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Through the past couple of years the league funded itself with no budget in hand...just a corps of dedicated volunteers who fell in love with the concept. Those first volunteers and new ones serve as the 2016-2017 committee.

They put their time, resources, energy and funds to work for our Muslim youth, but as we are growing we need your help. Our goal is raise \$20,000 and sustain the season by the end of Ramadan. This money will help us purchase a vehicle to transport our youth monthly from Buffalo to Rochester, purchase equipment, and renovate our gym facility located in Buffalo as well as provide healthy, family oriented entertainment for the Muslim families across WNY.

Support our youth! Give this Ramadan

Volunteer and paid positions available: game day ushers, videographer, concessions, referee positions. Inquire via email wnyymb1@gmail.com. Referee training sessions start in July

IMAM COUNCIL OF WNY ENDORSEMENT

In the Name of Allah the Beneficent the Merciful.

The Imam Council of WNY is pleased to announce its sponsorship and endorsement to the WNYMBL. We are excited about this partnership with the organizers of this Basketball League for the Muslim youth in Western New York. We understand the important of developing our Muslim youth, and our goal is to help them remain healthy, and goal-oriented.

We ask Allah SWT to bless the efforts of all of those who work on organizing and directing the league.

Thank You

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Executive Director's column



Welcome to the first issue of the WNYMBL newsletter. As we head into a new season, we really would like to welcome you. This publication is meant to let our community know who we are and what activities we are providing for them. WNYMBL is a youth academic and physical development organization. This organization runs the 1st ever all- Muslim youth basketball league. The organiza-

tion was born out of the desire to see our youth have a positive, competitive and healthy outlet for their energy, while making academic progress and maintaining their religious principles. Our program is designed to have young Muslims succeed by providing the coaching needed to respond to the challenges they face on and off the court.

We have now been in operation for four years and we have grown every year. From Lackawanna's Rasheed Aadeemy and Masjid Huda to Buffalo's Masjid Eiman, H.E.A.L. and Madania Crescent

H.E.A.L. and Madania Crescent Village Community to now Masjid Tawba in Niagara Falls to Rochester's ICR we have truly given Western NY's Muslim youth a league of their own.

Help support our youth.

Contact us and let us know how we can do great things together.

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Coach Moallim: My First Impression of the League

1st Impressions

When I was first approached by Brother Shaheed to put a team together for my community, I was excited about this opportunity. I accepted this opportunity knowing that it was a chance for me to make a difference in my community helping the youth. Throughout the league, every team envisioned one goal in

mind; creating an environment where the youth could experience brotherhood amongst each other and make a bond that would make them inseparable. All said, one hadith comes in mind when our beloved prophet (peace be upon him) said **"A man is upon the religion of his best friend, so let one of you look at whom he befriends."** With this hadeeth in mind, we

can see the benefit the league brings to our youth at large. We were able to expand immensely throughout the years, the league just started out with just two H.S. teams and slowly but surely kept growing. This upcoming season we have up to 8 H.S. teams including my team moving up from 7th/8th grade section.

Team Eiman Season's Recap

Last Season my team advanced to the final during their first year and went on to win their first championship. At first we started slowly but after few games the team picked up their identity and knew who they were as a team. That was the contribution that boost-

ed my team to the top of our division. Even though we won the championship, the ultimate winning was seeing the bond that was created with the team which is to last forever, with Allah's permission. I truly believe through sports we are able to convey

messages like in no other way.



Team Eiman Championship trophy pic

All Star Weekend Experience

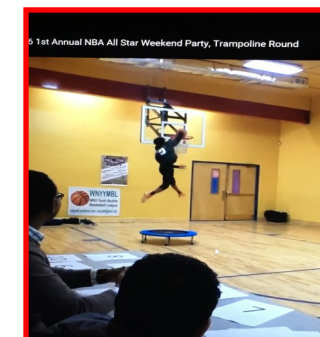
The all star weekend was one of my favorite features about this league.

You could see the joy and happiness of every single kid that participated in the all-star

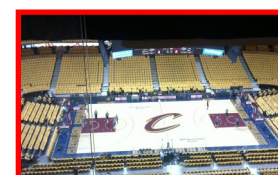
weekend. It was a reward outlet for every player in the league. We were able to create this environment that was memorable to all the players.

With the help of multiple sponsors including

Wegmans, Walmart, Muslims businesses such as VIBES and Hot Spot WNYMBL gave hundreds of dollars of prizes away.



ALLSTAR weekend Dunk Contest!



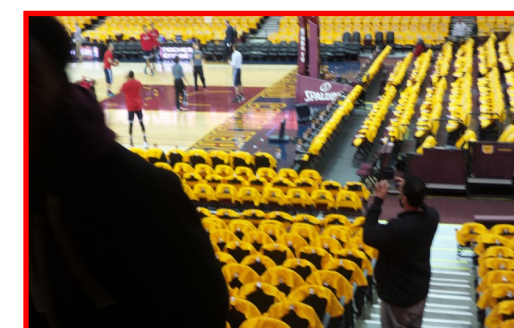
Tour of the Q arena

Cleveland Cavaliers Trip

This is another perk this league enjoys. To mark the end of our season we are personally given exclusive access to the Cleveland Cavaliers Q Arena in March. We meet players, get on court access and

get to watch the game with our group. It is truly an unparalleled trip that the league arranges every year for our guys.

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