Membership Information JUBILEE Christian Homeschool Families

In 1997, The JUBILEE Support Group was started by a group of Christian families who home educated their children before the concept of home education was embraced by many in the community. The purpose of JUBILEE was to gather their home educated children together for group physical education/sports and fellowship. In 2017, a new non-profit corporation formed under the name of JUBILEE Christian Homeschool Families, continuing the mission of being an exclusively Christian home educators' support group.

JUBILEE meets most Thursdays from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., beginning in September and ending in May of each school year. Group sports include activities such as soccer, basketball, floor hockey, and gym games for ages five through the twelfth grade. Occasionally, opportunities for field trips and classes in art, geography, music, etc., are organized by members of the group based upon an individual member's desire to lead or organize such events. Families are encouraged to participate in all of the sport sessions, though they have the freedom to choose what fits with their schedule.

JUBILEE has a coach or parent volunteer that will lead the sports sessions. They will work with the students in basic rules of the game, game participation, and good sportsmanship. Because JUBILEE meets once per week and offers each sport for a limited three to six week session it should not be expected that students will excel in skill development of any specific sport. If any of your children show interest in further development of a sport skill we encourage you to look for other sources, such as community education programs and private organizations that teach the desired sport skills. We also encourage you to practice with your children outside of JUBILEE so each of them feels a sense of improvement of the skills in the sports offered through JUBILEE.

Watching your children during the sport sessions is important. Though very little behavior correction is needed, parents should be available to step in to help if a situation arises. Member volunteers are often needed to help with sport sessions, especially for the younger children. Volunteers are also needed for walk through/closure of the building at the end of the day.

Membership acceptance into JUBILEE is based upon:

- *Availability for new families to join the group. Current members are given priority each year to join the group. Life events such as families moving, changes in home schooling, graduating students, etc. will often give us availability in the group to invite new families to become members.
- *A relationship with Jesus Christ, a commitment to follow the godly principles provided in the Bible and JUBILEE'S Statement of Faith, and a signed acceptance of JUBILEE's statement of faith by one or both of the parents.
- *An understanding and signed acceptance of the JUBILEE Bylaws.
- *An understanding and signed acceptance of the Participation Agreement for Students.
- *A signed waiver release to <u>not</u> hold JUBILEE responsible for accidents, injuries or illness which may happen during participation in a JUBILEE event.
- *An understanding that JUBILEE is not a drop-off event for you to leave your children. Parents need to be present when their children are at JUBILEE.
- *Families must have at least one child that is <u>fully</u> homeschooled and <u>not</u> enrolled in a government run public, online, virtual or charter school to be eligible to join JUBILEE. Only fully homeschooled students participate in JUBILEE. Students in PSEO are eligible to participate.
- *It is encouraged, but not required, that your family is a member of MACHE (Minnesota Association of Christian Home Education) and/or HSLDA (Home School Legal Defense Association).