

# **Team Expectations, Policies, and Goals**

## **Jr. High Boys Basketball**

### **Expectations:**

- **BE PRESENT**
  - Show up to practice ready to work.
  - Go to school. If you do not meet the requirements set forth by PIAA you will not practice or play in games.
- **BE PRESENT MENTALLY**
  - Listen to your teammates and coaches. Practice is a chance to learn and add to your skillset.
- **BE PREPARED**
  - For Every Practice:
    - Bring appropriate shoes. (This is for safety. Players must have basketball shoes.)
    - Bring Water.
    - Drink water during the day.
    - Bring appropriate clothing.
    - Bring uniforms washed and ready to every game.
- **BE HONEST**
  - If you have concerns share them by talking to a coach.
- Meet all expectations found in the student handbook.
- Represent the team in a manner that makes Tulpehocken proud.
- On Games days players must wear a shirt with a collar and dress pants. No jeans.

### **Rules:**

- Two strike academic policy.
  - If you can't meet academic requirements you will be removed from the team.
- Be present and timely.
  - If you know you are going to miss practice, let one of the coaches know ahead of time.
  - Have a note everytime you miss a team activity.
- Respect is to be shown to everyone.
  - We are a team. Coaches and players deserve your respect.
  - Those who can't contribute to the team atmosphere in a positive manner will be dismissed from the team at the coach's discretion.
- Show up ready to compete everyday.
  - Focus at practice.
  - Shoes that are appropriate for basketball.
  - Proper athletic clothing.

### **Discipline:**

- Discipline for failing to meet team expectations or follow team rules is solely at the coach's discretion.

- This can include reduced playing time, suspension from team activities, and, in extreme cases, dismissal from the team.

### **Team Info:**

- Schedule:
  - <https://tulpyathletics.com/main/teamschedule/id/3680248/seasonid/4250817>
  - Practices:
    - To reach Bethel students will take bus \_\_\_\_\_ to reach Bernville students will take Bus\_\_\_\_\_.
    - Practices in general will be from 3:30 to 5:30 at Bethel Elementary School.
    - Students who need transportation back to the high school will leave practice at 5:15 and return to the high school by 5:30.
    - Any Changes will be posted on Team App or the athletics website.
  - Games:
    - Games will have start times from from 3:45 to 4:00
    - Some games will require early dismissal.
      - Exact bus departure times will be announced before individual games.
  - Cancellations:
    - Practice
      - If school is closed due to weather (i.e. Snow day, Early dismissal) practice will be canceled.
    - Games
      - Games will be canceled and rescheduled at the discretion of the athletic department.
      - Games cancellations will be communicated via Team App and Athletics Website.

### **Communication:**

- In General, most information will be communicated through team app and announcements after team events.
  - To join team app:
    - Navigate to Teamapp.com or Download the App.
    - Create an account.
    - Search for "Tulpy Hoops JR High Boys"
    - Request Access to the appropriate group Parent or Players.
    - I will then approve your access.
- For communication outside of team app.
  - All communication should follow the following format:
    - Player speaks directly to coaches. This solves issues quickly.

- Email, Send a Private message on Team App, or Call Coach - Use [swambold@tulpehocken.org](mailto:swambold@tulpehocken.org) or call the JSHS to leave a message on my phone to set up a meeting for an appropriate issue.
  - Examples of Appropriate issues include:
    - The treatment of your child.
    - Ways to help your child improve.
    - Concerns about your child's behavior.
  - Examples of Inappropriate issues include:
    - Playing time.
    - Team strategy and tactics.
    - Other student-athletes.
- If the meeting is ineffective at resolving an appropriate issue call the AD
- If problems are not resolved in a meeting with the AD. Contact the building principal.
- If problems are not resolved in a meeting with the building principal(s), the last in the chain of communication is the Superintendent.

**Goals:**

- Improve as a team.
- Develop sound fundamentals.
- Improve as people.
- Pursue future success, by developing winning habits.
- Build the foundation of Tulpehocken basketball.