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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**I. How does the Club operate?**

The Boulder Rockies operates as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Colorado. Our by-laws, Vision and Mission statements as well as our value system dictates our operations. We also accept tax-deductible donations to further Club objectives.

**II. How much are Boulder Rockies' coaches paid?**

Boulder Rockies coaches are paid a salary of between \$1,000 and \$3,000 depending on coaching experience and the level of service provided to the Club. The Club provides airfare, hotel, parking and per diem allowance for out of state tournaments. Coaches are independent contractors who perform services as prescribed by their respective contract with the Boulder Rockies including our Code of Conduct policy.

**III. Are all Boulder Rockies' coaches paid?**

Not all coaches are paid. Some coaches volunteer but are also independent contractors providing a service to the club under contract with specific terms and conditions including the Club's Code of Conduct policy.

**IV. Are the Board of Directors compensated?**

Presently our Board is comprised of all volunteers. However, our bylaws do permit payment for professional services.

**V. What are the Boulder Rockies annual club fees?**

The Club fee for the 2015 Middle School teams is \$100 per month, or \$1,200. Middle school programs are year around programs.

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The Cub fee for the 2015 High School teams is \$850. High school programs run from March through October.

There is also a \$200 uniform package fee for all players.

**VI. What is included with the uniform package?**

Currently, the Club provides Nike uniforms. Each player receives two game uniforms, game bag, shooting shirt, practice apparel and boot camp T-shirt.

**VII. What items does the annual fee cover?**

The annual fee comprises the operating capital necessary to run the Club. A partial list includes: gym rentals, training aids, staff training (first aid, concussion and sudden cardiac arrest and AED training), background checks, coaches' salaries, coaches gear, liability insurance, state and federal government filings, banking fees, post office box rental, website maintenance and updates, phone conference lines, office supplies, legal services and more.

**VIII. When are fees due to the Rockies?**

The \$850 club fee becomes due upon acceptance of your application to the Club for all 14u – 17u teams.

The Middle School 11u-13u fees are structured differently because Middle School teams travel less and play more local events. Upon acceptance of the application \$300 plus the \$200 uniform become due to the Rockies. The remaining balance is payable in equal monthly installments.

**IX. What makes the Boulder Rockies different from other clubs?**

The Boulder Rockies have no way of measuring as we are not in competition with other Colorado clubs. In 2014 our Club was ranked by an independent service as number 13 out of 100 Clubs evaluated nationally. Our Vision separates us and identifies what we intend to accomplish. We suggest reviewing the Vision statements of other Clubs as well and how they go about fulfilling their objectives.

**X. What is the Vision of the Boulder Rockies organization?**

Empowering girls and young women through basketball by teaching discipline, commitment, and focus, teamwork, and leadership skills for LIFE!

**XI. What type leadership skills do the Boulder Rockies teach?**

In 2014, we launched our training program during Boot Camp. A variety of empowering lectures including guest speakers and written exercises to stretch our player's thinking have been skillfully integrated into this team-building and mentoring weekend. The Boulder Rockies have re-written the script. No longer is it just life's lessons on the court but life's lessons on the court and in the classroom.

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**XII. How many student-athletes have the Boulder Rockies placed in Division I colleges?**

We are not overly-focused on DI scholarships as we believe this is not an empowering way to motivate. We are about preparing the student-athlete for the next level through intense skills training. A partial list of our placements including Division I are on our website under the Alumni tab. We have been assisting in the placement of female student-athletes since 1987. #2<sup>nd</sup>2none

**XIII. When will the travel teams be selected?**

We will announce our Blue Star Travel Teams at the conclusion of March tryouts. There may be certain players invited to join the Club based on our observations during their high school, clinic or camp performances.

**XIV. What should I do if my high school coach threatens to withhold playing time from my student-athlete based on a family decision to play with an independent club team during the summer?**

The Boulder Rockies are not governed by CHSSA but your high school coach is obligated to conform to CHSSA policies. We suggest you review CHSSA by-laws, rule and regulations or ask your coach or school Athletic Director for guidance in this situation if you feel your family is being leveraged. See the Attachment to this FAQ.

**XV. What is a feeder team?**

Feeder teams are usually Middle School teams whose student-athletes are projected to attend once they are of high school age.

**XVI. What high school program(s) are the Boulder Rockies affiliated?**

The Boulder Rockies are not affiliated with any high school and our players are from every division and league across the metro and state. We do not encourage attendance at any school and accept no special considerations to promote any high school including gym time.

**XVII. What is an exposure tournament?**

As the term implies, these NCAA-sanctioned events are attended by thousands of college coaches and evaluators seeking talent on club teams from across the country. Some tournaments are more competitive than others. Because we are a Blue Star Travel Team we are required by contract to attend certain Blue Star, United States Junior Nationals and Nike sanctioned events.

**XVIII. I’m not familiar with Blue Star travel teams, what are they?**

In short, Blue Star Media is a national media outlet with a ranking service. Each year the Boulder Rockies submits its own player “watch list” or Rising Blue Stars as they are referred to by Blue Star Media evaluators. After an independent observation by evaluators, players often earn national mention or ranking among the Top 100 players

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in the country. The point to remember is that the Boulder Rockies are the only Blue Star Travel Team in Colorado. For an in-depth review of the Blue Star Family just click on the link at the top of our homepage [www.boulderrockies.com](http://www.boulderrockies.com). There are no extra charges borne by families for this affiliation.

**XIX. How can I be sure that my student-athlete is receiving the right amount of exposure?**

The Club has learned over many years that to get the maximum exposure a student-athlete desires, our teams must be entered into the top brackets of any tournament in which we compete. These tournaments include Portland, Kansas City, Chicago, Washington D.C. and Augusta, Georgia for the Blue Star Nationals. The role of parents in the recruiting process will be discussed with each family. We believe it's the quality of exposure that counts.

**XX. I live In Colorado Springs and Boulder is a long drive, are there any plans to expand the club?**

Interestingly, we did not have one practice in Boulder in 2014. The name is reflective of our Article of Incorporation and not an operational location. We are attempting to secure gymnasium locations in Colorado Springs, Ft. Collins and Greeley through our growing network. Until then, we are offering a shuttle service scheduled to commence in March 2015. This additional service is offered to families in an attempt to reduce costs and driving time to mandatory skills training and practices. Details will be released in February 2015.

**XXI. Do the Boulder Rockies keep statistics on games played in the summer?**

No. Some parents choose to do that but as a Club we do not find those relevant. What is important is how well-skilled and how hard our student athletes compete. They must work at improving their skills and demonstrate their willingness to be a good teammate. We do film games but that film is used for training purposes and not necessarily for promotion of student- athletes.

In 2015 the Boulder Rockies are attempting to bring videos of our student- athletes in a training environment to our website. The work habits and regimen can then be observed by coaches visiting the Player profiles on our website. After all, they will see your athlete play during exposure tournaments and through social media.

**XXII. How successful are the Boulder Rockies in college placements?**

We are the leader in the placement of female student-athletes in colleges and universities across the country. Please visit our Alumni Page at [www.boulderrockies.com](http://www.boulderrockies.com)

**XXIII. Are your coaches trained in first aid?**

Yes. Our coaches are Sports Medic trained to cover Concussion, CPR, Sudden Cardiac Arrest and AED operation. Additionally, our coaches are advised of the requirements of the Jake Snakenberg Youth Concussion Act.

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**XXIV. What are the costs associated with the Club or Exposure tournaments?**

Each player and their family will be provided a tournament cost breakdown. Typical costs for U14-U17 teams include tournament fees, team vans, coaches’ travel and lodging, gas, parking. The costs are determined in part based on tournament selection which may vary by team. Families will provide transportation to all events. In the case of air travel, club chaperoned flights will be announced to allow for parents to make flight reservations.

The one exception to parents booking player airfare is the Portland to Chicago flight in July. The club will book all player airfare as these tournaments are concurrent. Families are also responsible for meals and incidentals for their student-athletes.

Tournament fees for U14-U17 teams must be received by June 1.

**XXV. Can you tell me how much it will cost for travel and accommodations during the exposure and NCAA viewing period events?** Note: following does not include club fees or uniforms.

Because of the variables involved (airfare for example) an estimate based on 2014 is as follows: Travel and accommodations for our top 2014 high school team was approximately \$6,200 per player. Other 2014 travel teams were approximately \$4,500 per player. Regional teams were approximately \$1,500. We estimate that number will be about the same in 2015. The number is driven by the tournaments and team mode of transportation. A schedule of tournaments will be published in February 2015.

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