

2015 TPX (Tournament Players Extreme)
3 on 3 Basketball Tournament Series for 3rd-6th grade boys and girls
 (as of Monday, January 05, 2015)

Thanks for joining us in this inaugural season of the TPX 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament Series at FBC. While we have neither the number of teams nor the league divisions as initially planned, we have a plan which we believe will achieve our primary goals to 1) share the love and hope of Jesus Christ and 2) provide an enjoyable and competitive basketball experience for the players, their families, and their coaches. We are just a week from tip-off so let's get down to business. Here are the basics:

Number of Players and Teams

1. We have a total of 25 boys and 15 girls signed up to play in the 3rd-6th grades.
2. We combined the grades to create
 - a. 5 teams of 5 players each in the boys' league and
 - b. 4 teams of 3 or 4 players each in the girls' league.
3. We have no vacancies in the boys' league; we have 5 vacancies in the girls' league. We will take additional female players until we have no more vacancies or until it's too late into the season.
4. We created the teams by draft factoring evaluation scores, height, and grade.

3rd-6th Grade Boys

Team 1: Warriors	Team 2: Grizzlies	Team 3: Thunder	Team 4: Bulls	Team 5: Cavaliers
Practice: Mondays, 7:20-8:20 pm	Practice: Mondays, 7:20-8:20 pm	Practice: Thursdays, 6:25-7:25 pm	Practice: Thursdays, 6:25-7:25 pm	Practice: Thursdays, 6:25-7:25 pm
Coaches <i>David Hall</i>	Coaches <i>Bill James</i> <i>Chad Lockwood</i>	Coaches <i>Benny Fuhrman</i> <i>Dwayne Gordon</i>	Coaches <i>John Waylock</i> <i>Kay C. Hook</i>	Coaches <i>Caleb Dean</i> <i>Kyle Mabry</i>

3rd-6th Grade Girls

Team 1: Shock	Team 2: Sky	Team 3: Sun	Team 4: Storm
Practice: Thursdays, 6:25-7:25 pm	Practice: Thursdays, 6:25-7:25 pm	Practice: Thursdays, 6:25-7:25 pm	Practice: Thursdays, 6:25-7:25 pm
Coaches <i>Bill James</i> <i>David Santillan</i>	Coaches <i>Christa Sheppard</i> <i>Monica Longtin</i>	Coaches <i>Jan Segrest</i>	Coaches <i>Jeff Sheets</i> <i>Jenny Bledsoe</i>

TPX tournament series basic information

1. We expect players, coaches, families, and fans will display only positive sportsmanship. We value encouraging all players, coaches, teams, and officials. We believe there is a right way and wrong way both to win and to lose. Win with humility; lose graciously.
2. The cost per player is \$65. The fee includes guaranteed 8 games [2 games minimum per round]; reversible jersey; end-of-season awards lunch; end-of-season 1st & 2nd place team awards per league; end-of-season individual awards; tee-shirt.
3. The reversible jersey is red and white with black/red numbers/lettering. Game tee-shirts and shorts are not included in your fee. **I recommend players wear a black tee-shirt under their jersey and black shorts to complete your uniform.**

Season format

1. The season includes 4 practices and 4 tournaments for each team.
2. The 3rd-6th grade boys will practice and play the first week of the season. The 3rd-6th grade girls will practice and play the next week. Both leagues will alternate practicing/playing every other week.
3. We will provide teams with a **1 hour practice time at FBC** during the week preceding your tournament (teams can coordinate additional practices but on your own time and location). See the season calendar below for more details.

TPX 3 on 3 Basketball Series 2015 Season Calendar

January 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

March 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Session 1

- Monday, January 12:** 3rd-6th grade boys practice 1 (P1)
- Thursday, January 15:** 3rd-6th grade boys practice 1 (P1)
- Saturday, January 17:** 3rd-6th grade boys tournament 1 (T1)
- Thursday, January 22:** 3rd-6th grade girls practice 1 (P1)
- Saturday, January 24:** 3rd-6th grade girls tournament 1 (T1)

Session 2

- Monday, January 26:** 3rd-6th grade boys P2
- Thursday, January 29:** 3rd-6th grade boys P2
- Saturday, January 31:** 3rd-6th grade boys T2
- Thursday, February 5:** 3rd-6th grade girls P2
- Saturday, February 7:** 3rd-6th grade girls T2

Session 3

- Monday, February 9:** 3rd-6th grade boys P3
- Thursday, February 12:** 3rd-6th grade boys P3
- Saturday, February 14:** 3rd-6th grade boys T3
- Thursday, February 19:** 3rd-6th grade girls P3
- Saturday, February 21:** 3rd-6th grade girls T3

Session 4

- Monday, February 23:** 3rd-6th grade boys P4
- Thursday, February 26:** 3rd-6th grade boys P4
- Saturday, February 28:** 3rd-6th grade boys T4
- Thursday, March 5:** 3rd-6th grade girls P4
- Saturday, March 7:** 3rd-6th grade girls T4

March 14: Awards Celebration (12:30 pm)

Tournament format

1. We will use a round-robin format for both the boys' and girls' tournaments.

3rd-6th Grade Boys Round Robin Format				
Round	Start time	Court 1	Court 2	Bye
1.	2:30	1 v 4	2 v 3	5
2.	3:00	3 v 1	4 v 5	2
3.	3:30	5 v 3	1 v 2	4
4.	4:00	2 v 5	3 v 4	1
5.	4:30	4 v 2	5 v 1	3

3rd-6th Grade Girls Round Robin Format			
Round	Start time	Court 1	Court 2
1.	2:30	1 v 2	3 v 4
2.	3:00	3 v 1	4 v 2
3.	3:30	2 v 3	1 v 4

2. Since all teams in each league have to be present to start the tournament, we will conduct a blind draw on the day of the tournament to determine match ups (pull team names from a hat).

3. Teams earn points based on the finish position in each tournament: 1st place = 5 points, 2nd place = 4 points, 3rd place = 3 points, 4th place = 2 point, 5th place = 1 point. The team with the highest point total at the end of the season will win their league.
4. We will share a brief devotional with all players, coaches, and fans early in each tournament.

Rules for game play

1. Games will consist of two 10-minute halves with a 2-minute halftime.
2. Ball size for all leagues is 28.5"; goal height is 10'. FBC will provide game balls.
3. Home team will be determined by coin flip or similar method prior to each game. Possession begins at the top of the key behind the 3-point line. The offense must "check" the ball before passing it in to begin play. The offense must inbound the ball within 5 seconds after checking. Made baskets are 2 or 3 points; made free throws are 1 point each. Possession will change after each made basket.
4. Change of possession must be cleared behind the 3-point line. A player must have one foot completely behind the 3-point line in order to successfully clear the ball. Failure to successfully clear the ball results in a turnover only after a shot is attempted.
5. Players may substitute on dead balls only; check in at scorer's table.
6. There are no time outs.
7. The clock will run continuously until the last two minutes of the game. During the last two minutes, the clock will stop on all dead balls.
8. A 15-second shot clock is in effect the last 2 minutes of both halves. Shot clock violations result in an automatic 2 points and possession for the defending team.
9. A player will foul out of the game on their 5th foul. Shooting fouls result in free throws. No bonus/double bonus.
10. Overtime: all players from both teams will shoot 2 free throws each. Teams with fewer players will have the appropriate number of players shoot twice to equal the number of players on the opposing team. Each made free throw is 1 point. Second and additional overtimes: teams will alternate players shooting 1 free throw. Home team will shoot first. If he/she makes the free throw, the guest team has to make his/her free throw or the game is over. If home team misses the free throw but the guest team makes their free throw, the guest team wins. If both teams miss their first free throw, the next players take their free throw attempt.
11. We have not established a requirement for how much playing time each player receives per game. We expect coaches will have and use a substitution system which is fair for all players.

Additionally, while we've consulted with a handful of coaches, parents, and adult players to produce a high-quality basketball program, we realize we may have missed some things or there may be better ways to make this a successful tournament series. We welcome your suggestions for improvement. Contact the FBC Fitness & Rec Minister, Wallace Yamauchi at 624-3345 or wajamika@hotmail.com.