

Small Fry Basketball 2009

Dear Teams,

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Fall is here and it is time to start getting ready for the new Small Fry season. Along with the rest of the Small Fry Executive Board, I would like to thank each and every team for making the trip to Florida for the 2009 tournaments.

The board held a meeting on September 6 in Chicago Heights with all regions present. There will be some changes to the tournament in Florida and some by-law changes. IF you have any questions on these changes please feel free to contact your area rep. Please read all the information carefully. There are some price changes for the upcoming season. If anyone knows of anyone interested in starting a team, please forward all the information to me. There are going to be more teams than spots this year, so get all of your fees paid as soon as possible. All fees must be paid by money order or cashiers check.

The board voted not to take any late fees this year. If your fees are not paid by Dec. 15 you will have to wait until the next year. All fees must be paid by **December 15, 2008**. **Remember all forms are available on this web site and nothing will be mailed. Please fill out franchise forms completely, as I will not accept any checks without the form filled out and signed.**

Girls Small Fry Basketball- We will be offering a girls tournament again this year at Disney's Wide World of Sports at the same time as the boys tournament. The only change in the girls program will be the height. The girls height will be 5-foot 3-inches and under. All other Small Fry rules will apply. Please call today for information on getting a team in this year's tournament.

Franchise Fees – All Franchise fees will be \$450 per team, \$100 for rookie teams. The insurance fee will be \$150 per team. All teams must be covered under the Small Fry insurance policy, **no exceptions**. These fees must be paid by **December 15, 2008**.

Tournament Fee – Any team that wishes to qualify to play in the tournaments in Florida must pay the tournament fee of **\$520** per team along with the franchise fee & insurance by **December 15, 2008**.

Airline & Rental Cars – Please begin to make flight and car or van reservations now. The longer you wait the harder and more expensive it will become.

Disney 2009 – We will be staying at the Disney All-Star Sport Resort again this year. The cost of the hotel will be \$98 per room per night. All teams will be allowed only 6 rooms per team this season under the tax-free number. If you need more rooms you will have to call the number code at a later date for rooms. This will guarantee all team will be at the same hotel. If you plan on saving the tax this year, all rooms must be paid in advance through Small Fry.

Park Tickets – All ticket prices will be available after January 1 in your tournament packets or feel free to call me. All teams must purchase 12 – 2-day park passes. We will

also have available 3-, 4- & 5-day hopper tickets along with water park and Disney Qwest tickets. ***All parents and friends will be able to purchase tickets through their teams at the same value prices.**

Parents – All parents will be able to reserve rooms at the All-Star Sport Resort. More information will be able after January 1. The room rate will be \$98 per night plus tax at a first-come, first-serve basis. Please take advantage of the discounted park tickets through your team. You will not be able to purchase tickets at these prices when you get to Florida. Please do not try to call the hotel until the hotel gives me the code that you will need to get the \$98 rate.

Measuring Dates 2009 – Puerto Rico – January 28, 2009

Midwest, Chicago & East Coast – February 7, 2009

There will only be **1 day** for measuring, so please make sure your players and parents know the date, if your players are not there they will not be playing in this year's tournament. Please make sure all documents (20-man roster, School forms and copy of Birth certificate) are filled out correctly and given to your area director at the designated time prior to your measuring date. There will be no excuses, or additions at measuring.

Checklist for December 15th, 2008 Deadline.

Franchise Fee \$450 **Tournament Fee \$520**

Insurance Fee \$150 **Rookie Fee \$100**

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