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## CY SELECT NEWS

An email newsletter from Des Moines' biggest AAU girls' basketball program.



## mamba mentality | heart and hustle

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During the summer and fall of 2020 the Wolves had a pause in awarding the Heart and Hustle due to Covid-19 and its uncertainty around the basketball world. We felt the best way to kick off 2021 would be to continue our celebration of our athletes and their work ethic. Wolves players have been anxiously waiting for the newest theme of the "Heart and Hustle" award to be released.

It seemed only fitting that 2021 should be all about giving tribute and celebrating the late Kobe Bryant and his "Mamba Mentality!" During this entire year the Wolves players will have an opportunity to earn the "Mamba Mentality" Heart and Hustle award by demonstrating the traits that Kobe Bryant was known for.

In order to be considered for the award the girls will have to demonstrate an intense focus and relentless approach in their preparation and competition on the hardwood. This award is not just about working hard but doing the extra work that is not required.

Who is the first and last to leave the gym? Who is putting in shots outside of practice? Who is attending camps and skills training? Who is relentless about getting better and improving their game? We look forward to celebrating this great basketball legend and the mentality he imprinted on the basketball world!



## high school is back!

We are tremendously excited to have ALL of our high school players back in action on the hardwood this season. During this unprecedented time, we are thankful that our girls are able to play the game they love with their basketball teammates and families.

Our Wolves players are enjoying a great deal of success and it is wonderful to hear about their efforts and abilities in leading and playing vital roles on their school teams.

We look forward to filling the high school gyms in support of our student-athletes and most importantly seeing them show their Wolves Pride all the way to Wells Fargo for the IGHSAU 2021 State Basketball Tournament!







Here at the Wolves, we have a lot to be excited for when it comes to looking to the future of our program and the young players coming up from 2nd and 3rd grade. We deem it of the utmost importance to develop the young players for the future of the Wolves, and we thoroughly enjoy experiencing this journey with them.

We are fortunate to have the group of kids and families that are passionate and dedicated to our program and vision for the future of their young basketball players.

From their transition offense to their suffocating defense, these young ladies and their families trust the Wolves process and are finding success! They are YOUNG, HUNGRY and READY to play ball! They cheer for each other, they support one another, setting the tone for their future play.

Most importantly, they have become a family. It brings us great joy to witness young girls hitting the hardwood and enjoying every minute with a smile and a thumbs up! Indeed, we are BUILDING THE BELIEF within the young up-and-coming players in our program.

## reminders

TO PAY FEES CLICK HERE.

IMPORTANT DATES: MONDAY, JANUARY 18 - NO PRACTICE IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17TH & 24TH
SKILLS WITH DREA
AT KINGDOM HOOPS
6:00-7:00 PM & 7:00-8:00 PM

PRE-REGISTRATION WILL BE RELEASED FOR SPRING/SUMMER SEASON IN FEBRUARY

SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH SPRING/SUMMER TRYOUTS







