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# NEWSLETTER



Thank you to those who participated in the WGBA Survey. We appreciate your feedback and heard many of you say you wanted more consistent communication and updates...welcome to our first monthly WGBA Newsletter! I hope all WGBA family and friends are safe and healthy during this time of uncertainty. I feel fortunate we were able to finish our season and miss it already! The WGBA had an amazing season this year – both our Travel and Rec teams saw great success, growth and had a lot of fun. The success of our Wayzata Classic tournament along with our fundraising made for another special year to be a part of this community. We are looking forward to putting those dollars to work for the kids as soon as this quarantine is lifted and we can get back in the gym. We have planned for *more* open gyms, summer camps and training to fill the need of the kids in our program. We can't wait to get back in the gym and start building for 2020/21 tryouts and season. WGBA has become known as a top program in the state of MN because of the talented kids but also the amazing parents that help make this thing work. Any questions please do not hesitate to reach out at [chadwgba@gmail.com](mailto:chadwgba@gmail.com).

## TRAVEL SEASON

A special THANK YOU for having your daughter participate in the 2019-20 WGBA Travel Season.

Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and family friends - your efforts do not go unnoticed!

This year we had nearly 200 players across 20 teams (3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade). We continue to see success and growth throughout the Travel program both on and off the court. There are too many teams that had impressive seasons to list everyone but we do need to highlight 3 teams that won **MYAS State Championships: 3-1, 5-1 and 7-1**. Congrats to your players, coaches and families.



## H.S. REC SEASON

The WGBA High School Rec program is alive and well! For the first time in several years we had three full teams of 10 girls each. The program is designed to provide high school girls another opportunity to continue their basketball careers following middle school.

We had a robust and successful season. Team Carroll "won it all" with a team of mostly freshmen, beat a team of all seniors from Minnetonka for the Championship! The team had a varying range of basketball experience, from none to Rec league to our Travel program. Our two other teams took 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places.



## Team 6-3: Memories While Missing Basketball (and everything else)

An 8 a.m. tip-off on the other side of the metro... what we all wouldn't give for that right now, right? We hope some good memories of this season are still bringing smiles to faces. Here are some of ours, from 6-3:

We were proud of how our girls stepped up and played up this season. We missed layups and we hit a few ill-advised threes. We threw a perfect lob pass on a fast-break and we passed it directly into an opponent's hands once or twice or 17 times. We had a girl get sick on the court and another run full-speed into a set of bleachers. They both asked right away: "Can I go back in?"

Big strides forward for us this season in defense and shooting. In one of our final big wins, the girls drilled nearly all their free-throws. Coach Nick had them at the line for hours in practice, ready for that moment. *Swish, swish, swish.*

A late-Fall lull was erased by a Championship at our own Wayzata Classic. Another dip, followed by another big W: Rochester. They were proud of those two. We played up in the State Tourney, going 2-2 in high-B. Tears at the end, but mostly the good kind. They didn't want this time together to end. "I love our basketball family," one of our player's moms said later. Win-loss record? It was 28-14, but we won't remember that much longer. We will, however, remember how much fun we had with our 6-3 family.

—Chris Carr, Assistant Coach

## KEY DATES

### Spring Junior Jammers

Cancelled due to COVID-19

### FREE Spring Open Gym

Cancelled through May 3  
May 10, 14, 17, 21 (TBD)

### Spring Training Challenge

March 23-April 23  
500+points earns \$10 Honey & Mackey Giftcard, see details here:  
<https://www.wgba.net/playerdev>

### FREE Online Training

<https://www.wgba.net/playerdev>

### Wayzata Basketball Summer Camp & Clinics

Camp: June 8-12  
<https://www.wgba.net/camps>

### \*NEW\* WGBA Summer Camp

July 6-10 (details to come)

## FUNDRAISING

Another successful Heggie's Fundraising campaign! Thank you for your participation this year! We were able to raise over \$20,000, up from \$17,000 last year! Special recognition goes out to the top individual seller, **Arianna Peterson**, and the top team **7-2 travel**. These funds are vital to the health of the WGBA and are used to provide numerous free training opportunities both during the season and Spring/Summer. On top of that, we are able to secure gym space, invest in player development, coaches and provide scholarships to ensure all who want to participate have the opportunity. Thank you!!





# THANK YOU COACHES!!

The WGBA is blessed to have some of the best volunteer head, assistant and paid coaches around. While we are very thankful for our paid coaches, it is our volunteers that make our association what it is. Without their sacrifice and willingness to serve our community, we could not do what we do. To ALL our coaches, the WGBA recognizes you and appreciates the time, energy and so much more to create the best experience possible for all players and families.

