

**AITKIN  
BOYS  
BASKETBALL  
2020-21  
HANDBOOK**

## INTRODUCTION

The development of a young man and basketball player is a team effort. It's our desire to share in this journey, and develop a great TEAM. To be successful the Aitkin Gobbler basketball team will rely on the positive support of faculty, administrators, fellow students, and family.

The purpose of this guide is to acquaint parents and players with our basic philosophies. In addition to practice and game expectations, responsibilities toward academics, MSHSL training rules, and personal conduct will be mentioned.

We are extremely fortunate to have the chance to work with your sons, and something we take very serious. We are here to serve your son, and help him become the best player/person he can be.

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*“In order to have what we really want,  
we must first be who we really are.”*

## TEAM RULES

*“RULES BEFORE RELATIONSHIPS*

*RESULT IN REBELLION.”*

1. Rules in reference to eligibility, substance abuse, code of conduct are governed under the MSHSL Bylaws 100.00 and 200.00.
2. Our players are expected to not engage in any activity that would reflect poorly on our basketball program, school, and community. Examples of such are, but not limited to: Hazing/bullying, illegal chemical use, fighting, abusive language, improper use of social media, theft, etc. These offenses will be handled by the Coaches and Athletic Director. Parents will be notified as soon as possible.
3. Players who are sick/injured are to call or text one of the coaches assigned to their team prior to the start of practice.
4. Aitkin basketball will cut down to a maximum of 18 players on the Varsity squad. All players 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade will be considered eligible to make up the Varsity roster. Players not on the Varsity roster will play at the their grade level or higher. All varsity players who end the season in good standing will qualify for earning a letter.
5. Academics take priority over BASKETBALL. This includes classroom conduct, and conduct at all school events. Academic progress is monitored by teachers and coaches.
6. Practice and game equipment is the property of the school. Players are responsible for any lost items. If a piece of equipment is lost or stolen report the item to one of the coaches.
7. Social Media...players are to refrain from using social media that would reflect poorly on our program, players, coaches, and parents.

*“what you do in the shadows*

*shows up in the light.”*

NO ONE IS BIGGER

THAN THE TEAM....

## **PRACTICE/GAME SCHEDULE**

1. Practice and game schedules are followed as closely as possible, but are subject to change due to weather, facility use, or other conflicts that may arise. You will be notified by text, school announcement, or email.
2. Junior High, C Squad, Junior Varsity, and Varsity practices are held at the High School.
3. If you have questions about practice/game schedule, contact coach Stanfield by call or text.

## **GAME CONDUCT**

1. During competition an athlete will always address the officials, the other team, their teammates, and their coaches with respect.  
After the game, it is OUR responsibility to clean the bench area of water cups, papers, towels, shooting shirts etc...
2. We will stand at attention looking at the flag with our right hands over our hearts during the playing of the National Anthem. Absolutely no talking, bouncing, or looking around. If this is uncomfortable for parents or players please discuss it with the coaching staff.

**TIME INVESTED=TRUST EARNED**

## **PLAYING TIME**

1. High School basketball is highly competitive, and no player is guaranteed playing time.
2. Playing time is at the sole discretion of the coaches.

## **WINNING PHILOSOPHY**

1. Whenever we step on the gym floor, we play to win, whether we are in practice or a game.
2. We will make every effort to give playing time to players. However, the top 8-10 players will receive the vast amount of playing time.
3. We will remain humble at all times and will conduct ourselves in a way that reflects positively on or school, community, and team.

## **ATTIRE**

1. Attire for school on the day of the game will be decided by captains and coaches the night prior.