

## Rockets Bulletin – 17/11/2017

We'd like to extend a big welcome to all members, players, parents and friends of Dunshughlin Rockets Basketball Club to our Inaugural Newsletter Rockets Bulletin. It is our intention to produce a few newsletters a year, which you will receive via email, Facebook and on our website. **Edel Cahalin – Chairperson**

**Website** – Our website is shortly to undergo a total revamp so please be patient with us. But in the meantime please join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter

**Christmas Fair** - As many of you are aware, each year, a Christmas Fair is held in Dunshaughlin Community Centre. This year the fair is on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November from 12-6 pm. Rockets will have a refreshments stall and bottle stall where you can try your luck at winning. So join us for a cup of tea, coffee or a glass of mulled wine and some of Helens famous Chocolate Biscuit cake.

The Christmas Fair is one of Rockets Annual Fundraising events. We would be grateful if you could help by providing sandwiches, cakes or biscuits for the stall. Or if you can provide a

bottle or two for the stall-spirits ,wine , shower gel or shampoo- as long as it comes from a bottle!

Please contact parents reps Liz Walshe / Teresa Bislin if you can help in any way.

**Christmas Draw** - This year Dunshaughlin Rockets have joined with Basketball Ireland in their Annual Draw which will take place at the National League finals in March 2018. Tickets cost 5 euro. Prizes include car, trips to New York, London, Paris, among many other prizes. We would ask that each child would take 1-2 tickets to sell. Dunshaughlin Rockets stand to gain 90% of all tickets sales which would be a huge boost to the club.

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**Photographs** - We all love to see the action photos. Please forward your shots to Brad Turns, our IT guru, for entry on our website. If you can, please attach date of match and age group of players.

**Updates** - The season is well underway, with all teams having played matches at this stage. This is a very competitive league and Dunshaughlin Rockets are holding their own. We're almost at halfway through the season and next year's fixtures schedule will be released in early January. This year we welcome a senior ladies team to Rockets. The ladies have won two out of three of their matches so far this season. Well done girls. Keep up the hard work.

**Getting Involved with Rockets** - Each year, we rely on the support of Rockets families, and we're always grateful for any assistance which you can provide, no matter how small. From sandwich making at home games, to supervision of training sessions, we'd be delighted to have you on board. Please contact any coach, committee member or parents rep to find out more.

**Sponsorship** - So far this year, the club has invested in kits for ladies, men's and under 18 boys' team. We have revamped under 16 boys and under 14 girls kits also. Hopefully, with some more sponsorship and fundraising, we

will be in a position to kit out some more teams this year.

Any sponsorship will be gratefully accepted. If you or your company, or someone you know is interested in sponsoring Dunshaughlin Rockets Basketball Club in Kits or equipment, please contact our Secretary Aileen Roche at [dunrockets@gmail.com](mailto:dunrockets@gmail.com)

**Gear** - This year, Rockets are producing training tops, Warm Up half zip tops and our classic hoodies for club members and parents. Christmas is coming and these items would make lovely gifts. All Players will be measured at training this week. Should parents wish to purchase items, orders will be taken in the next 2 weeks only. As final orders cannot be made after the 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**Boot Swap** - If you have Basketball boots in good condition which are too small for your child, which you wish to donate to another child, please contact Ciara Gallagher at the club on 085 858 6456 where she will find suitable feet to fill your shoes.

**Parents /Player codes of conduct** - At Dunshaughlin rockets Basketball Club, we endeavor to adopt Best Practice in how we run the club. In accordance with Basketball Ireland's regulations, it is essential that signed codes of

conduct must be on file for all players and parents/guardians.

Therefore we have forwarded codes for signing to all those who have not already submitted them. It is imperative that these forms are signed by weekend 25<sup>th</sup> November or players will not be permitted to play at next weekend's matches.

**Christmas Break** - Dunshaughlin Rockets will take a short break over the Christmas period from 17<sup>th</sup> December to 2<sup>nd</sup> of January, 2018. Don't forget to keep practicing though!!

**And finally** - We'd like to thank all players and their families for travelling throughout Meath, Cavan, Monaghan, Louth and Longford to attend matches. We encourage you all to come and support your teams and other teams within the club.

Even though it's not quite December, we'd like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Hope to see you all at the Christmas Fair.