

A close-up photograph of a brown leather basketball with black lines, resting on a wooden basketball court floor. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the ball and the grain of the wood.

Lake Washington Basketball Association

(LWHS Boys Basketball Booster Club)

2020verview



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 & Advisor :

- LWBBA President (Lettecia Best)
- Skills and Offseason Kangs HS & Select Youth Director (Scott Roberts)
- Facilities Directors (Diana Giraldo and Jason Cummings)
- Equipment Director (Jared Ikeda)
- Program & Spirit Book Director (BJ O'Hare)
- Director-at-large: (Darin Carlson)
- Director-at-large & Secretary: (Jeremy Pemble)
- Director-at-large: (Ryan Fox)
- Treasurer (Bob Staudacher)
- Advisor to the Board and Skill and Offseason Play HS Director: (Joey Giovacchini)



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
- Decades of 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 LWHS Girls Varsity assistant coach, and his son-in-law Jeff Wilson is the head coach of LWHS Girls Varsity

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

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 (\$425); The fee is not pro-rated whether students participate in some or all of LWBBA activities.
- Anyone facing financial challenges, can contact Lettecia Best or Jeremy Pemble for alternative arrangements/aid/scholarships

Year-Round Programming –High School

SPRING

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

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: (3-4 teams in Bellevue League) (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-\$100 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 (\$425) 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

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, and have intra LWBBA development league. Coaches may shift players around as the season progresses.
- **BELLEVUE LEAGUE:** We will likely host 4 teams (LWHS Varsity Purple/White and JV Purple/White) in the Newp Bellevue league. 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 mid Sept . We will communicate the schedule when we have it, and post it to our website along with required waiver forms. Generally there is one game during the week (likely Tuesday night) and one game on the weekend.
- **DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE:** Players who are not placed onto one of the 4 LWBBA teams will participate in an intra LWBBA development league that includes practice sessions and scrimmages against each other.



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 to help
 - During June Ball and Winter Ball to run scoreboard and clock during games.
 - During Kang Classic (June): parents volunteer for Court Managers and other tasks during the Kang Classic, and players run the clocks/score boards
 - 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/>

LWBBA President (for offseason Spring/Fall Ball)

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