

Desert Elite Basketball – About Us, Team Selections, Player Expectations, Camps and Tryouts.

Desert Elite Basketball is a Competitive Basketball Club based in the North Phoenix area. We provide opportunities for talented boys and girls in grades 3-12 an opportunity to play competitive basketball in local, regional and possible national tournaments against competition of age peers as well as games in competitive basketball leagues in the Phoenix area. Our goal is to improve the skills of the players in our area by focusing on the proper technique and fundamentals of basketball and teaching advanced basketball skills to take our players game to the next level.

Team selections will be made by tryouts and reviews of players attending camps and pre-tryouts. Tryouts will be run by members of the **Desert Elite** coaching staff. Players may be added to teams after the tryouts.

Desert Elite is looking for players who are dedicated to the sport of basketball who want to enhance their skills and compete against quality competition. We emphasize individual development, team play and sportsmanship.

If you are interested in playing in the **Desert Elite** program and would like to check out our coaches in action to get a feel for coaching styles and program philosophies, we recommend attending the Falcon Elite Camp July 22-25, Advanced Camp July 29-August 1 and Pre-Tryouts August 10 before the actual Tryouts on August 17.

At the Falcon Elite Camp, members of the **Desert Elite** Coaching staff will mix with coaches and players from Cactus Shadows High School to lead the camp. The Falcon-Elite Camp is held at Cactus Shadows High School Monday through Thursday July 22-25 from 9am – 3pm daily.

Advanced Camp is run by the **Desert Elite** Coaching Staff. As the name implies, we will run Advanced drills including many drills and training techniques that we use in the training sessions for the **Desert Elite** teams. The Advanced camp is held at the DAMS/Bella Vista gym Monday through Thursday July 29-August 1 in the evenings.

After the Falcon Elite Camp and the Advanced Camp, players will have a good feel for the **Desert Elite** Coaching Staff and **Desert Elite** program.

Pre-Tryouts are on Saturday, August 10 at the DAMS/Bella Vista gym. We run the Pre-Tryouts like the actual Tryouts to help players to prepare for Tryouts and also is a great chance for players new to **Desert Elite** to get familiar with the drills we will run at Tryouts, so they have a better understanding of what to do at the actual Tryouts.

Tryouts are held on Saturday, August 17 at the DAMS/Bella Vista gym. After the Tryouts teams will be formed for the 2019-2020 year. Our teams will play 3 seasons, Fall – September, October and November, Winter – December, January and February and Spring – March, April and May. If there is enough interest some teams will play a summer season.