

Lake Washington Basketball Association

(LWHS Boys Basketball Booster Club)

2024 Overview



LWBBA Mission:

The mission of Lake Washington Boys Basketball program is to educate and empower our student athletes to not only be better basketball players, but better human beings. It is our goal to build a culture that exemplifies hard work, positivity, and perseverance. Our focus is on building character on the court, in the classroom, and in the community.

At the LWHS level, LWBBA (LWHS booster club) runs the support basketball programs for everything year-round outside of the official Winter WHS season. LWBBA oversees the association the youth select feeder program for players 4th-8th grade.



LWBBA Board :

- **LWBBA President (Jeremy Pemble)**
- **Skill and Offseason Play HS Director: (Joey Giovacchini)**
- **Skills and Offseason Kangs HS & Select Youth Director (Scott Roberts)**
- **Facilities Directors (Diana Giraldo and Jason Cummings)**
- **Equipment Director (Gary Hartnett)**
- **Program & Spirit Book Director (BJ O'Hare)**
- **Director-at-large & Secretary: (Darin Carlson)**
- **Treasurer (Bob Staudacher)**



What does LWBBA fund?

- Skills sessions/trainings
- Uniforms
- League fees
- Coaches stipends
- Website and apps (comms and video/game film)
- Gym rentals
- Travel
- Team recognition activities (varsity banquet, awards, etc.)
- Strength and Conditioning training
- Costs for families with financial need



LWBBA Annual Registration/Fee

- Annual Fee: Full year fees begin are for Spring/Summer/Fall of 2023 (\$350); The fee is not pro-rated whether students participate in some or all of LWBBA activities.
- Anyone facing financial challenges, can contact Jeremy Pemble for alternative arrangements/aid/scholarships

Year-Round Programming –High School

SPRING

- Spring Ball: Non-cut Spring HS Skill Development & Training, 1-2x week; April to June (LWBBA)
- No games (many players also play for AAU teams during the Spring to enhance their skills)

SUMMER (JUNE BALL)

- June Ball (LWHS) – Non-cut league play; Register through the LWHS Athletics Department/Final Forms – NOT LWBBA
- June Kang Classic Tourney/Father's Day Weekend in June (LWBBA)
- July Youth Camp for 3rd-8th graders (LWBBA)



Year-Round Programming –High School

FALL BALL (LWBBA)

- Sept-Nov Fall Ball: Non-cut Fall HS Skill Development & Training (LWBBA); practices 2x week;
- Mid-Sept-Nov Non-cut League Play and Games: (Newport HS for JV/C & Bellevue for Varsity) (LWBBA)
- In High School, most Kang players historically choose NOT to play AAU in the Fall

WINTER BALL

- Official HS Season, Nov to Feb; including Thanksgiving week/winter break (LWHS); Register through the LWHS Athletics Department/Final Forms – NOT LWBBA
- Team Dinners/Senior Night/Team Banquet (LWBBA)
- Youth Select Season (3rd-8th grade), Oct to March (LWBBA)
- Winter Varsity Travel Tourney (LWBBA/LWHS) and JV/C have games at home



Sports Engine (LWBBA) vs Final Forms (LWHS)

LWHS Athletics: (June & Nov-Feb)

Final Forms is LWHS system (school personnel only have access – not LWBBA). Players will use Final Forms to register for June Ball/Summer Sports and Winter Sports at LWHS. Typically school fees are approx. \$50 for June; \$150 for winter. Medical exams are required for LWHS (not LWBBA).

- Info on registrations, school registration fees, and updating medical records are at <https://lwhs.lwsd.org/athletics>

LWBBA (March-May; July-Nov)

- SportsEngine is the LWBBA system we use to register and communicate with players. LWBBA annual fee (\$350) is paid through this system too. It also powers our website www.kangsbasketball.com
- SE Tips: <https://www.kangsbasketball.com/parent-portal>
- SE Notifications: https://cdn3.sportngin.com/attachments/document/ea79-2014386/2019_Push_Notifications_SE.pdf



The Difference: High School Basketball vs. Recreational Basketball

LWBBA Spring and Fall Ball is an intense preparatory program designed to prepare players for the official LWHS team tryouts in late November.

High school basketball in the official Winter season is a cut sport. Students try out and only a limited number of players are offered spots on 1 of 3 teams: C-Team, JV, Varsity. It is arguably the most competitive sport in high school to secure a spot. And, once you secure a spot, it remains competitive to secure playing time. It becomes progressively harder to make it from C team to JV to Varsity. It is not about fair/equal playing time. It's about creating the strongest possible team to compete. It requires serious work and dedication to play all 4 years at LWHS. During the LWHS is generally a 6-day per week commitment between practices and games.

The Difference: High School Basketball vs. Recreational Basketball, Cont.

Historically, most players that get selected for LWHS team already have years of experience playing highly competitive team basketball (Kangs Select & AAU), which is more advanced than the Kirkland-area middle school basketball teams or recreational basketball (aka Boys & Girls club). LWBBA is a developmental program for players striving to make the high school basketball team.

If our program is too advanced for you, or you are just looking to play basketball for fun, you may wish to explore a recreational basketball program through Redmond Parks and Rec which has practices starting in November. They also have an adaptative rec division for players with special needs. In addition, some local AAU programs have developmental-level teams designed to help HS players improve and have fun. If you want to play, there is a team in the area out there for you.

Team Placement/Selection

Placements on a LWBBA Fall /Spring Ball teams have NO BEARING on how or if you will be selected for an official LWHS team basketball during the regular winter season. That is determined in tryouts by LWHS coaches in November.

For Spring Ball and Fall Ball, LWBBA coaches will make determinations on team assignments and may move players around

For June Ball, LWHS coaches will make determinations on team assignments and may move players around during June Ball

For official winter season, LWHS coaches staff make team decisions after tryouts in late November

LWBBA Spring/Fall Ball Coaches

Joey Giovacchini, LWBBA Director of Skills and Development; LWBBA Varsity Coach (primary Varsity Purple coach);
Cellphone: 425-260-4800; joeygiovacchini@gmail.com

- LWBBA Board of Directors
- 10+ years coaching at high school varsity level in LW offseason and AAU and LW select programs
- His 3 kids each played varsity ball at LWHS, and his daughter Lizzie is the current LW Varsity girls assistant coach
- Personally, he was a state champion high school basketball player and has played in highly competitive men's leagues; He was offered opportunities to play college basketball but chose to attend Stanford instead for academics.

Scott Roberts, LWBBA Varsity Coach (primary Varsity White coach); Cell phone 425-765-0921;
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- LWBBA Board of Directors; Also oversees LW youth Select boys and girls program
- Decades of coaching experience at rec, select, AAU and high school levels; started coaching career as assistant varsity and JV coach at Cascade High School
- Played at Redmond high school and won state championship in 1988 and was MVP of the tournament, and made all state team in 1988
- Played college ball as a 4-year starter at Idaho State University

LWBBA Administration

Jeremy Pemble, LWBBA President; Cell phone 206-930-7998; jeremy@jimpartners.com

- LWBBA Board of directors for 5+ years
- Oversees administration of LWBBA together with other members of LWBBA Board of Directors
- Oldest son, Zach, played as varsity player for LWHS including the 2022 Kingo Co Championship team; Youngest son Jonah is currently a LWHS junior who played LWHS varsity last season

Fall Ball (Sept-Oct)

- This year due to the large influx of incoming players, we expect to have 4 teams instead of our traditional 3 teams. Coaches may shift players around as the season progresses.
- **JV LEAGUE:** We will likely host 2 teams (LWHS JV Purple and JV White) in the Newport JV League with games at Newport High school on Saturdays. Be aware that most of our incoming freshmen will all be “playing up” and competing in this JV league (not a C-team league). That schedule is unavailable yet, but games will start around Sept 9. We will communicate the schedule when we have it, and post it to our website along with required waiver forms.
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- **VARSITY LEAGUE:** We will likely host 2 teams in the Varsity league at Bellevue College. That schedule isn't set but it will generally involve one game during the week (likely Tuesday night) and one game on the weekend. We expect games to begin around Sept 15. We will communicate the schedule when we have it, and post it to our website along with required waiver forms.



Expectations for Fall Ball Competition

- Dedication to improving individually AND as teammates
- Academics & physical/mental health take priority
- Communicate with coaches if you will not be at practices due to illness/tests/work/competing sport
- If you are a multi-sport athlete playing an official LWHS Season Spring Sport (track, baseball, football, etc) that sport should come first.
- Communicate with LWBBA coaches if you need to miss practice/game due to conflict

LWBBA Players & Parents Help Fund the Program

- Players do set-up and tear down at numerous AAU weekend tournaments at LWHS hosted by LWBBA to raise funds throughout the year
 - Parent volunteers needed in 2023-2024 to help supervise
- Kang Classic (June)
- Program Book
- Donations

Donation Info

Matching Gifts Donations

LWHS Booster Club has 501(c)(3) non-profit status from the IRS for itself and for the benefit of its member booster clubs. In accordance with that status, LWHS Booster Club has the ability to obtain matching funds from individual members' employers (such as Microsoft, Boeing, etc.) deposit those funds, and then redistribute them to said booster clubs (such as LWBBA) for their financial benefit. The LWHS matching funds treasurer will be notified by the employer when a matching gift is requested. When matching funds are received, LWHS matching funds treasurer will distribute funds to the named booster club.

LWHS Booster Club federal tax id (EIN): 20-3440935

Payments directly to LWBBA can be made via PayPal: kangbasketball@gmail.com or checks to LWBBA



Other Info

Most current information: www.kangsbasketball.com

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/kang.basketball/>

LWHS Head Coach (for official LWHS winter season)

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