

Steve Nash Youth Basketball Plays on the Raptors' Centre Court

The December 11th Toronto Raptors game at the Air Canada Centre will be "Canada Basketball Night". As part of the event, they would like to showcase the Steve Nash Youth Basketball program at halftime, with kids from the program playing in a 5 on 5 scrimmage on the main court. They would like a total of 10 girls and boys ages 6-10 to participate. They have asked the GYBA Hustle Division if they are interested. I said "YES"!!

Of the 10 players, one will even get to serve as the "game ball" kid. My understanding is this individual will get to sit near one of the benches and will be specially designated.

Canada Basketball is also asking the athletes to help solicit donations from patrons in front of Gate 1 on behalf of the Canadian Basketball Foundation. They will each be paired up and given a bucket to collect donations from the time gate opens to the end of first quarter. A Canada Basketball volunteer will accompany the kids, so they will not be on their own

Selection: Players will decide if they wish to be considered and enter their name in a lottery. Ballots for the lottery will be handed out Saturday, December 5th. Players will fill them in that morning and hand them back in to the convener. 10 players and 3 spares will be chosen by random draw. The selection will be done later that day and parents/players will be contacted then. There will be 3 girls and 7 boys selected, which reflects the percentage of girls and boys in the Steve Nash/Hustle division this year. 2 substitutes will also be selected.

Timing: Players must have their own transportation to the ACC and back on December 11th. Players must arrive by 5:30 pm that afternoon. (Game time is 7:00 pm)

Parents/Family: Parents and family will be allowed discounted tickets for the game. Players will have special passes and sit in the media gondola after the end of the first quarter. Pizza will be provided.

We are still working on some of the other details. If you have any questions please ask your convener or drop me an e-mail.

Cheers,

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