

## About us

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Basketball Star Academy has been established in 2024. Our mission is to offer to young basketball players the opportunity of growing their passion for the basketball game while studying high school in an excellence environment. If you dream a career in the basketball World, as a pro- player or in any other career path, this is the place for you.

In our Academy you will have the opportunity of developing into the best version of yourself. Train with passion and intensity with some of the best coaches in Denmark and get a high-profile education to move into your professional path.

Basketball Star Academy is located in Ikast (DK), supported by in the Ikast-Brande Gymnasium and Sportstar College and certified by the Danish Basketball Federation DBBF



# Living, Studying and Playing



Our boarding students live in SportStar College: a safe environment with young athletes like them that share the same passion for Sport, study in their school and live next door.

They have the option of choosing the international school and study in English: they can obtain one of the most recognized international diploma, the IB (International Bachelor Diploma).

As they train intensively at elite level, the program is designed to help them succeed in both academics and sport.

We also offer the possibility of joining for an exchange year program.

# **Our Offer**

## **Top Level Education**

- IB School
- Pre-IB
- Danish School System

## **Elite Basketball Training**

- Highly qualified coaches
- Exclusive facilities
- Gym & gym lab
- 3 morning & 4 afternoon practices/week

## High level accommodation

Specialized sport college facility, multiple accommodation options, access to services like nutritionist, masseuse and physiotherapy



A small town, built around your needs, with close and accessible local facilities like:

- Swimming Pool
- Wellness
- Library
- Movie theatre

### Community

Support staff and young athletes, studying and living together to develop social and life skills in tandem with their sport and education goals.





# Coaching Staff

#### Ville Tuominem: Head Coach & Sports Director

Ville boasts 20+ years in professional basketball as a player, head coach, and sports director. He has led national teams in Finland, Denmark, and Sweden. After excelling in youth national teams, he played for nine years in EuroCup, NEBL, and the Finnish national teams. Ville also coached in the FIBA Europe Cup and served as Sports Director. His accolades include coaching Bakken Bears to a 2014 Danish Basketligaen victory and leading Denmark to the U20 men's Nordic Championships triumph in 2023.



#### Jesper Hvam:

Jesper's hoops journey started at Åbyhøj Basketball. A pivotal High School stint in Fremont, California, earned him the Northern Californian Division III championship. He contributed to Skovbakken's shift to Bakken Bears, securing three Danish championships. In the twilight of his playing days, he returned to Åbyhøj.

As a player, Jesper participated in four senior national team tournaments and one in the young championship. He coached various men's teams, including Odder Basket and Åbyhøj's 2nd Division and AUS 2<sup>nd</sup> Division teams. With a master's from Aarhus University, Jesper also teaches history, social science, and Global Politics at IBG.



#### Sune Tyssen:

programs at IBG.

Sune honed his basketball skills at Skovbakken and Bakken Bears, playing until the 02/03 season. He then joined Aabyhøj Basketball, competing until the 05/06 season and earning spots in the 04/05 and 05/06 Basketligaen All-Star teams. As a coach, Sune worked with various youth teams and instructed basketball in the sports education program at Aarhus University. A certified fitness trainer, he brings extensive experience in elite athlete training. Holding a master's in history and sports, Sune teaches these subjects daily in the International Baccalaureate and STX



# Organisation & Partnership



### Basketball Academy

- Sport Program
- Basketball Coaching
- National Head Coach
- Elite Teams
- Tournaments
- Physical development program

## Ikast-Brande Gymnasium

- School
- Academic advice
- Sport Facilities
- Wellbeing specialist

commitments

 Personalised schedule to fit student' athletics

> Ikast • Brande Gymnasium

## **Sportstar College**

- Accommodation
- Nutritionist
- Physiotherapy
- Support





#### **DBBF (Danish Basketball Federation)**

- Ensures Quality
- Supports with initiatives

#### **Ikast Basketball Club**

- Coaching for younger talents
- Basketball School
- Events

#### **Billund Basketball Club**

- Coaching for younger talents (Billund Area)
- Basketball School (Billund Area)
- Events

#### **AGF Basketball Club**

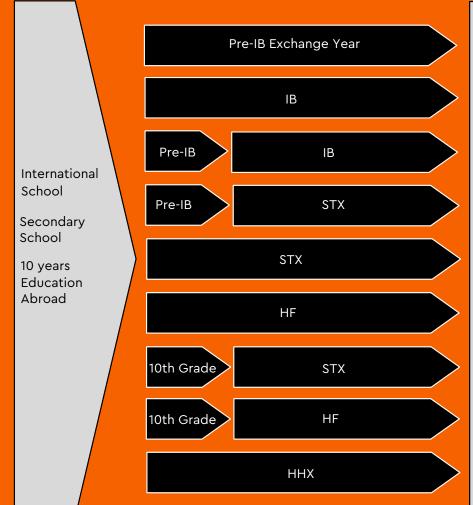
- Girls team partership
- Events













University

College

Professional Life

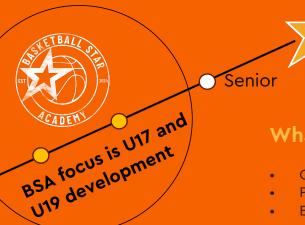
We offer many different academic options to best fit your interests and ambition

## **Ambition**

Improve your basketball skills Improve your education Enable your future opportunities

Our Kids start playing early: They grow in our partner Clubs





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### What Next?

- College?
- Pro-Team contract?
- **Exchange Programs with** colleges/high school abroad?

## Where we are



Ikast is a village of 16K inhabitants in central Denmark. We are close to Aarhus (second largest city in Denmark) and close to Billund International Airport.

Ikast is close to many other villages and attractions and hosts a vibrant international community.

Living in Ikast is safe and easy as every facility is only a few minutes away.







In Ikast you have the option of studying in English from kindergarden to high school, thanks to the presence of International Schools offering top level education programs.

# **Our Facilities**

At the Sportstar College, you can choose a double or single room, with a full boarding arrangement (7 days a week: Sportstar College is never closed!).

If you live in Ikast you can also be part of the Academy, while living at home.

Ikast offers facilities like a beautiful swimming center (with wellness) and culture center with a Movie theatre.























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