

**SMOKY VALLEY HOME EDUCATORS**  
**SVHE Eagles Sports Program**

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**Basketball**

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*Sport Supplement*

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*Attached to and read alongside the Master Athlete and Family Handbook*

## About This Supplement

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This Basketball Sport Supplement works alongside the SVHE Eagles Master Athlete and Family Handbook. It contains information specific to the Basketball program — gear requirements, fees, schedules, contacts, and logistics.

The Master Handbook contains all conduct expectations, the code of conduct for athletes, parents and coaches, the consequences framework, and the Family Commitment Agreement. Every participant must read and sign the Master Handbook. This supplement provides the practical details you need before the first practice.

*This supplement is maintained by the Basketball Athletic Director and updated as needed. It does not modify the standards in the Master Athlete and Family Handbook. Questions about program policy belong to the Master Handbook and Sports Operations Manual.*

## Program Overview

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SVHE Eagles Basketball is the largest sport program in the organization, serving approximately 80 players across boys and girls teams at both the high school and junior high levels. The program competes in tournaments including the NDIICHA Basketball Tournament, which has specific eligibility requirements noted below.

## Teams

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<b>Boys High School Varsity</b>	Grades 9–12; players may not turn 19 before September 1st
<b>Boys Junior High</b>	Grades 6–8; players may not turn 15 before September 1st
<b>Girls High School Varsity</b>	Grades 9–12; players may not turn 19 before September 1st
<b>Girls Junior High</b>	Grades 6–8; players may not turn 15 before September 1st

Parental placement requests (requesting junior high placement for a high school-age player) must be submitted to the Basketball Athletic Director before the first game of the season. See the Sports Operations Manual for full eligibility details.

## Registration and Fees

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<b>Registration</b>	Complete SVHE registration at <a href="http://svhe.com">svhe.com</a> before the first practice. Late fees apply after the published deadline.
<b>Player Fee</b>	Current fees are published in the registration forms at <a href="http://svhe.com">svhe.com</a> and updated annually by the Athletic Board before each registration period opens.
<b>SVHE Membership</b>	Current membership and participation fees are published in the registration forms at <a href="http://svhe.com">svhe.com</a> .

Registration questions: contact the Basketball Athletic Director at [ad.basketball@svhe.com](mailto:ad.basketball@svhe.com)

## Gear Requirements

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Players are responsible for providing their own gear. The following is required before the first practice:

- Indoor athletic shoes appropriate for court use (no outdoor or running shoes)
- Athletic clothing appropriate for practice

The following uniform items are provided by the program to every player on every team:

- Game jersey — returned at end of season
- Game shorts — returned at end of season
- Warm-up shirt — players keep this at the end of the season

Uniform items are assigned by the head coach before the first game. All returned items must be washed, undamaged, and returned in the bag they were received in. Replacement costs for lost or damaged uniform items are published in the registration forms at svhe.com.

## Season Schedule

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<b>Season Dates</b>	Announced at registration; typically runs through winter months
<b>Practice Frequency</b>	Generally two to three times per week; exact schedule set by head coach
<b>Practice Location</b>	Announced by head coach at the start of the season
<b>Game Schedule</b>	Published on the SVHE calendar at svhe.com

## Tournament Eligibility — NDIICHA

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The SVHE Eagles Basketball program competes in the NDIICHA Basketball Tournament. The NDIICHA has specific eligibility rules that differ from SVHE regular season rules. The Basketball AD confirms tournament eligibility for every player before submitting the tournament roster.

### Homeschool Eligibility (all players)

- Players claiming homeschool status must meet the 51% definition: at least 51% of their coursework is taught by a parent/guardian at home, at a homeschool co-op, or through a private K–12 correspondence/virtual/distance learning program
- Publicly funded virtual school courses, college courses, and vocational/technical school courses do not count toward the 51% threshold
- The parent is responsible for attesting to this at registration

### Private School Participants

- A private school student may participate in the NDIICHA tournament only if their school does not field a basketball team
- A student who is actively on their private school's basketball team is ineligible for the NDIICHA tournament entirely

- Private school students may not make up more than 40% of the NDIICHA tournament roster; the Basketball AD monitors this cap as the roster is built
- Families of private school participants should confirm their tournament eligibility with the Basketball AD before the season begins — not mid-season

### Other Tournament Rules

- Teams are limited to 25 completed games prior to the NDIICHA tournament
- Practices are limited to an average of two or less per week beginning November 1, with a cap of 36 practices per season
- Age limits: junior high players may not turn 15 before August 1 of the season; high school players may not turn 19 before August 1 of the season
- A student who has completed high school coursework or participated in a graduation ceremony is ineligible for the tournament

Full NDIICHA rules are available at [nd2cha.com](http://nd2cha.com). The Basketball AD is responsible for ensuring all roster submissions comply with current NDIICHA bylaws.

### Contact Information

<b>Basketball Athletic Director</b>	<a href="mailto:ad.basketball@svhe.com">ad.basketball@svhe.com</a>
<b>Program Website</b>	<a href="http://svhe.com/basketball">svhe.com/basketball</a>
<b>General SVHE Contact</b>	<a href="http://svhe.com/contact-us">svhe.com/contact-us</a>

### Supplement Acknowledgment

By signing below, I confirm that I have read this Basketball Sport Supplement and understand the sport-specific expectations, gear requirements, fees, and logistics for the Basketball program. I understand this supplement works alongside the Master Athlete and Family Handbook, which I have also read and signed.

**Athlete Name (print):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Athlete Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent / Guardian Name (print):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent / Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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*“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.” — Luke 2:52*