



2023-24 Basketball Season

WYB Coaches,

As we approach the upcoming basketball season, we want to take this opportunity to share important information about our mission, goals, and key details about the season ahead.

First and foremost, we want to express our gratitude for your time, dedication, and commitment to our program. Your time and efforts do not go unnoticed, and we are thankful to have you as part of our organization.

Mission Statement and Philosophy

The mission of Wenatchee Youth Basketball is to offer youth players the opportunity to learn and develop fundamental basketball skills, while instilling life lessons and values such as character and teamwork, discipline, respect, and sportsmanship.

WYB's philosophy emphasizes that basketball is not just about winning games. While winning is important, coaches' roles are to inspire players to improve, both as basketball players and as individuals.

Goals for the Season

Throughout the upcoming season, the goals of the WYB coaches remain centered on the holistic development of our players:

1. **Develop Players' Basketball Skills:** We are committed to refining and enhancing the basketball skills of every player in our program, ensuring that each athlete reaches their full potential on the court.

2. **Create a Competitive Environment:** Healthy competition is a vital aspect of the sports experience. We will continue to create an environment where players can challenge themselves, improve, and thrive while maintaining the spirit of sportsmanship.
3. **Foster a Love for Basketball:** Our goal is to nurture a genuine passion for basketball within every player, recognizing that this is the foundation for long-term success and enjoyment.

Player Development Policy

To further support our mission for player development, WYB is reinstating a policy this year that ensures all players have the opportunity to contribute to the team's success. The policy mandates that every player participate in a minimum of 25% of each game. On average, this equates to approximately 5 minutes of playing time in a 20-minute game. It's important to note that this policy may be adjusted for players who miss practice and/or have disciplinary issues, with fairness and consistency as our guiding principles.

Coaching

We will be holding a MANDATORY coaches meeting on **October 5th at 6:30PM at Sunnyslope Elementary School.**

All coaches are required to obtain a non-athlete AAU card in order to coach this season. AAU cards can be purchased through the website www.aausports.org, under the **Club name: Wenatchee Basketball Club** and **Club Number: W3777T.**

2023-24 Team and Player Registration

Player registration for Wenatchee Youth Basketball begins on October 1st. All players participating in the 2023-24 AAU season must:

- Obtain an AAU card. AAU cards can be purchased through the website www.aausports.org, under the **Club name: Wenatchee Basketball Club** and **Club Number: W3777T.**
- Sign the WYB code of conduct and Concussion/cardiac arrest awareness forms.
- Submit their player fee to WYB. Checks can be made payable to Wenatchee Youth Basketball.

Forms and additional information can be found under "Player Info" on our website.

WYB player fees are as follows:

- 3rd – 8th grade - \$125 per player

- 2nd grade - \$50 per player

Please note that coaches' players are exempt from paying player fees.

All teams should carry up to 10 players. If you have more than 10 players interested, we recommend that you hold tryouts for your team.

If you have enough players to create two or more teams, please make efforts to establish these teams, secure suitable coaches, and organize their participation. If you require any support or assistance from our board, don't hesitate to reach out.

Wenatchee Tournaments

WYB is funded through player registrations and fundraising from the two tournaments we host. Our tournaments will take place on the following weekends:

Winter Magic: December 15-17, 2023

Steve Talbot: January 19-21, 2024

The success of the tournaments relies heavily on support from our parents, coaches and players. Parents of players will be required to volunteer at both tournaments.

Additionally, we ask that each team designate a parent representative to join the tournament planning committee to help organize and support the tournaments during each weekend.

Tournaments Fees

For 4th – 8th grades, WYB will cover registration fees for up to 8 tournaments per team per year (with no cost to attend our Wenatchee tournaments).

For 2nd and 3rd grades, WYB will cover 4 tournaments per team per year (with no cost to attend our Wenatchee tournaments, if applicable).

The request for tournament fee form is available on our website. Team managers or coaches can request a check to pay for tournaments or get reimbursed.

Gym Time

Gym time will commence at the beginning of November. Lauren Mathison will be in touch with coaches to determine the gym time schedule for this season.

Uniforms and Equipment

A Wenatchee Panthers uniform design template is available at www.wooterapparel.com. Our club representative, Liat Abramove (917-363-5658 or liat@wooter.com), can help you with your order. This is not required, but recommended and highly encouraged to purchase these as early as possible after tryouts. WYB does not pay for uniforms.

Additionally, WYB will provide each team with 6 basketballs, 6 pennies and a ball bag.

Team Management

Each coach will appoint a team manager, responsible for coordinating with the coach to register for tournaments, collect payments, and manage other administrative tasks. To begin the season, team managers will ensure that all players have an AAU card before they practice; record all players and their AAU numbers on team roster and return the form to the WYB board; and ensure that parents and athletes sign concussion, cardiac arrest, and sportsmanship forms.

We look forward to seeing you at the coaches meeting on October 5th. Once again, thank you for your dedication to our organization and our young athletes. Your role as a coach is important in shaping the future of these players, and we look forward to working with you to make this season a memorable and rewarding experience for all.

If you have any questions or need further information about the upcoming season, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We value your input and collaboration.

Sincerely,

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