16 teams in the girls' tournament. All games were held at Anglican High School, Singapore. FIBA 3x3 was the only form of basketball at the 2010 Summer Youth Olympics, contested by 20 teams each in the boys' and girls' tournaments.

The first FIBA 3x3 Youth World Championship was held in Rimini, Italy in 2011, which was won by New Zealand. The sport is highly tipped to become an Olympic sport as early as 2016. The first senior men's FIBA 3x3 World Championship and senior women's FIBA 3x3 World Championship for Women tournaments were held in Greece, in August of 2012. The second FIBA 3x3 Youth World Championship was held in Spain in 2012, Serbia won the title.

Enthusiasm for the FIBA 3x3 format in China is “beyond any imagination”, and FIBA 33 tournaments are held “almost every week” in Southeast Asia. FIBA is also developing a world ranking system for FIBA 3x3 in consultation with technology companies, as well as statistics professors from a university in FIBA's headquarters country of Switzerland. FIBA sees FIBA 3x3 as a major vehicle for promotion of the game throughout the world. As Baumann stated in 2008, “The 3-on-3 concept has all the elements and skills required for basketball, it has inspired and will continue to inspire many great players in the future. At the same time, it is the easiest and one of the most effective ways to bring youngsters to basketball, keep them and promote our future.

CLOTHING ORDER FORM

Each year there seems to be more and more requests for North Tartan gear. There is an opportunity to purchase sweatshirts, sweatpants, shorts and even tops over the next two weeks. The North Tartan clothing line and purchasing program will be available through mid-March. The order form is now on the North Tartan website under the "North Tartan Gear!" tab. Items ordered will be delivered rather quickly as LIDS has pre-ordered many of the items already. Always great to see families in Blue and White! Way to represent! #ntfamily

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENT

PLACE: TARGET CENTER

TIME: ALL DAY: WEDNESDAY 19TH - SATURDAY 22ND

State Tournament

SPECIAL EVENT

PLACE BECKER FIELD HOUSE

MARCH 29TH

First day of practice

SPECIAL EVENT

PLACE CONCORDIA COLLEGE, ST. PAUL

MARCH 30TH

Second day of practice

SPECIAL EVENT

PLACE NASHVILLE TENNESSEE

TIME: APRIL 6TH AND 8TH

Women's Final Four.

EYBL TEAMS 2014 Continued...

Texas

Texas Nike Elite (Houston)

Texas United

DFW Elite (Dallas)

Virginia

Boo Williams (Hampton)

Fairfax Stars (Fairfax)

Washington

Spokane Stars

EYBL TEAMS 2014

California

Cal Sparks (Long Beach)

Cal Storm (Los Angeles)

West Coast Premier (Los Angeles)

Cal Swish (Orange County)

Cal Stars (San Francisco)

Florida

Central Florida Elite (Orlando)

Essence (Tallahassee)

Georgia

Georgia Metros

Indiana

Spiece Gymrats

Iowa

All Iowa Attack

Kentucky

Kentucky Premier

Massachusetts

New England Crusaders

Michigan

Michigan Crossover

Minnesota

North Tartan

New York

New York City Gauchos

Ohio

All Ohio

Pennsylvania

Philadelphia Belles

Tennessee

Tennessee Flight

AAU CARD

• **MAKE SURE YOU HAVE HANDED IN YOUR AAU CARD TO THE OFFICE. LYNELLE PETERSON HAS BEEN FILING ALL REGISTRATIONS AND IMPORTANT MATERIALS. THE AAU CARD IS AN ESSENTIAL PART TO PARTICIPATE IN TOURNAMENTS AND HOLDS COVERAGE FOR EACH ATHLETE. MAKE SURE TO PAY THE EXTRA \$2 WHEN YOU PURCHASE YOUR CARD. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS LYNELLE.PETERSON@YAHOO.COM YOU MUST HAVE YOUR AAU CARD PRIOR TO THE FIRST PRACTICE!**

HERE ARE THE ANSWERS TO WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN ASKING

Q: I would like to order some North Tartan gear for the upcoming season. Is that possible?

A: Yes. Clothing items can be ordered through an order form on our web site and payment goes directly to LIDS.

Q: What's the best way to ensure all my paperwork is done?

A: Lynelle Peterson will contact you if you have not completed all of the proper paperwork. Lynelle will also be available at our first day of practice and have a checklist made for each team. Feel free to contact her with any questions or difficulties filling out the forms.

Q: What does Skill Night start?

A: North Tartan Skills and Drills is every Wednesday night in May. Times will be from

The Play-off Hunt

Wish everyone all the success over the next few weeks. Don't count on luck, count on your skill! Have some fun off the court and compete on it!

Of course I am looking forward to seeing each of you at practice on March 29th and 30th. Start reaching out to old and especially new teammates!

With a bounce,

Bill Larson

**We Supply the Name,
You Supply the Game!**

6:30-8:30 pm. All North Tartan athletes are welcome. This year we again reserved three full gyms at High Performance Academy in Eagan.

Q: Is my daughter only allowed to wear Nike clothing and shoes?

A: Yes. First make it very clear that it is an absolute privilege and advantage in being part of the Nike Family. As your child advances in the program and plays in the older age groups only Nike sportswear is acceptable. As for the younger ages it is possible that we can't ask for every piece of athletic wear to have the SWOOSH but about 99.9% do. A side comment was once said, "Don't let Bill see you with that on."

