

Sunday, February 28, 2010

Welcome to the Grade 8 Girls and Boys BCs. 31 teams, 63 games in just a little over 2.5 days. We want everything to go well for you and your fans during the games.

Here are some details for the first day:

1) **Get to your game early.** 1 hour before the first game would be great. You do not have to be that early for successive games.

2) **Report to the Gate.** You must collect your package which will contain 1 program, any late news, and your wrist bands.

3) **Wrist band policy:**

1) Wrist bands must be immediately put on your players and coaches. We will not give them to you to put on later or after your game. They must be put on at the gate. Scissors will be available to cut the ends.

2) We emphasize - No referee can tell you to take them off. We will talk with such a referee if you find one.

3) We also emphasize that the wrist bands must be worn for the 3 days of the tournament. We have seen teams take them off after Day 1 when they went home. You must advise them that they must keep them on. (I guess if you are playing in the final, you can remove it at the final game, once you are in the gym.

4) Bring any broken bands to the gate to be replaced.

4) **Dressing rooms:**

**At Pitt:** The Home Dressing Room is the boys dressing room and the Visitor Dressing Room is the girls dressing room. These are at the entrance to the gym. We will keep this the rule for boys and girls games.

**At the Pitt Meadows Civic Center (Community Center Court 1 and Community Center Court 2).** Girls teams will use the girls changing room only and the boys will use the boys dressing

room only to change. For your team meeting, you must find a corner in the hallways or gym. (We cannot do better than this.)

**Supervision of the dressing room** is 100% the coach's responsibility. 3 years ago we had \$800 in damage to the lockers in the girls dressing room. There are keys in the lockers and damage usually amounts to players bending them. We have to pay for this kind of damage. Stay with your team if they are showing that they are really upset after a loss.

5) **Player of the Game Awards.**

One award after each game will be made by the game director. There is no PA at the community center so the Game Director will just go to the player and present it. At the high school, it will be announced over the PA.

**LAST GAME AND LAST DAY -**

1) **After the last game**, we will ask the teams to line-up and the following awards will be handed out: Player of the Game and Placing Plaques for each team. At Thomas Haney for the girls, all 3 teams in the Round Robin must be present at 1pm for the presentation of the plaques.

2) **Allstars**, Sportsmanship Award, Runner up Plaque and Medallions, Championship Medallions and Trophy, Player of the Game Award will be presented. We would appreciate having the maximum number of teams there for the presentations.

3) **After the Girls game** and Awards, we will want to get the Boys Game going as soon as possible, especially this year when we expect that our crowd will need to get to Thomas Haney for the Boys AAA Championships.

Thanks and have a good week preparing for the tourney.