**WHY CHOOSE THE BARRIE ROYALS BASKETBALL CLUB 2022-2023**

The mission of the Barrie Royals Basketball Club is to *facilitate basketball discovery, development, competition and elite opportunities for community youth*.

The vision of Barrie Royals Basketball Club is to be *the premier basketball club in Central Ontario.*

The mission statement is led and modelled by the decisions and behaviour of Board of Directors, its coaching staff and all of the volunteers who participate in club programs. At the heart of the statement is the word “development.” We encourage our players to pursue opportunities to develop in a variety of ways on and off the court. This might mean players may choose to train or play with other organizations. We understand this is a personal choice for the player with many influencing factors and we cheer on Royals families past and present to achieve their goals!

Just as the Royals Board of Directors looks at each individual request by an athlete “to move up a level” within the Club for their personal benefit as a basketball player, we also support players who request a transfer to another Club under Ontario Basketball Association rules. The Board would like to encourage parents to conduct a thorough due diligence process while choosing an alternative competitive organization for their child.

To that end, we would like to highlight and reinforce some of the new and ongoing benefits of becoming a member of the Barrie Royals organization and how our standards are helping us to achieve the Club’s mission and vision. The Club can confidently boast that it:

1. Operates as a **Not-for-profit organization**. Annual player fees cover the cost of practice, tourney entrance and other costs associated with running the club.
2. Has been a bona-fide **member of the Ontario Basketball Association** continuously since 1985.
3. Through OBA affiliation has maintained a **sport insurance policy** which protects its athletes, coaches and volunteers throughout each season of play.
4. Has **promoted developmental and competitive opportunities** for youth at all age levels and strives to maintain strong working relationships with other local and regional basketball partners.
5. Insist that the Royals’ **Coaching Staff be fully trained, evaluated and certified** for basketball competition within the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP)
6. Through membership fees, fundraising and sponsorships, has assisted

Coaches to become trained, athletes to participate within programs and

has ensured that practice and game facilities have been **safe environments**.

1. Has respected and endorsed the **“Fair Play Philosophy”** of Sport Canada

and has developed a Code of Conduct for all Royals Basketball participants.

1. All coaching staff and Board of Directors undergo regular **Background Checks.**
2. **NEW -** The physical and emotional safety and well-being of our athletes and volunteer coaches has always been a priority for the Club. We are making a further commitment to this club value for the 2022 season and beyond by pledging to the National [**Responsible Coaching Movement**](https://coach.ca/three-steps-responsible-coaching) which ensures that we formulate, revise and strengthen our policies, rules and regulations around player/coach conduct. This will provide a more current approach to coach and safety player including:

1. Rule of Two

2. Background Screening

3. Ethics Training

If you have questions or require further information, feel free to reach out to the appropriate board member by [clicking here](https://www.barrieroyals.ca/about-us-copy/).