

## 2023 High School Boys – NCAA Certified Periods and NON-Shoe Circuit Information

FOH Seattle has been a NON-Shoe Circuit program since 2010. Prior to that we were a Nike Sponsored program, but when Nike created the EYBL in 2010, they chose to go with our friends/competitors Rotary. We have been non-shoe affiliated since then. During this time, we have still seen some of the top high school boys WA state talent come through our program; players have played in D1, D2, NAIA, D3, and Junior College. We were fortunate to have 2 current NBA players play in our program who were NOT on a shoe circuit; **Zach Lavine** and **Corey Kispert**. Along with many who played collegiately whether that is D1, D2, D3, NAIA, or junior college.

## A couple things to note:

- We have no ill-will towards the shoe-circuit teams nor do we think that the shoe circuits are bad. We have a great relationship with the local PNW shoe teams. Although we battle them for players, we wish all players the best chance to be seen by colleges and can pursue education and athletic dreams. Our opinion is that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tier shoe circuits are hit or miss and that our teams are better and play in front of more schools. We have history to prove this and will continue to do so. Our philosophy over the past years has been to get our players seen by schools on the West Coast and help find the right fit for them.
- Our belief is that we are playing in the best NON-shoe circuit on the West Coast!! Better than any 2<sup>nd</sup> Tier level shoe circuit. The Hoop Circuit, EHA, and Premier Basketball have put together great events the past couple of years and our plan as of now is continuing to support this endeavor.
- Things have changed regarding recruiting, transfer portal, and covid playing its part where we feel that high school players need to find the right fit for them to pursue academics and athletics at the same time. The NCAA has only allowed 3 sanctioned periods for "non-scholastic" viewing periods which we attend (2 in April and 1 in July).
  - o 2023 NCAA D1 Sanctioned Viewing/Evaluation Periods:
    - \*April 21-23 = FOH Seattle attending: PHONEIX, AZ Close to Under Armour
    - \*April 28-30 = FOH Seattle attending: Phoenix, AZ (close to Nike) OR Bellevue, WA
    - June 16-18 = School High School scholastic events talk to high school coach
    - June 23-25 = School High School scholastic events talk to high school coach
    - \*July 6-9 = FOH Seattle attending: Orange County, CA Cali-Live
    - July 25-30 = NCAA basketball academy only (this is stupid)
- Lastly, if you play for our program, it does not mean you will go D1 or play in the NBA. We do NOT promise kids the wrong thing. What we do promise; you will get good coaching, you will learn how to play the game, we will try and do our best to get you seen in front of the appropriate schools, and most importantly you will have fun. Our motto is "College coaches will find the players" whether you are in EYBL, 3SSB, or our Independent Circuit... coaches will find the players that can play.

## Cost, Fees, Schedule:

- Please refer to our information/cost/fees form.
- High School travel season is expensive we have tried to add very little/most in-expensive travel schedule that we could.
- We are a pay-to-play organization. We do have scholarships available but honestly have very little funds since the covid pandemic in terms of scholarship opportunities we do work with families on this cost as best that we can. We have never turned away a player because they cant pay, but we work with those players on a payment plan of some type.