

Motor City Evolution

2031 Travel Basketball



Thank you for your interest in MCE Travel Basketball for 5th graders (Class of 2031). The following information should be helpful in deciding to try out. Please forward any questions to Coach Geo Thomas at geothomas4444@gmail.com or **248-506-8376**

SEASON INFORMATION:

- **Practices:** Will start in mid-October. Practice days will be Tuesday and Wednesday. Additional practice days could be Thursdays and Saturdays. Most practices will be at Franklin Athletic Club in Southfield. Traditionally 1-2 practices per week. Optional practices are also scheduled
- **Games:** Season will start in early November as the team will play in the Big Cat League with two games every Sunday in Novi. League ends with a double-elimination Tournament. Bulk of the season will be played January through March, ending with the Spartan Classic in Mt. Pleasant. Goal is to play 6-7 Tournaments in these three months. Here are three tournaments we are committing to:
 - Jan 6-7: Drive to the Hoop Classic (Grand Rapids)
 - Feb 24-25: Ball with the Best (Clarkston)
 - March 9-10: Spartan Classic (Mt. Pleasant)
- **Spring** (Apr-May): If there is interest, we will consider a spring season. We will visit this in February.

COACHING INFORMATION:

- Coach Geo Thomas will be the head coach. Coach Krysten and Coach Jill will assist as needed. Coach Geo has coached in over 2400 games since 1987 (Varsity, AAU and CYO). He coached boys through 2017 and has been coaching girls for the past eight years. The class of 2023 had eight of eleven girls playing varsity as a freshman and five are now playing college basketball. His next team, the class of 2027 was ranked 4th in the state as 7th graders.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

- A \$200 non-refundable deposit is required at the first parent meeting
- Estimated cost for 30 practices and 35-40 games will be \$700-\$800 per girl (based on a team of 10)
- Full payment will be due by December 31.
- Uniform bundle (Game jersey, shorts and practice jersey) is usually \$90-\$100. Girls keep their jerseys and get to pick their name/number. If returning for 6th grade year, no uniform purchase will be necessary.
- Travel costs and any spiritwear ordered are responsibility of parents
- There is no refund of team fees.

ROSTER INFORMATION:

- We will carry between 8-10 girls on the active roster.
- We could potentially ask 2-3 girls to be practice players. These players will pay a pro-rated fee.

COMMITMENT LEVEL:

- Although we are big advocates of playing multiple sports, we do ask parents to be sure their daughter can commit to at least 90% of the schedule from Jan-March.
- Parents must also keep either the scoreboard or the scorebook at all games
- We also ask for a parent(s) to be the "Travelling Secretary" to assist with booking hotel stays, Team Snap communication and additional team activities off the court

TRYOUT INFORMATION:

- Tryouts will be held at the Franklin Athletic Club in Southfield
Saturday, Sept 30: 5-6:30pm
Sunday, Oct 1: 5-6:30pm
Tuesday, Oct 3: 6-7:30pm
- \$10 per day or \$20 for all three days
- Players do not have to attend all three days
- Players should bring a ball and wear a black or white shirt

ROSTER NOTIFICATION:

- Players will be notified of their roster status no later than Thursday, October 5
- Mandatory parent meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sunday evening, October 8
- Practices will start the week of October 9
- "Midnight Madness" Practice will be at Franklin the evening of October 14. This is where all of our teams get together to celebrate the 2023-24 season.

ADDITIONAL INFO:

- Annual Holiday party at Franklin in December
- Players get discounts on MCE Camps, Clinics and Leagues held at Franklin
- Players receive \$225 off of the Leadership Training Fee which is a program to train interested girls in officiating, coaching and instructing. This leads to paid positions within MCE. This starts the summer before their 8th grade year.
- We also do fundraising skill-clinics where our players will act as coaches for younger girls (in grades 2-3). Usually held in December, this has generated between \$50-\$70 per player. Last year, this went to team shooting shirts.



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