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Dear Players and Parents,

Dorset Storm 2010 Summer League

I am pleased to be able to confirm the details of the Dorset Storm Summer League 2010. The competition will run on every Saturday for the following Saturdays in June and July; that's the 19th and 26th June along with the 3rd, 10th and 17th July at Rossmore Leisure Centre. This year teams in each league will play two games every week in a round robin style tournament. The idea of the league is to get as much competitive experience as possible for all players – all the coaches will be ensuring that each player gets as much court time as possible whilst providing players with advice and coaching during the games.

Match results and league tables will be available on both our website and on the notice board at Rossmore Leisure Centre. This year all the leagues will work on a straight forward league format.

It is really important that you arrive on time to start your matches. We cannot afford to start late with so many matches to fit in every week. Aim to **arrive at least 15 minutes before your scheduled tip off time** to allow you time to get changed and warm-up. On a similar administrative theme, there are over 100 players and 15 coaches/officials involved so it is really important that you know where your belongings are! Make sure you do not leave your bag in the canteen or changing rooms and keep everything together... there will be a lot of Storm tee-shirts around! Please do not bring your own basketballs, as they have a funny way of ending up on the court when a game is going on thus causing a hazard to those playing. One last administrative point regards kit washing... this year you will be responsible for your own jersey... once you are given it on the first week, you are responsible for it until you hand it back in on the last weekend. Please note that players will only be provided with a jersey this year – not shorts so please bring your own to save any embarrassment! Please note that Mini League players need to wear their normal basketball kit.

Rules:

1. Timing:

- a. Junior and Senior League - All games will be played in 15 or 20 minute halves with a running clock – assuming we are running on time all matches will be of the latter time.
- b. Mini and Intermediate League - All games will be played in 10 or 12 minute halves with a running clock – assuming we are running on time all matches will be of the latter time.
- c. Clock will stop in the last minute of matches

2. Substitutions

- a. In the Mini and Intermediate league, substitutions will be of the running kind! Players have to 'high-five' off the court before substituting.

- b. In the Junior and Senior league, substitutions will be through the table, on any whistle.
3. Foul shots will remain as normal... please line up quickly as the clock is running!
4. Each player may have a maximum of four individuals fouls
5. It is really important that you arrive on time to start your matches. We cannot afford to start late with 15 matches to fit in every week.
6. Man-to-man defence is the only defence that can be played... teams may press but this is at the coaches discretion.
7. There will be 5 points awarded for a win, 3 for a draw and 1 for a loss.
8. Other rules not specified will be normal basketball rules.
9. Rules will be flexible to make sure the players have the best experience possible.

On the final Saturday, there will be a presentation to all the players after the final match in each tournament. For the Mini League, the presentation will take place at approximately 11.15am, Intermediate League approximately 12.45pm and the Senior League at approximately 3.45pm. We hope that the presentations will be made by a representative from the Solent Area Basketball Association.

I am sure you will agree that this is an exciting time, which will provide an outstanding opportunity for all the players to experience competitive basketball. Parents are more than welcome to come and make some noise on the sidelines!

If you have any questions regarding the Summer League please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours in Basketball,

Jill Kemish

Times to arrive for Week One

- Mini League – Players need to arrive by 10.00am, please wear your normal basketball kit
- Intermediate League – Players need to arrive by 11.15am, please make sure you bring some shorts with you!
- Junior League – Players need to arrive by 12.50pm, please make sure you bring some shorts with you!