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## **BOISE SLAM COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL CLUB**

### **SLAM PARENT TESTIMONIALS**

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After participating several years in the various clubs around the Boise area we decided to do our due diligence and look into the various programs and find the best fit approaching it from a business perspective.

We laid out our criteria which was a program where athletes would have a positive experience, excellent coaching, minimal politics and unselfish basketball with the emphasis on team.

We sat with Coach Chatterton, discussed the various options, the programs history, the programs dynamics, goals and talked to other players and parents and decided that Slam would be the best fit.

The best decision we ever made as it pertains to athletics and teamwork!

After one year with the program we had to relocate back to the Portland Oregon area and were forced to look into other programs. After several visits and meetings with various programs in the Portland/Vancouver area we soon decided we would tighten up expenses and stay the course with Chatterton and Slam. With that said we will be going on our third year with Slam and the twins get better each year.

The simple fact that we as a family will sacrifice time and money to ensure Garrett and Tyler can make the trips to Boise from Longview for practices, tryouts and tournaments is testament to the greatness Boise Slam represents in basketball and life leadership skills. **Eric Berger - 17U Slam Parent**

We were lucky enough to stumble onto Boise Slam in its inaugural season, 6 years ago. The reason we have elected to keep our son and our support with Boise Slam is because of the coaches' constant positive attitudes, ability to motivate kids, deliver criticism in a constructive way, and praise in an effective way. The coaches are fair, determined, encouraging and energetic. Practices are competitive and intense, but always positive. There are clear "atta-boys," as well as teaching moments throughout. Players are treated fairly and objectively and when a parent or player has questions, Coach Chatterton is approachable, honest and consistent.

All of our son's best friends are "Slammers," and they go to nearly every high school in the Treasure Valley. When he meets them at the gym, a movie theater, someone's house, or the river, I know he is hanging out with high-character kids that will be his true friends for life. Life's lessons are taught extremely well through the lens of basketball, and we are thankful every day we are involved with Boise Slam. **Penny Dennis - 16U Slam Parent**

Boise Slam has taught my son that with hard work and dedication you can achieve anything. The coaching is beyond compare.

Basketball skills aside Boise Slam has reinforced that being a respectful and responsible person and student off the court is just as important as what you do on the court. Life lessons that will stick with him forever. It has been an amazing experience full of memories that will last a lifetime. **Lynn Leigh - 15U Slam Parent**

We joined Slam last year after moving to Idaho in the summer. I couldn't have been more impressed with the club's administration and coaches. I was able to watch most of the practices and was able to see the incredible progression over the course of the season - not just by our son, but really across each of the squads. The coaches are exceptional teachers and motivators and our son improved his skills dramatically over the year. But more importantly, he deepened his love of basketball and had a great time. **Corey Cook - 10U Slam Parent**



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Our family has had the privilege to be affiliated with Boise Slam basketball for the past year. Our daughter started the program as a 6th grader and we were lucky to have her work with great coaches, who enjoy working with kids! Some clubs have the philosophy of "winning is everything" and they will do anything and everything to achieve that. What drew us to Slam was the mere fact that they help develop basketball players and have fun doing it. Every kid wants to win, but every kid also wants to become better basketball players! I truly believe at a young age, fundamentals and skill development is critical. This is the Boise Slam philosophy and this is why our daughter enjoys it and also why my wife and I will continue to have her play. Our 4th grade daughter will start this fall as well. Boise Slam does it the right way, and for the right reasons...for the love of the game! **Jon and Renee Rehder - 13U Slam Parent**

Two years ago I had my daughter go to a slam practice just to try it. She didn't want to play basketball but I wanted her to give it a try. She loved it. The next year I put two of her brothers in slam as well, which was great. What I appreciate most about Slam for my kids is the quality of coaching they get. I have two older daughters that play division I basketball now and so I have seen a lot of coaches and basketball. I don't try and think of myself as a basketball expert or coach, but what I do look for is a good coaching and programs, and that is what Slam is. I am very pleased at how well my kids have improved as individual players and how they are learning how to play on a team in the short time they have played with Slam. **Eve Nawahine - Slam Parent w/ 3 SLAM Kids!**

Our son is going into his 6th season and our daughter into her 3rd season with the Boise Slam Basketball Club. The slam warehouse is a top notch facility along with the coaches being great at teaching the game of basketball but more importantly making it fun for our kids. Every year we have seen growth in our kids and we like how slam teams play up against competition allowing our kids to be challenged and pushed to become better players. The Boise Slam Basketball Club has allowed our kids to love the game of basketball with them having goals of playing college basketball.

**Ryan & Kacie Rowbury - Slam Parent w/ 2 SLAM Kids!**

Our son will be beginning his fifth season with Slam this year. What sets Slam apart from other clubs starts with the leadership, from the top down to each coach. Every coach we've interacted with shares the same passion for not only basketball but for developing these boys and girls into fine young men and women. Slam coaches have the knowledge and ability to coach to each player's strengths and weaknesses so that they can realize their full potential. It's never been, put the best five out on the floor and win at all costs. It's always been about being part of a team, winning, losing, learning, growing and striving to be better. Slam has extremely high expectations for its players both on and off the court. Slam coaches are constantly instilling the importance of academics and citizenship to their players. Being a part of Boise Slam has given our son the fundamentals, tools and confidence to be a successful basketball player. We would not trade our experience for anything; it has truly been a blessing. It is without a doubt the most exceptional club in the state. We love our "Slam Fam!" **Jason & Beth Van Quill - 15U Slam Parent**

My son has a fabulous Boise Slam coach who is not only a strong teacher of basketball fundamentals, but also is a positive mentor and roll model for the young group of boys. My son has absolutely loved his Boise Slam Experience! Additionally, the Boise Slam Basketball Club overall is organized and provides the right level of communication to parents. **Laurie Huegerich - 10U Slam Parent**

Both of our boys started playing for Boise Slam as third graders. It has had a positive impact on them both on and off the court. Their basketball skills have improved and they have learned what it means to be a hardworking, respectful teammate. **Kyle and Jill Dennis w/ 2 SLAM Kids!**



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Our experience with Boise Slam has been exceptional. Our Son's athleticism provided him with speed and agility, but it wasn't until he had the opportunity to play for Boise Slam that he understood the strategy side of the game. The programs philosophy on teamwork and accountability are applicable to all aspects of life, not just basketball. Our Son's skill level and confidence noticeably improved while working with the Boise Slam coaches. The lessons learned from being a part of the Boise Slam Club Program are top notch. We have a younger son who is just getting started with club sports and we cannot wait until he is part of the club. **Mike Magill - 14U Slam Parent**

We chose Boise Slam for several reasons:

1. Boise Slam teaches kids to play as a team, not as an individual. I have seen several teams that just feed the ball to their "best shooter" over and over, and the other kids don't learn anything. I like the Slam philosophy of passing the ball and teaching kids the importance of taking "good" vs. "bad" shots. This helps not only to develop all the kids as players, but also teaches good sportsmanship and the value of working together to achieve a goal, instead of focusing on yourself.
2. Boise Slam teaches defense. With my older son I saw many teams that had great offense, but they had no idea how to play defense. The defensive techniques taught by Slam help our kids stand out when they go play in high school, because they make a difference on both sides of the ball.
3. Boise Slam believes in hard work. With some club teams, it seems like the best players are the only ones that learn anything. Everyone else is there for support. Slam focuses on development of all players, and while they don't give equal playing time in games, everyone who works hard and plays hard gets plenty of time on the court. During practice, the coaches don't focus their attention only on the best players, they focus on ALL players. Again, not only does this help each child grow as a player, but it also helps foster that "team bond" where everyone feels important and each person has a contribution to make to the game. It also teaches responsibility - players can't be lazy and not play their hardest, because it affects the entire team. **Farrah Storli - 14U Slam Parent**