

## Garden State Sharp Shooter & Warrior AAU FAQ

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We are a 20+ year old, all year round, values and ethics based AAU Basketball Club that focuses on comprehensive exposure to the requirements of the this great game. This includes a fundamentals based, building block player skills development plan. High performance skill drilling and position specific clinics. Team work and hard work is our recipe for success.

**Can my son/daughter play AAU basketball when he/she plays another sport:** Your child CAN play AAU basketball even if he/she is committed to play another sport. Over 90% of our players play 2 sports. Conflicts with practices and games can and do occur. The number of conflicts vary, based upon the sport and player but many players enjoy a more than satisfactory balance of activity in both sports.

**Tryouts / When are teams formed:** Tryouts are held in March for Spring Session and September for Fall Session. Teams are formed immediately after tryouts. If two tryouts are required, then by the completion of the second tryout, we will have a strong indication of the players being rostered. Players can be added during the season to complete rosters /replace injured or departed ones

### **College Exposure Showcases:**

**Our elite high school aged teams attend a variety of College Exposure Showcases which allows many of our players to continue playing at the collegiate level. We have graduated 15 players who have moved on to play basketball in Division 2 & 3 colleges ranging from West Virginia to Maine.**

**How many players per roster:** We carry 10-12 players per team.

**Game Schedule:** We play, depending on the season, a combined tournament and league schedule. Our tournaments are within a 30-45 minute radius of our home base. Our game schedule will be as competitive as possible. Tournaments and Leagues are chosen based upon their past history of running competitive and well organized events.

**Season Time Commitment:** The ELITE Team season runs from March through end July. The SELECT Team spring season runs 14 weeks from March- mid June. Summer is 7 weeks from mid June –end July. Fall is 13 weeks from September – mid November. Winter is 12 weeks from end November – end February.

**Practices:** We practice twice a week in Florham Park, Morristown, Morris Plains and other local schools. Practices are 90 minutes and on a regular night whenever possible. We mainly practice out of the Morristown Beard School in Morristown, NJ.

**Play Time:** There is no guaranteed play time plan. We can guarantee that every player will have an equal opportunity to earn satisfactory game minutes. Players earn their game minutes in practice through the combination of good attendance, attitude and attention combined with athleticism and ability. Player availability, injury and illness may impact playing time.

**Coaching & Clinician Staff:** Our staff is a combination of well seasoned college, high school and aau coaches, ex pro & semi pro, college and high school players plus some young energetic up and coming coaches currently playing in college. They are well credentialed basketball players / instructors with impressive career achievements. Coaches Clinics also held for all club coaches to synchronize strategy, structure, offense, defense, drills and more.

**Team Ages:** We have teams in every grade 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> so your child has the opportunity to grow within the club.

**Player Fee:** Fees vary by team type ( Elite vs select ) and by season since some seasons are longer than others. Contact us for the fee applicable for the season you are interested in. The season fee covers all tournaments, practices, coaching and clinician fees, uniforms, tshirts, practice and game equipment and supplemental insurance.