



Waupaca Youth Basketball Club 2018 Season Overview

About the WYBC: The Waupaca Youth Basketball Club (WYBC) is a volunteer, non-profit organization committed to developing excellence in the youth of our community by teaching the skills, disciplines, teamwork, and competitive spirit that are acquired through the game of basketball. The overall mission of the WYBC is to deliver as many skilled, competitive, respectful, and coachable basketball athletes to the high school program as possible.

WYBC Officers Paul Charapata – President; Brian Hoelzel – Vice President; Greg Smidt – Treasurer; Melanie O’Keefe – Secretary

WYBC Board Members/Roles

Paul Charapata – Director of Communication/Fundraising

Rob Johnson – Director of Uniforms

Brad Bogard – Director of Tournaments

Brian Hoelzel – Director of Registration

Nate Harms – Director of Player Development; James Komp Assistant

Greg Smidt – Director of Concessions

Open Position – Director of Teams / Team Parent(s)

WYBC Supporters Julie Bogard – Director of Scheduling

Rocky Mondello, Aaron Jensen, Ethan Dayton, Bailey Halvorsen

WYBC Sponsors Nekoosa Coated Products, Waupaca Foundry, Dick’s Sporting Goods, Farmers State Bank, Anonymous Individuals

WYBC Commitment: Basketball development and success requires commitment. This commitment includes off-season practice, club basketball, rec basketball, and school basketball. Effort in all these opportunities will result in the most success at the high school level and beyond. All players are expected to attend all club practices and games as scheduled. All parents are expected to volunteer time at tournaments sponsored by the club to help setup, take down, and work concessions. You will receive information about volunteer opportunities from your coach.

Practices Practice is typically held 1-2 times per week, and for 1 -2 hours each practice. Players must be at practice to develop individual and team skills. Practice plans are determined by each coach at each grade level, with an emphasis on using the same drills and schemes taught in the school programs. Practices focus on both individual and team skill development. The club practices require physical exertion, attention to detail listening and executing drills, and learning vital skills. Practice schedules will be adjusted for the 7th and 8th grade teams to enable and support participation in the school basketball program. We strongly encourage players to participate in club, rec, and school programs to maximize the development of skills and teamwork.

Tournaments Teams will typically play the number of tournaments that are aligned to the player’s grade level (5th grade will play ~5 tournaments; 8th grade will play ~8 tournaments). Tournaments are typically within 90 miles of Waupaca, and do not require a hotel stay. Tournament games are generally Saturday and/or Sunday. For most tournaments, teams will play three (3) to five (5) games. When in a tournament, it is difficult to devote time to anything but the tournament for that given day/weekend. Grades 4-8th will have the opportunity to participate in the WI Dells tournament on Dec 14-15. A WYBC hotel room block will be established at a waterpark hotel for those interested in staying overnight. Most players stay Friday and Saturday nights.

Coaches Coaching is done by parents and community volunteers. If at some point during the season a concern arises or if you want to recognize a coach doing an exceptional job, we encourage you to contact a board member. Also, if you have an issue with a coach, we ask that you allow 24 hours minimum for the emotions of the issue to settle before directly addressing the coach. Do NOT address a coach during tournaments or immediately following games. Please wait until a practice following the tournament/game.

Varsity Coaches Overview from our Varsity boys coach – Ethan Dayton, and Assistant Varsity girls coach - Greg Smidt (speaking on behalf of Bailey Halvorsen, Varsity girls coach)



Cost The Waupaca Youth Basketball Club requires a \$50 club fee for all players. Players are also required to purchase a uniform and gear. All WYBC players will receive a voucher to attend all home varsity boys and girls basketball games. *If cost is a problem, please contact a board member to learn more about financial assistance opportunities.*

Uniforms/Gear For 4th-8th grade, you are required to have a uniform (shorts and shirt), shooting shirt, practice jersey, and ball. The cost for this required gear will be in the \$120-\$150 range. For 3rd grade only, you are required to have a practice jersey and ball. The cost for this gear is ~\$40. The club does not supply the required gear, you must purchase items from Team Outfitters at the Waupaca store, or online at www.teamoutfitterswi.com. To order online, go the www.teamoutfitterswi.com website and then click on 'Categories', followed by Waupaca Youth Basketball 2018. The Team Outfitters Waupaca store location will have uniforms available for you to confirm sizes. You may source a used uniform from a prior year player, or reuse your uniform from a prior year. Please advise your coach of your player number ASAP so we can avoid duplicate numbers. For new uniforms, you will not be able to choose your number, it will be selected for you. Please purchase your uniform as soon as possible, as games begin for some teams in early November. You may also purchase fan gear on the site including sweatshirts, socks, backpacks, hats, t-shirts, and more.

Registration Please visit www.waupacabasketball.com to register. The registration instructions are listed on the lower right portion of the home page, along with details on ordering uniforms. There is a service charge of ~\$3 for your credit card payment and your credit card bill will reflect a charge to 'WYBC'. As part of the registration process, the parent and player will be asked to sign off on the concussion protocol, club policies, and player/parent/coach code of conduct. These documents are available on the 'About' tab of the www.waupacabasketball.com website.

Technology Our website, www.waupacabasketball.com is your source for updates, schedules, registration, sponsorship and club information. We also use SportsEngine. Please download the SportsEngine free app on your phone, and then connect to the 'Waupaca Youth Basketball Association and the grade for your child (for a 5th Grade girl, you will search and setup 'Waupaca Youth Basketball Association 5th Grade Girls on the SportsEngine App). You will setup the calendar connection so your phone calendar is automatically updated with practices/games/locations. Please go to www.sportsengine.com for additional instructions. All teams will use this tool in 2018.

Teams Participation levels of coaches and parents will be used to consider how player participation can be maximized in terms of player development and competition. If player levels exceed optimum numbers for a single team (typically 10 or more), the coach will seek additional coach volunteers to assist and support this level of participation. Two different approaches will be used to manage high participation levels and a range of player skill levels: **Approach 1:** A first and second team will be formed with the highest skill level players participating on the first team, and the developing skill level players on the second team which may involve 2 grade levels combining. The second team will practice and play independently of the first team, while also participating in different leagues, tournaments, and scrimmages to ensure appropriate competition and player development as directed by the coach. **Approach 2:** A single team will be maintained that will practice together, with different groups of players being selected to play in specific tournaments, league games, and/or scrimmages. Players will have variable playing time and participation in different events based on the coaches discretion, with a goal of maximizing playing time and player development within appropriate competition levels for all players. In this case, the team will take 8-10 players to most tournaments to enable playing time for all kids that are on the team for that specific tournament. For both approaches above, it is important to understand that we want to maximize the number of participants (more is better), and also provide opportunities for all kids to develop their skills and play the game at appropriate levels of competition.

This is the start of a new season. I ask that all parents, players, and coaches embrace this new opportunity to make 2018 our best season ever, with maximum participation, learning, teamwork, effort, positivity, and fun. This will create the great results and memories for our kids that last a lifetime!