

# Chaminade Freshman Basketball

## *Summer Information FAQ*

Welcome to Chaminade! We are excited that your son is trying out for the summer basketball program at Chaminade High School.

There are a couple key things that all freshman parents need to understand about Chaminade Freshman Summer Basketball. Please read, below and if you have any further questions I can be reached through email at [twolfson@chaminade.org](mailto:twolfson@chaminade.org)

I have compiled a list of Frequently Asked Questions to help your family understand how the process works.

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**Q:** *Does everyone make the team?*

**A:** Unfortunately we would like to keep all interested players that try out for the summer team, but we cannot. There will be cuts throughout the first couple weeks to try and get a manageable number of players to create a summer freshman basketball team. Your son may be informed any day that he is no longer needed within the first two weeks, please have him come back in November when the official season tryouts begin. Our goal is to have an official summer team by June 12<sup>th</sup> when we start playing games.

**Q:** *Why is there such a long period to tryout and make decisions?*

**A:** We have to be fair to everyone. CIF (high school rules governing body) does not allow any incoming freshman to attend a high school event until they have officially graduated from their middle school. Not all middle schools graduate on the same days, so in order to be fair to everyone; we have to have somewhat of a longer tryout to attend to all freshmen interested in playing for the summer team. When your son officially makes the team, he will be given a small packet of information regarding summer.

**Q:** *If my son gets cut from the team over summer, can he make the team in the winter?*

**A:** Of course. We will have a different tryout for incoming freshman around November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please have your son listen to announcements, and read the daily bulletin for more information. Your son can always email me when the day gets closer in November. Every year we have players who make the summer team and do not make the winter team and vice versa.

**Q:** *What if my son wants to try out for the JV or the Varsity team? Should he attend those tryouts and practices?*

**A:** Coaches will constantly be evaluating all levels of the basketball program trying to find the correct fit for your son. If we feel at any time that he would be better on a different level, we would move him up. At any point in time your son can get moved up and/or down based on performance and team needs.

**Q:** *My son got cut! What should he do if he wants to make the team in the winter time between now and then?*

**A:** Like anything practice makes perfect! A couple good options to hone his skills by next season are

- a) Practice! Put more hours in each day to improve skills and ability
- b) Attend Chaminade Summer Camp to work on skills and ability
- c) Join a club team or a park/rec team.
- d) Hire a basketball trainer to fine tune certain skills
- e) Ask the Chaminade coaches what they think he needs to improve on by the winter time

**Q:** *Can parents watch tryouts and practices throughout the summer?*

**A:** Unfortunately we DO NOT allow any parents to watch practice or attend tryouts. This is a no questions asked policy and goes for all players at all levels.

**Q:** *Is this summer basketball different from the summer camps that are seen on the Chaminade Website?*

**A:** Yes. This is the Chaminade Summer team that is chosen by the coaches. The Chaminade Summer Camps is not mandatory but is encouraged by coaches if they want to work on additional skills and spend more time in the gym working on and improving their craft. More information on summer camps can be found here: <http://www.chaminade.org/centerforexcellence/sportscamps>

**Q:** *Is that really practices schedules at 6:00am – 8:00am? That is in the morning?*

**A:** Yes! At Chaminade, academics are most important and want to make sure that all students have the opportunity to attend summer school and not miss any basketball practices that would jeopardize their status with the team. Summer school starts at 8:00am and practices will not be scheduled during summer school so all players can attend. If your son makes the team and has to attend summer school, we will let him out of practice at 7:45am on those days so he can make it to class.