

YES! Basketball

Spring AAU Newsletter

April 9, 2019



Coaches Corner

Coach Elgin



Coach Elgin is excited to have joined YES! Central this year. He coaches the Varsity Girls Team and YES! Central 9th Grade Boys team. He is off to a strong start to the season with his boys' team making it into two different championship rounds and his girls competing at two semi-final tournaments.

Elgin goals for the season are to help his kids improve their skills, provide an opportunity to learn basketball at a higher level and afford his players the chance to play different positions.

Zero Gravity New England Championships

March 22 - 24, 2019 - Maine

The 2019 AAU Spring Season is off and running! Several **YES!** Teams participated in the **Zero Gravity New England Championships** held at various locations in Maine March 22th through 24th. All teams played hard! Several teams made it into the championship game including **YES! Central** Elgin's varsity girls', **YES!** 8th Grade Davis girls, **YES!** 9th Davis Girls, **YES!** Abdi 8th Grade Boys, **YES! Central** Elgin's 9th Grade Boys, **YES! Central** Coachman 10th Grade Boys, **YES!** Carey 9th Grade Boys and **YES!** Silva 9th Grade Boys.



YES! Central 9th Grade Boys (Elgin)



YES! Central's 9th Grade Boys (Coach Elgin) went head to head in the final championship game against YES! 9th Grade Boys (Coach Carey).



YES! 9th Grade Boys - Carey

Congratulations to YES! 9th Grade Boys (Coach Carey) on their championship victory!

YES! 9th Grade Boys coached by Silva and YES! 9th Grade Girls coached by Davis also swept their competition!



YES! 9th Grade Boys - Coach Silva



YES! 9th Grade Girls - Coach Davis



Zero Gravity Northern Showdown

Mar 30 - 31, 2019 - MA • NH

Over the March 30th - 31st weekend, several **YES!** Teams attended the Zero Gravity Northern Showdown. **YES!** Teams played strong across the board coming home with the 8th Grade Elite Girls- Coach Davis and 9th Grade Elite Girls - Coach Davis sweeping the championship in their respective brackets.



8th Grade Elite Girls - Coach Davis



9th Grade Elite - Coach Davis



Tournament Highlights - YES! 9th Grade Elite Girls - Coach Davis

Congratulations to **YES!** 7th Grade Boys - Coach Carey and **YES!** 9th Grade Girls - Coach Kodi for making it into the final championship round. And last but not least, congratulations to **YES!** 6th Grade Elite Girls - Coach Davis, **YES!** 8th Grade Elite Boys - Coach Abdi, **YES!** 9th Grade Elite Boys- Coach Carey, **YES!** Varsity Elite Boys - Coach Phillips for their hard work during the tournament. All of the **YES!** Teams performed well and payed hard and most importantly had fun!



Several **YES!** Girls teams participated in the Mass Huskies Spring Kickoff over the April 6th - 7th weekend. **YES!** 6th Grade Elite Girls - Davis, 8th Grade Elite - Davis and 9th Grade Elite Davis teams all had an outstanding weekend knocking down their opponents and earning sweet championship status.



6th Grade Elite Girls - Coach Davis



9th Grade Elite Girls - Coach Davis



8th Grade Elite Girls - Coach Davis



Maine Hoops State Championships

YES! Congratulates YES! Central 9th Grade Boys - Coach Elgin and YES! 9th Grade Boys - Coach Carey on their performance at Maine Hoops State Championship games April 6th - 7th. YES! Central 9th Grade Boys - Coach Elgin came home with Championship status (division III) performing strong against their opponents while YES! 9th Grade Boys - Coach Carey made it into the final round earning runner-up status (division II).



YES! Central 9th Grade Boys - Coach Elgin



YES! 9th Grade Boys - Coach Carey



Please be aware that sometimes there are circumstances beyond YES!'s control. YES! Sends out the schedule as soon as it is received which is typically late Wednesday evening. Sometimes there are last minute changes in gym schedules. YES! Makes every effort to notify all players and parents of any last minute changes as quickly as possible.

Please be sure to check TeamSnap prior to any game or practice as we try to update TeamSnap once the issue arises.



Fun Fact

College Basketball Once Banned the Dunk!

From 1967 to 1976 the NCAA banned the dunk because Lew Alcindor, who is now known as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar couldn't be stopped from dunking! The NCAA felt they had to try and limit his dominance on the court so they banned the dunk.

YES! Spotlight Player



Emily D.

Emily is a 7th grader with YES! Her team is continuing to develop and focusing on the fundamental details that make the difference in basketball. Emily takes this focus to heart both during practices and games. Through her leadership skills and positive attitude she performed well and led her team in scoring and demonstrated strong defensive skills during the Mass Huskies Spring Kick Off. Emily demonstrates a good IQ of the game and makes good decisions on the floor under pressure. She consistently demonstrates strong leadership skills and a positive attitude which is crucial for players to

develop.

Congratulations Emily! YES!

YES! Spotlight Player

Jacob G and Cooper M



Jacob and Cooper both play for the YES! Central 4th/5th Grade Boys under Coach Noiles. Both Jacob and Cooper demonstrated strong performance skills over the weekend and brought home shared MVP status after a big 39-31 victory this past weekend at the Greely High School. Jacob and Cooper both played exceptionally well during this tough and exciting game.

Congratulations Jacob and Cooper!! YES!

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