



Waupaca Youth Basketball Club 2019 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; James Komp – Vice President; Rob Johnson – Treasurer; Kelly Carlson – Secretary

WYBC Board Members/Roles

Paul Charapata – Director of Communication/Fundraising/Registration

Rob Johnson – Director of Concessions

Brad Bogard – Director of Tournaments

James Komp – Director of Player Development

Kelly Carlson – Director of Uniforms

WYBC Supporters/Roles Julie Bogard – Director of Scheduling

Rocky Mondello, Ross Adamczak, Zack Molner (Boys Varsity Coach), Payton Mix (Girls Varsity Coach)

WYBC Sponsors Nekoosa Coated Products, Waupaca Foundry, Dick's Sporting Goods, Farmers State Bank, Anonymous Individuals You can become a sponsor by clicking the 'About' tab on our www.waupacabasketball.com website.

WYBC Coaches Boys - 3rd Dane Christianson, 4th Open, 5th Rob Johnson, 6th Ross Adamczak, 7th Nate Harms, 8th Open
Girls – 3rd Open, 4th Michelle Soto, 5th Open, 6th Rocky Mondello, 7th Brad Bogard, 8th Open

WYBC Commitment: Basketball development and success requires commitment. This commitment includes off-season practice, club basketball, rec basketball, and school basketball. Effort put forth 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. Tournaments are generally scheduled/completed in one day, Saturday 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 in December. 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 to maximize time spent together as a team.

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 for a positive contribution, we encourage you to contact a board member. Also, if you have an issue with a coach or coaching decision, 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 or at a scheduled time following the tournament/game.

Varsity Coaches We have 2 new varsity coaches for this season, Zach Molner (varsity boys) and Payton Mix (varsity girls). Both bring a high level of support and commitment to not only the high school program but also the youth program. The WYBC will be working together throughout the season with Zach and Payton to connect our programs.



Cost The Waupaca Youth Basketball Club requires a \$60 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 as part of joining the club. *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, backpack, and ball. The cost for this required gear will be in the ~\$150 range. For 3rd grade only, you are required to have a practice jersey and ball. The cost for this gear is ~\$30. You can place your gear order at the time you register for the club at www.waupacabasketball.com. If you are unsure of sizing, the club will provide uniforms to try on at the parent meeting. You may source a used uniform and gear from a prior year player, or reuse your uniform from a prior year. **If you have a uniform from a prior year, please note that information in the requested location during registration so we can avoid duplicate numbers. Also, please turn in any old uniforms in good condition to the club. You may provide them to your coach, your player can turn them into a bin in Rocky Mondello's office at school, or you can turn it in at the parent meeting. You will receive \$20 for any good condition uniform given to the club.** For new uniforms, you will be asked to provide 3 number choices. We will do our best to accommodate your selections, but will pick a number for you if your choices not available. You may also purchase fan gear including sweatshirts, shirts, etc. An order sheet is available on our www.waupacabasketball.com website.

Registration Please visit www.waupacabasketball.com to register. The registration instructions are listed on the lower right portion of the home page. 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, liability waiver, and player/parent/coach code of conduct. These documents are available on the 'About' tab of the www.waupacabasketball.com website for you to review.

Technology Our website, www.waupacabasketball.com is your source for updates, schedules, registration, sponsorship and club information. We use SportsEngine to power our website and club activity scheduling. 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 must then 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 2019.

Teams Participation levels of both coaches and parents will be used to consider how player participation can be maximized for player development and competition. If player participation 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 potentially 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 established 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 maximize playing time for the roster at that specific tournament. For both approaches above, it is important to understand that we want to maximize the number of participants (more is better), while also providing opportunities for all kids to develop their skills and play the game at appropriate levels of competition.

It is exciting to begin our 2019 Waupaca Youth Basketball Club season. This brings a new opportunity to build our teamwork as parents, players, and coaches in striving to make our best even better. It is our goal to maximize participation, learning, teamwork, effort, positivity, and fun! This will lead to great results and fond memories for all involved that last a lifetime!