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## Hickory Husker Classic (U.S.S.A. NATIONAL QUALIFYING EVENT)

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Dear Coach:

Gym Rats is inviting you and your team and families to join us in our annual Hickory Husker Classic to be held on December 5, 2009 (Saturday only) at the Spiece Fieldhouse in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

This is a grade school basketball tourney open to any 3rd through 8th grade boys and girls teams wishing to participate in such an event at this time of the year. There will be both an All-Star and a School Division.

For a \$250 entry fee your team will be scheduled to play two (2) pool games and finish play with a single elimination seeded tournament within your grade division. Team trophies and individual awards will be given to the winning and runner-up teams.

We feel with this one-day format for teams, traveling expenses can be kept at a minimum, but yet provide for time to enjoy the beginning of basketball season in a festive atmosphere.

For the 2009-2010 basketball season, your Gym Rats Staff has developed a team ranking system that will rank all teams participating in all Gym Rats Grade School and affiliated USSSA events. This is being developed to assist in the proper seeding of teams. All teams will earn points for the following in all Gym Rats and affiliated USSSA events:

<u>Points Earned By</u>	<u>Number of Points Earned</u>
Participation	20
Pool Games Won	20 per game
Tourney Games Won	30 per game
Runnerup in Tourney	40
Champion in Tourney	60

These points will be tallied after each event and cumulative points for the season will be tallied, updated, posted and ranked on our website at [www.gymratsbasketball.com](http://www.gymratsbasketball.com) by the following Tuesday of each event. This will be done by class, by grade, for all boys and girls teams. The season for ranking will begin September 19, 2009 and end June 14, 2010

Your Gym Rats Staff has affiliated with the U.S.S.S.A., a National sports organization, that will allow all teams playing in Gym Rats Events to qualify for the U.S.S.S.A. National tourney July 2010. Qualification forms will be given after each tournament.

U.S.S.S.A. requires a one time annual team/coach registration fee of \$25 which must be recieved prior to playing in a qualifying event for the 2009/2010 season of August 1, 2009 thru July 31, 2010. Participation in all U.S.S.S.A. events allows you to participate in a state and national ranking system on [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com) and this is for the true basketball fan. This registration fee assigns a tracking number to the team as long as their team name, coach, and U.S.S.S.A. division does not change throughout the year. Gym Rats will collect this one time annual fee and keep records as to payment of each team upon registration at each qualifying tournament event. Once a team has paid the \$25 fee for the year, there are no other fees assessed to players or coaches.

Please complete the entry forms enclosed or those on our website at [www.gymratsbasketball.com](http://www.gymratsbasketball.com) ASAP to give your team an opportunity to participate in this event. If you have any questions whatsoever about this event, please check our website for the latest information or please call us any time as we are prepared to assist you with whatever you may need.

WE'RE BIG ON BASKETBALL and loving every minute of it! See you on the Court!

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