



# Patriot Basketball

## 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Information



### Tryouts

Tryouts will be held in March for both first and second graders. A second tryout may be held in August as well. Tryouts will be held at Millard South and hosted by Millard South Basketball staff. One or two teams of each grade will be formed and assigned a qualified coach by the Millard South Basketball Coaching Staff. Not everyone trying out is guaranteed to make a team. You will be notified 10 days after tryouts if your child is offered a spot on a team. A \$100 deposit will be required at the time of tryouts.

### Practices

Practices will start mid-September. Each child will be fitted with a reversible tank top jersey that they will be required to use for practice and games. (2) Practices will be held in 1 hour's sessions a week at Ackerman/Upchurch/Bryan/BlackElk

### Fall League

Season starts October 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Games start October 28<sup>th</sup> – December 10<sup>th</sup>.  
8 Games guaranteed.  
Entry into the OSA Pella League

### Winter League

Jan 6<sup>th</sup> -February 25<sup>th</sup>  
8 Games guaranteed.  
Entry into the OSA Pella League

### Costs

\$100 deposit at times of tryouts  
\$150 once your child has accepted a position on a team.  
The \$250 total covers your child's jersey and tournament fees for both the fall and winter league.

### PBC Beliefs

Teaching basketball to 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children involves focusing on fundamental skills while fostering a positive and enjoyable learning environment. Emphasizing basic motor skills like dribbling, shooting, and passing lays the foundation for future basketball development. Our coaches prioritize simple, age-appropriate drills and activities that engage the child's natural curiosity and energy. Encouraging teamwork, sharing, and good sportsmanship is crucial at this stage, as young children are still developing social skills. Patience and positive reinforcement play a key role in building the child's confidence and enthusiasm for sport. The primary goal is to instill a love for physical activity, teamwork, and the joy of learning, ensuring that the child associates' basketball with fun and positive experiences.