Red Storm Basketball Club

2027 CLUB HANDBOOK

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WELCOME TO RED STORM

Welcome to Red Storm Basketball, where the game is just the beginning.

This handbook serves as your guide to understanding the values, mission, and structure of our youth basketball tournament program. Red Storm isn't just about winning games — it's about shaping players into leaders, both on and off the court.

We believe basketball is a powerful tool for personal growth. Through competitive tournaments, skills development, and community engagement, Red Storm Basketball empowers young athletes to reach their full potential. Our program is built on discipline, teamwork, accountability, and respect — qualities that extend far beyond the final buzzer.

Whether you're a player, coach, parent, or supporter, your role in this journey matters. Together, we are building more than strong athletes. We are building future leaders who are confident, resilient, and ready to make a positive impact in their communities.

Thank you for being part of the Red Storm family.

MISSION STATEMENT

Red Storm Basketball is a Louisiana basketball club focused on impacting the lives of young athletes through the game of basketball. Based at Team Sportsplex in Baton Rouge, our program uses competitive basketball, intentional player development, and team-based principles to develop athletes and future leaders.

PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

Red Storm is a competitive developmental basketball program. Our goal is to create an environment in which players are challenged to improve individually, learn how to contribute to a team, compete against strong competition, and develop habits that extend beyond basketball.

- Development comes first. Practices are designed to improve skill, decision-making, basketball understanding, and team execution.
- Competition matters. Players are expected to compete with effort, toughness, discipline, and respect.
- Team comes before individual. Roles and minutes may vary, but every player is expected to contribute positively to the group.
- Accountability is shared by players, coaches, parents, and program leadership.
- Growth is measured by player and team progress as well as competitive results.

TRYOUTS, SELECTION & ROSTER ACCEPTANCE

All team placements are determined by Red Storm Directors and Coaching Staff based on evaluations conducted during tryouts. Final placement is based on skill level, positional needs, competitive readiness, roster construction, and overall team fit. Roster and team-placement decisions are made by Red Storm program leadership and are final. Players offered a roster spot will receive an official invitation and have 24 hours to accept or decline. Acceptance is completed through Red Storm registration, and the required program payment is due at acceptance to secure the roster spot.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Red Storm is dedicated to the ongoing development of our athletes throughout the club season. Each practice is intentionally structured into three core components: **individual skill development, team offense, and team defense**.

Coaches are required to follow a written practice plan that outlines objectives for each session. While team strategies may vary based on personnel, every practice emphasizes skill progression and team concepts to ensure athletes grow both technically and tactically. Our goal is to advance each player's individual abilities while deepening their overall understanding of the game.

COACHING STAFF

Red Storm Basketball is led by coaches with playing and/or coaching experience at the high school or college level. Several staff members also came through the Red Storm program as players.

PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

Chase Stanley	Executive Director, Team Sportsplex / Red Storm Program Director
Landon Dugas	Director of Basketball, Team Sportsplex

2027 COACHING STAFF

COACH	CURRENT POSITION / BACKGROUND
Eddie Haywood	Parkview Baptist
Trevor Russell	Red Storm Alumni
Trey Pinegar	Catholic High School
Matthew Del Rio	Catholic High School
Max Johnston	Our Lady of Mercy
Nicholas Popov	Red Storm Alumni
Taylor Murphy	Catholic High School
Will Papania	LSU Men's Basketball Graduate Assistant / Red Storm Alumni
Ryan Trauernicht	St. Charles Catholic High School
Chris Beckman	Albany High School — 800+ career high school wins
Jude Hard	Red Storm Coaching Staff

Specific team assignments are finalized by Red Storm program leadership.

COACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

All Red Storm coaches are expected to uphold a high standard of professionalism and preparation. Responsibilities include:

- Creating a structured practice plan for each session that addresses skill development, team offense, and team defense.
- Arriving at least **15 minutes early** for practices
- Arriving **45 minutes early** for games and providing **two warm-up basketballs**
- Keeping the **Team Manager app** updated with tournament game times and schedule changes

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Each Red Storm team will participate in nine club-scheduled tournaments. Red Storm Basketball determines the tournament schedule and event participation for each team. The mix of local and travel events varies by age group, competitive level, event availability, and what program leadership determines is best for the team's development. Not all teams will attend the same tournaments or travel to the same locations.

Tournament schedules are controlled by individual event directors and are typically released during tournament week. Once received, game times and schedule changes will be communicated through Team Manager.

TYPICAL TOURNAMENT BREAKDOWN

Grades 4th–7th

Total Tournaments: 9

- 7–8 Local Tournaments (minimum of 3 games each)
- 1–2 Out-of-State Tournaments (minimum of 3 games each)

Note: Not all teams in this age group will travel out of state. Some teams may attend more than two travel tournaments based on skill level and availability.

Grades 8th–11th

Total Tournaments: 9

- 4–5 Local Tournaments (minimum of 3 games each)
- 4–5 Out-of-State Tournaments (minimum of 3 games each)

Travel requirements increase at the upper levels to ensure athletes are exposed to higher competition and recruiting opportunities.

2027 PROGRAM FEE — $3,000

The 2027 Red Storm Basketball Program Fee is $3,000 per player across all teams and age groups. The fee covers the Red Storm basketball program expenses listed below. Travel, hotel accommodations, and player/family meals are not included.

Payment is due when a family accepts an offered roster spot and completes registration. A roster spot is not secured until the acceptance process and required payment are completed.

WHAT THE CLUB FEE INCLUDES

- **1.5-hour practices** held twice per week from **March through late May or early June**, depending on the final tournament schedule
- 9 club-scheduled tournament entries. Additional tournaments will not be added to a team schedule at an additional family cost.

- **Team gear and apparel**
- **YBOA registration fees**
- **Coaches' salaries**
- **Coaches' travel and per diem expenses**
- **Administrative and operational costs**
- **Miscellaneous supplies and equipment**
- **Subscription and platform fees**

TRAVEL POLICY

Red Storm Basketball does not cover travel-related expenses, including transportation, hotel accommodations, or meals during tournaments. Families are responsible for coordinating their own travel arrangements. To help minimize costs, many families choose to organize carpools or share accommodations when attending events.

INJURY & REFUND POLICY

In the event a player sustains an injury that **medically prevents participation** in practices or events for the **entire duration of the season**, the player may be eligible for a partial refund based on the date of written notification provided to Red Storm Club Directors:

- **Prior to March 15** – Eligible for a **50% refund**
- **Prior to April 15** – Eligible for a **25% refund**
- **After April 15** – **No refund** will be issued

All refund requests must be accompanied by **official medical documentation** confirming the injury and inability to participate.

Injured players are encouraged to attend practices—provided it does not interfere with their recovery—in order to remain engaged with the team and continue learning through observation.

ATTENDANCE & COMMITMENT

Success at Red Storm Basketball requires full commitment from our athletes. Players who consistently dedicate maximum effort to practices, scrimmages, and games are most likely to have a rewarding and successful season. Travel sports demand significant time and energy, and players are expected to prioritize their team commitments accordingly.

If a player must miss a practice or game, they are required to notify their coach **as early as possible**. Excused absences include reasons related to family, faith, school obligations, or illness. We recognize and support multi-sport athletes and encourage them to grow in all their athletic pursuits. However, players should understand that missing practices or games—especially during tournaments—may impact their overall experience and playing time.

Please note:

- Any player who misses a tournament game is **not guaranteed playing time** in subsequent games during that tournament.
- Playing time is always at the sole discretion of the coaching staff.

Players are not permitted to participate concurrently on another travel basketball team during the Red Storm season. Red Storm supports multi-sport athletes, including athletes participating in school and other sports. Known conflicts should be communicated to the coach as early as possible. Missed practices or games may affect role and playing time, but participation in another sport does not automatically result in removal from Red Storm. Missing Red Storm events to participate with another travel basketball organization may result in removal from the program and forfeiture of fees.

PLAYING TIME

Playing time for each team is determined solely by the team's coach, based on performance, effort, and game strategy. It is neither feasible nor realistic to expect every player on a competitive team to receive equal playing time.

Decisions regarding playing time are made during practices and are influenced by a player's ability to perform effectively in game situations throughout tournaments. Each athlete will have ample opportunity to demonstrate their skills in competitive settings.

While Red Storm is committed to providing a comprehensive basketball experience for all players, playing time in every game cannot be guaranteed. As teams advance from pool play into elimination rounds, it is possible that some players may see limited or no court time.

Athletes can maximize their opportunities by attending all practices, consistently giving maximum effort, and remaining engaged and ready to contribute when called upon during games.

PLAYER CONDUCT AT TOURNAMENT & PRACTICE SITES

Red Storm Basketball is committed to being a leader in the basketball community throughout the South. We strive to lead by example, holding our athletes, parents, and coaches to the highest standards of integrity and sportsmanship.

Conduct unbecoming of an athlete will not be tolerated at any Red Storm event or function. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Failing to demonstrate teamwork and respect
- Engaging in conflicts or altercations with teammates or others
- Using inappropriate language or gestures toward teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, or spectators

While this list is not exhaustive, any behavior deemed detrimental to the team or the organization will be addressed promptly. The Club Director reserves the right to take appropriate action in response to any such incidents to maintain the values and reputation of Red Storm Basketball.

PARENT & SPECTATOR CONDUCT

Parents and spectators are an important part of the Red Storm experience and are expected to represent the program professionally at all practices, games, and tournaments.

- Treat players, coaches, officials, opponents, event staff, and other families with respect.
- Do not confront, threaten, or direct abusive language or gestures toward officials, coaches, players, or spectators.
- Do not coach players from the stands or undermine team instruction during games.
- Questions about playing time, strategy, roles, or game decisions must follow the Grievance Procedure below.
- Red Storm program leadership may restrict attendance or take other disciplinary action when parent or spectator behavior is detrimental to the team or program.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Red Storm Basketball welcomes respectful, constructive communication. Questions or concerns should follow the process below:

1. **24-Hour Rule:** If a concern arises from a tournament game or practice, athletes and parents are asked to wait at least 24 hours after the event before initiating a discussion with the coach. This allows time for reflection and constructive communication.
2. **Scheduled Meetings:** Once a parent requests a meeting with a coach, a mutually convenient time will be arranged before or after a scheduled practice. Meetings will be held in a private office at Team Sportsplex to facilitate open and honest dialogue.
3. **Escalation Process:** If the concern remains unresolved, parents may request a meeting with the Club Director, coach, and athlete. The Club Director's decision following this meeting will be final.

Confronting a coach immediately after a game regarding playing time, strategy, or another game-related concern is not permitted. Violations may result in disciplinary action determined by Red Storm program leadership, including restrictions on parent attendance or consequences affecting continued participation in the program.

COMMUNICATION EXPECTATIONS

Team Manager is the official source for practice information, tournament schedules, game times, and schedule changes. Families are responsible for monitoring Team Manager throughout the season.

Players or parents should notify the team coach as early as possible regarding attendance conflicts. Team-specific basketball questions should begin with the coach. Administrative, registration, payment, or program-level concerns should be directed to Red Storm program leadership.

UNIFORMS & TEAM APPAREL

Red Storm uniforms and designated team apparel are part of the program and should be worn as directed by the coaching staff. Players are responsible for keeping issued items in good condition and bringing all required uniform pieces to tournaments.

Lost, damaged, or replacement uniform and apparel items may be the financial responsibility of the family. Players should not alter official Red Storm uniforms or team apparel without approval from program leadership.

GENERAL CLUB RULES

Red Storm Basketball operates in compliance with program policies, Team Sportsplex facility rules, and applicable event or governing-body rules. All standards will be clearly communicated and enforced. Individual teams may implement additional expectations established by their coaches and approved by Red Storm program leadership.

GENERAL FACILITY RULES

- Only water and sports drinks are permitted on the courts.
- Athletes are not allowed in the Red Storm offices unless supervised by a coach.
- Outside food and coolers are prohibited inside the facility. Coolers are not allowed during tournaments at Team Sportsplex unless otherwise specified.
- Basketballs are to be used exclusively on the courts—not in lobbies, restrooms, or outdoor areas.
- Do not bring valuables to Team Sportsplex. The facility is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- All visitors and athletes must demonstrate respect toward themselves, other patrons, staff, and facility property.
- Parents are welcome to observe practices but are requested to remain in the large concession area.

RED STORM & TEAM SPORTSPLEX RULES

- Red Storm enforces all Team Sportsplex facility rules.
- Coaches and teams are responsible for returning basketballs and racks at the conclusion of each practice and tournament.
- The equipment room must be maintained in an organized manner at all times.
- Teams are required to practice only on their assigned courts.
- Red Storm will provide first aid kits as necessary during practices and competitions.
- Additional rules may be implemented as needed throughout the season.

HANDBOOK ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By accepting a Red Storm roster spot and completing registration, the player and parent/guardian acknowledge that they have received, reviewed, and agree to follow the standards and policies contained in the 2027 Red Storm Basketball Club Handbook, including attendance expectations, playing-time policy, financial obligations, conduct standards, communication procedures, and facility rules.

Participation in Red Storm Basketball is conditioned on continued compliance with these expectations. Red Storm program leadership reserves the right to address circumstances not specifically covered in this handbook when necessary to protect the team, program, athletes, staff, and facility.