



# SHERWOOD BASKETBALL

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### Classic Basketball Policy

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#### 1. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Sherwood Classic Program are to:

- a. Develop each player's basketball skills, sportsmanship, and attitude.
- b. Provide each player with a challenging and rewarding experience as a member of a well-organized team.
- c. Provide players with the opportunity to test their skills at a competitive level.

#### 2. SBO's COMMITMENT TO THE SHERWOOD CLASSIC PROGRAM

SBO is committed to support Sherwood classic by:

- a. Providing gym space and other resources necessary for practice and games.
- b. Providing resources to select coaches and players for all classic teams.
- c. Providing the guidance and supervision of the Sherwood Basketball Organization Board (the SBO board) to resolve issues beyond the areas of responsibility of the team coaches.

#### 3. SELECTION OF COACHES

- a. **Coaching Solicitation.** Public solicitation for Sherwood Classic coaches will be conducted during the summer prior to each season.
- b. **Selection Process.** Prior to the selection of a Sherwood classic team, a "Selection Committee" of not more than five individuals approved by the SBO board will conduct coaching interviews and select a head coach for each team. No individual will be allowed to be on the "Selection Committee" for a coach of the grade that their son(s) and/or daughter(s) may be trying out. The "Selection Committee" must include the respective SBO Classic VP for each gender. In the event that the Classic VP's son(s) and/or daughter(s) is/are trying out the SBO board will designate their replacement for that/those grades only. Prior to any interviews, the "Selection Committee" will notify the SBO Board of any and all potential candidates for discussion about their abilities as they relate to the "Selection Criteria" as described in 3c.
- c. **Selection Criteria.** The selection of coaches will be based on, but not limited to: prior experience with the team being selected, (b) classic and/or recreational coaching experience, (c) knowledge of classic basketball, (d) knowledge of basketball in general, (e) willingness to support the SBO Classic "Program Objectives," (f) passing a background check, and (g) anything else bearing upon their fitness and ability to coach the team.

- d. **Notification and Number of Coaches.** After player selection has been completed for each grade, head coaches will be notified by their respective SBO Classic VP within 48 hours of their selection as head coach and their roster. Each head coach will have the opportunity to designate one or two assistant coaches. Providing that any and all designated assistants prior to participating in any practices are (1) approved by the "Selection Committee," and (2) pass a background check. Each head coach must notify the "Selection Committee" of their designated assistants within 48 hours of their notification of selection as a head coach. If a head coach chooses not to designate an assistant, the "Selection Committee" will choose one for him. Each team's total number of coaches and/or assistant coaches may not exceed a grand total of three.
- e. **Coaching Clinic Requirement.** All classic coaches, head and assistant, will be required to attend an SBO approved coaching clinic for the current season. Attendance prior to the "selection process," for any given season does not guarantee that individual's selection as a coach, it merely fulfills their "Coaching Clinic Requirement."
- d. **Parent Coaches.** If a coach's son or daughter tries out, but does not make the team, the "Selection Committee" will replace the coach if he or she no longer wants to coach the team.

#### 4. PLAYER SELECTION

- a. **Selection Group.** The SBO Board will approve a "Selection Group" comprised of at least one SBO board member, two independent advisors, and a group of coach(es). The "Selection Group" will, directly following tryouts for each grade, select and place classic players. Regardless of if they are in a "Selection Group" or not, no individual will be allowed to take part in any selection process that involves their son(s) and/or daughter(s). Selection criteria are discussed in 4b. Each selection meeting shall be presided over by the respective SBO Classic VP for that gender. In the event that they are unable to perform this duty, the SBO Board will designate their replacement.
- b. **Selection Criteria.** The "Selection Group" shall make their decisions based on, but not limited to each player's: (a) skills, (b) work ethic, (c) potential to improve, (d) ability to satisfy a particular need on the team (e.g. large post player, or point guard), (e) demonstrated ability to get along with coach(es), (f) ability to get along with teammates, (g) their commitment to the team, and (h) attitude and sportsmanship. All prospective members of a classic team must try out, including the coach's sons and/or daughters who desire to be on the team. If a player is unable to try out due to extraneous circumstances (e.g., broken bone), and still desires to be eligible for placement on a classic team, notice of their specific circumstance(s) must be given to their respective Classic VP and the SBO President prior to their tryout date for consideration of "eligibility." If the VP and President allow a requested exemption, the "Selection Group" can, without the player attending tryouts, view that player as eligible for placement on a classic team. The SBO Board will do its best to schedule tryouts as to not conflict with other sporting activities. However, said commitments to other sporting activities will not be viewed as extraneous circumstances.
- c. **Independent Advisors.** The SBO Board will approve any and all independent advisors on all "Selection Groups." Independent advisors may include impartial SBO board members, present and former classic coaches who will not coach classic basketball at the grade level that is trying out, and Sherwood High School basketball head and assistant coaches. As stated in 4a: no independent advisor will be allowed to select and place any classic players for any grade in which their son(s) and/or daughter(s) are trying out.
- d. **Tryouts.** The SBO Board will develop the format for the tryouts. The "Selection Group" shall conduct the tryouts in a manner that best allows them to evaluate each player.

- e. **Order of Team Selection.** When two or more teams are established for a grade (e.g., two sixth grade boys' teams), the "A" team shall be selected first, and then the "B" team shall be selected.

## 5. NUMBER OF PLAYERS

Each Sherwood classic team shall have no fewer than 9 players or more than 10 players, unless approved otherwise by the SBO board.

## 6. EXPECTATIONS OF PLAYERS AND COACHES

- a. **Players.** Players are expected to attend and vigorously participate in all practices and games. There will usually be two to three practices per week lasting approximately 90 minutes. Failure to participate vigorously and to notify a coach of the player's inability to attend to practice or game can result in loss of playing time or other sanctions.
- b. **Coaches.** Coaches are responsible for (a) maintaining a positive environment at practices and games consistent with Sherwood Classic's objectives (see Section 1 above) and (b) developing all players who participate in practices and games.

## 7. TEAM GAMES

**Number of Games.** Except as otherwise noted in this policy statement, each team will play approximately 35 to 40 games. The coach(es) in consultation with the parents will decide the number of games. A team may play in both a league and tournaments or a team may decide not to play in a league and instead utilize tournaments as its source of games. League games usually begin in December or January and end in March. Tournaments are offered from October through April, and each tournament generally consists of three or four games played on a weekend.

- a. **Location of Games.** Sherwood Classic teams play in a broad geographic area that includes Southwest Washington and Northwest Oregon. Some teams participate in tournaments in Central and Southern Oregon.
- b. **Competition.** The league and tournaments that a team enters are usually based on the ability of the team to compete. Tournaments range from premier to "A" to "B". The coach(es) in consultation with the parents will decide what is best for the team's development. However, the coach(es) will make the final decisions.
- c. **Playing Time.** The policy of Sherwood Classic is to provide playing time based on the game situation, individual effort and practice attendance. Although playing time is not guaranteed, SBO requires that each player who participated vigorously in practice and demonstrates a commitment to the team will play a minimum of the equivalent of one quarter in every game. Additionally, any minimum play-time requirements imposed by the Three Rivers' League will be observed.

## 8. REPRESENTATION OF THE SBO

- a. **Allegiance to the SBO.** All coaches in Sherwood Classic shall support the SBO and its policies, including those set forth in this document. If there are questions about SBO policies, the coach should contact the SBO board to address his or her concerns.
- b. **Coaches' Conduct.** Each Sherwood Classic team is a representative of the SBO. All coaches are to conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent with the highest standards of the SBO. If a coach repeatedly engages in unsportsmanlike conduct, the behavior shall be brought to the attention of the SBO board.

- c. **Player Conduct.** Each team member is a representative of the SBO. All players are to conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent with the highest standards of the SBO. If a player repeatedly engages in unsportsmanlike conduct, the coach(es) shall initially address that behavior. If the coach(es) believes that he or she will not be able to correct the unsportsmanlike behavior, the coach(es) will notify the SBO board, which shall take appropriate action.
- d. **Parent Conduct.** Each team parent is also a representative of the SBO. The SBO urges all parents to conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent with the standards for coaches and players. If a parent repeatedly engages in unsportsmanlike conduct that negatively impacts the team or the SBO, the coach(es) shall address that behavior. If the coach(es) believes that he or she will not be able to correct the unsportsmanlike behavior, the coach(es) shall notify the SBO board, which shall take appropriate action.
- e. **Game Uniforms.** Sherwood Classic teams shall wear the uniforms provided by SBO. Any deviation from the provided uniforms, for any reason, must be approved by the board.

## 9. TEAM EXPENSES

- a. Cost per player varies depending upon the number of tournaments and the league fees. The total cost per player is approximately \$350 per season not including travel and lodging expenses. Payment of the exact amount is up to each team's coach but is normally due before the first practice.

## 10. DISCIPLINARY ISSUES

- a. The SBO board shall resolve disciplinary problems in the Sherwood Classic Program. Upon receiving notice of such an issue involving a Sherwood Classic coach, player, or parent, the SBO board shall first investigate the facts. The person who is the subject of the investigation shall be given an opportunity to appear before the SBO board to explain his or her side of the matter. Sanctions that the SBO board may impose, under appropriate circumstances, include: a verbal reprimand; suspension from participating in practices or games as a coach, player or spectator; removal from the team as a coach or player; a ban from further participation in Sherwood Classic; or such other sanctions the SBO board deems appropriate.