

Memorandum

To: All GCISD Girl's Basketball Coaches
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From: Dianna Sager
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Topic: US Elite Foundation / US Elite Basketball Club
Colleyville Academy

I am writing to inform you of an exciting new initiative that we are introducing in 2010 that has the potential to reshape girl's basketball in the GCISD. The US Elite Foundation, in cooperation with the US Elite basketball club has agreed to establish an Academy program that will assist the existing middle school basketball programs in developing player talent for the girl's high school basketball programs in the GCISD.

The US Elite basketball club was established in 2008 as a select youth basketball club focused on girls in middle and high school in Dallas and Fort Worth. In its first full year of operation the club had seven teams in age ranges from under 12 to high school juniors, all of whom participated in AAU National Championships or a major national tournament within the United States. In 2009 the US Elite Select basketball program accomplishments included the following.

2015	AAU Nationals 12U Division, 10 th ; Primetime Nationals, 3 rd
2013	Nike Boo Williams, 1 st ; Nike Summer Showcase, 3 rd ; Nike Battle of the Bayou, 1 st
2010	Cy-Fair Classic 17U Division, 1 st ; Cy-Fair Classic Open Division, 1 st ; Nike Summer Showcase, 1 st ; Nike Battle of the Bayou, 3 rd
2010 Scholarship Offers	University of Texas, Texas A&M, University of North Texas, Texas Christian University, Southern Methodist University, University of Texas at Arlington, Arizona State University, Butler University, Southern Mississippi University, University of Tulsa, Loyola University New Orleans, University of Arkansas, Stephen F. Austin University, Wichita State University, Kansas State University, Memphis University, Louisiana State University and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock

For years we have witnessed the benefits of linking middle school sports programs with high school programs in the Dallas area. We only need to look to the success of the Southlake Carroll boy's football program or the Rockwall girl's basketball program for evidence that coordinated training works. The US Elite basketball club and the CHHS girl's basketball program have agreed to collaborate on the development of the Academy program, including a basic playbook, establishing training goals, player

skill development and the organization of a workout and tournament schedule for girls interested in playing summer basketball. The program will span over a period of four months starting in early April and run through the end of July for girls in grades 6, 7 and 8.

I am very excited about the opportunities that this type of program will bring to girls basketball in the GCISD. I would ask that you speak to the athletes and students in your middle school basketball program and inform them and their parents about what we are trying to bring to the GCISD. For those girls interested in playing basketball in high school the training and experience gained from this program will be invaluable. For the girls who simply want to be better players at the middle school level the skills training and developmental league will provide a wonderful environment to learn the game. I would ask that you direct your players and their parents to www.uselitehoops.com for more information on the Colleyville academy program, the US Elite Foundation and the US Elite basketball club. A parent information meeting will be held on Monday, April 5th at 6:00pm in the main gym at CHHS. Please do not hesitate to call me at (817) 305-4729 if you have questions or require additional information.

US Elite Foundation, Inc.

Overview

The US Elite basketball club was established in 2008 as a select youth basketball club focused on girls in middle and high school in Dallas and Fort Worth. In its first full year of operation the club had teams in age ranges from under 12 to high school juniors, all of whom participated in AAU National Championships or a major national tournament within the United States. The select teams travel during the spring and summer to local, regional and national competitions appropriate to their age group, with the older teams focused on regional and national events which provide exposure to college recruiters.

US Elite will be introducing an Academy program in 2010 that will focus on developing player talent for a limited number of high school basketball programs in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. An outline of the proposal for the Colleyville Academy at CHHS is detailed below.

Colleyville Academy

The US Elite Foundation, in cooperation with the US Elite basketball club has agreed to establish an academy program in Colleyville to assist the existing middle school basketball programs in developing player talent for the high school girls' basketball teams. The program will span over a period of four months starting in early April and run through the end of July. We hope to draw 20% to 25% of the ±360 girls playing basketball in grades 6, 7 and 8 in the GCISD. Our plan is to have 2 instructors for each grade, as well as a head coach at the facility during these sessions. If the numbers increase we will add additional instructors at a ratio of 1 instructor for every 15 participants. US Elite will provide training shorts, a reversible jersey and US Elite Academy T-shirt for every participant in the program.

The first stage of the program would run from early April and comprise of two weekly practices (Wednesday/Saturday) for 4 weeks. The clinics would focus on developing ball handling, passing and shooting skills and promote general physical fitness.

The second stage of the program would start in early May and comprise of three weekly practices (Monday/Wednesday/Saturday) for 6 weeks with games on every second weekend. This stage would focus on offensive and defensive game strategy and the introduction of a basic playbook. It is our intention to establish a sister program in 2010 that would provide the ability to run a competitive league at each grade level. The final weekend of league play will be organized as a round-robin tournament with team and player awards.

The third stage of the program would run from the middle of June through the end of July and would focus on the girls in the program who are interested in playing summer basketball and comprise of three weekly practices (Monday/Wednesday/Saturday) for 6 weeks with tournaments on every second weekend. We expect that the girls would participate in local SistaHoops and PrimeTime tournaments appropriate to their skill level and experience.