**BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SECOND PRESS RELEASE (1st Week January 2020)**

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**INAUGURAL MAKE-A-WISH NEW HAMPSHIRE 2020 YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

The Portsmouth Auxiliary Police Association in cooperation of and with the support of Make-A-Wish New Hampshire is conducting a Basketball Tournament for youth between March 16th and 27th, 2020 on weeknights between 5 and 9PM at the Connie Bean Center in Portsmouth, NH. The majority net proceeds will be donated to Make-A-Wish New Hampshire, helping children and their families. Our tournament theme is “Helping Kids, by Building Kids”. There is no better cause that Make-A-Wish.

The tournament will consist of a 3 game per team Round Robin, and 42 maximum boy or girl teams will compete in three categories: 3rd and 4th Grade; 5th and 6th Grade; and 7th and 8th Grade. We intend to register 6 teams and 8 teams in each division, first come first serve, split between boy and girl teams. Medals will be awarded to the first and second place teams in each division, and all players will receive certificates for participation. Professional referees, scorers and timers will enable this world class youth tournament on the courts. Professional photos will be taken of each team upon completion, as well as during games, and will be available free online. Food concessions will be available during the games. The cost per team is $150.

Corporate Sponsors and Individual Benefactors are welcome so that together we can help to create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses

The registration form with further instructions and tournament information is available at [www.ppdbasketballtournament.org](http://www.ppdbasketballtournament.org). Point of contact is Auxiliary Officer Joe Follansbee at follansbeej@cityofportsmouth.com.