

Central CT Hoop Stars.....AAU Basketball for Boys 2008 Season

Tryouts: Tryouts for our spring travel teams will be held on Sunday, March 9th and March 16th, at Mark T Sheehan High School in Wallingford. There is no cost to tryout. For directions and more information on our program go to www.cthoopstars.com. The schedule of times is listed below.

Grades 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th: Registration is 4:15pm: Tryouts begin at 4:30.
Grades 9th, 10th and 11th: Registration is 2:45pm: Tryouts begin at 3pm.

History: This will be the 7th season of basketball for the Hoop Stars. This year we will have U11 (5th grade), U12 (6th grade), U13 (7th grade), U14 (8th grade), U15 (9th grade), U16 (10th grade) and U17 (11th grade) teams competing throughout CT as well as the surrounding states.

Philosophy: Our philosophy is to teach our players the game of basketball and have a very fun and positive experience at the same time. We are committed to teaching the game, as well as important life skills, such as teamwork, commitment, dedication, discipline, and respect. Each team will consist of a **MAXIMUM** of 10 players. Our program motto is simple: "Play basketball and have fun."

Tournament Participation: This coming season begins in March 2004 and teams will compete in a minimum of 7 regional tournaments. Possible sites include: New York (Albany area), Mass., New Jersey, and Rhode Island. Included in these tournaments will be the CT State AAU Association Tournament, as well as other CT AAU Club Tournaments. The season will conclude with a trip to a National Tournament. Past sites for the Nationals include Cocoa Beach FL, Disney World, Virginia Beach, New Orleans, Memphis TN., and many others. AAU announces the sites and changes them for all ages from year to year. Teams have to qualify to advance to the nationals.

About the Directors

Mike Papale: Coach Papale was the Head Coach of the Lyman Hall H.S. men's basketball team from 2000-2003. Prior to L.H.H.S., Papale was the Head Men's coach at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven CT. Mike began his coaching career at Mark T. Sheehan H.S. in 1983, serving as JV Coach at the Wallingford school for 3 years. At the age of 25, Coach Papale was appointed Head Coach at Sheehan, coaching the men for 9 years before moving onto Albertus. Papale enjoyed a successful playing career at Xavier H.S. in Middletown, CT and at Assumption College in Worcester, MA, where he graduated in 1983. Coach Papale is the Head Coach of the Hoop Stars U14 (8th grade) team.

Marty Russo: Coach Russo is a former player at East Haven High School. After graduating from high school, Russo went onto to have a successful playing career at Central CT State University. Coach Russo spent 10 years as a certified Basketball Referee for New Haven Board # 10, before moving on to the coaching profession. He was a volunteer Assistant Coach at Lyman Hall H.S., and is a veteran youth basketball coach in Wallingford, CT. Coach Russo is the Head Coach of the Hoop Stars U17 (11th grade) team.

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Please try to pre-register via email, US mail or fax: however, players may pre-register the day of the tryout.

(Please cut and return this form to pre-register: Fax # 203-269-3702)

Name: _____ DOB: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Fax: _____

School: _____