

## **Greyhound Basketball Club, Inc.**

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*Play Hard, Have Fun, Respect the Game*

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### **Who We Are:**

Established in 2002, the Greyhound Basketball Club, known as the GBC, is a nonprofit corporation run by parent and community volunteers who love basketball.

### **What We Offer:**

Competitive boys and girls teams at the 3rd grade through 8th grade level with quality coaching to develop student athletes to compete at the high school level.

### **When We Play:**

Teams play October through March, with some teams starting as early as September and continuing through the summer.

### **Where We Play:**

Teams practice in Clayton school district gyms and play in competitive basketball leagues and tournaments throughout the St. Louis region.

### **GBC Mission**

The Greyhound Basketball Club (GBC) prepares Clayton student athletes to compete at the high school level by providing a competitive experience and quality coaches that teach fundamental skills, team play and sportsmanship.

The GBC fulfills its mission by:

- 1) *Being the best organized, operated and respected youth basketball program in the St. Louis region.*
- 2) *Each year delivering a Freshman class of student athletes prepared to compete and contribute to the Clayton High School basketball programs.*
- 3) *Maximizing the number of Clayton youth served and the development of individual players by offering appropriate levels of competitive teams.*
- 4) *Supporting and enhancing a competitive youth sports culture in the Clayton community.*

### **GBC Highlights for 2010-2011:**

- Doubled number (63 to 125) of Clayton student athletes playing competitive basketball with the GBC compared to previous season. Most in the history of the GBC and the most ever for any organized Clayton-based athletic program.
- Offering at least two levels of play within ALL GBC boys teams/grade levels.
- Fielding girls teams, 4<sup>th</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grades, within the GBC for the first time. Fielding a 4<sup>th</sup> grade competitive girls team is unprecedented for Clayton-based girls competitive basketball, earliest grade level in the past, not under GBC, has typically been 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- First Clayton hosted competitive basketball tournament held in Clayton. GBC hosts in partnership with CHS basketball programs and Clayton Parks and Recreation/The Center, November pre-season competitive tournament at the Center of Clayton and CHS. More than 40 teams participate, bringing more than 400 student athletes to the Clayton complex.
- Nine members of the current CHS Varsity Boys basketball team played with the GBC; three of the starting Varsity players are GBC graduates.

### **2009-2010 Season – Teams/Squads**

8<sup>th</sup> grade boys team – 1 squad

7<sup>th</sup> grade boys team – 1 squad

6<sup>th</sup> grade boys team – 2 squads

5<sup>th</sup> grade boys team – 2 squads

4<sup>th</sup> grade boys team – 1 squad

3<sup>rd</sup> grade boys team – 1 squad

**Total = 6 teams/8 squads, 72 players (63 Clayton)**

### **2010-2011 Season – Teams/Squads**

8<sup>th</sup> grade boys team – 2 squads

7<sup>th</sup> grade boys team – 2 squads

6<sup>th</sup> grade boys team – 3 squads

5<sup>th</sup> grade boys team – 2 squads

4<sup>th</sup> grade boys team – 2 squads

3<sup>rd</sup> grade boys team – 2 squads

8<sup>th</sup> grade girls team – 1 squad

7<sup>th</sup> grade girls team – 1 squad

6<sup>th</sup> grade girls team – 2 squads

5<sup>th</sup> grade girls team – 1 squad

4<sup>th</sup> grade girls team – 1 squad

**Total = 11 teams/19 squads, 150 players (125 Clayton)**