



Edina Basketball Association

Travel Program Parents Meeting

September 9, 2025

EBA Organization



Mission

- The Edina Basketball Association's mission is to create a fun, competitive, and safe basketball environment that is focused on providing skill development, as well as fostering respect for others, self-confidence, leadership, and teamwork in our Edina student athletes.

Overview

- Nonprofit organization within the Edina Parks and Recreation.
- Manages basketball programs for over 1,500 boys and girls K-12 in Edina, including around 350 players in the Travel Program.
- All volunteer Board of Directors.

Key Contacts



Kevin Donley – President

Eliot Klone – Vice President, Boys Travel

Nicholas Grue – Vice President, Girls Travel

Eric Liang – Vice President, Girls Travel

Giovanna Ingram – Administrator (Registration, Financial Aid)

Mike Hutson – Administrator (Website, Communications)

Laurie Wilcox – Administrator (Scheduling, District Liaison)

Questions?

1. Please visit our website: edinabasketball.com
2. Please email: admin@edinabasketball.com

EBA Board of Directors



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Kate Mismash – Vice President, Apparel/Equip/Unis

Daniel Ihnat – Vice President, House & Rec

Jonathan Vessey – Secretary

Fred Kwan – Treasurer

Patrick Basile – Treasurer Elect

Jon Bryant – Boys Varsity Coach

MC McGrory – Girls Varsity Coach

Jared Chapman – Boys & Girl K-2nd Grade House

Terry Delahunt – Boys Travel Tournament

Marissa Gautsch – Tournament Concessions

LeeAnna Kalscheur – Sponsorships/Fundraising

Nicole Koranda – Girls Travel Tournament

Nick Montgomery – Apparel/Equip/Unis

Tim Murphy – Sponsorships/Fundraising

Jayne Matelski – Boys 3rd-4th & Girls 3rd Grade House

Nate Mueller - Girls 4th-12th Grade Rec

Bryan Newman – Boys 5th-8th Grade House

Tara Smith – Timberwolves Events

Jennifer Skavnak – Tournament Concessions

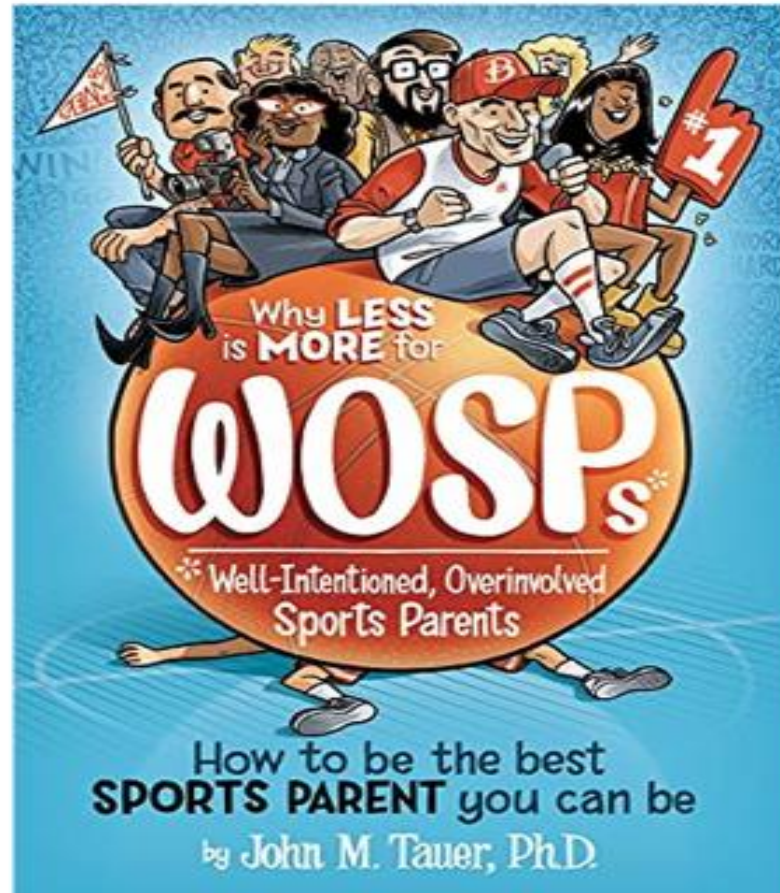
Mike Skramstad – Tournament Coordination

Paul Tessmer-Tuck – Boys 9th-12th Grade Rec



Johnny Tauer

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The New York Times

Coach's Ph.D. in Psychology Is Applied on Court and in Classroom

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St. Thomas Coach John Tauer at a practice last week. He is also a tenured professor with a doctorate in social psychology from Wisconsin. Tim Gruber for The New York Times

By Pat Borzi

Feb. 17, 2015

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 - What we've learned – share experiences and research
 - Sports teaches powerful lessons







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CHAMPIONSHIPS





2021-22

***KEN POM | 305
NET | 314
WINS | 10***

2022-23

***KEN POM | 202
NET | 199
WINS | 19***

2023-24

***KEN POM | 148
NET | 159
WINS | 20***

2024-25

***KEN POM | 130
NET | 120
WINS | 24***

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Coach Jon Bryant

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Travel Program Overview

Edina Basketball Association

Travel Program



What's new?

- We are excited to have 3rd grade boys and girls travel teams again this year!
- We have partnered with H4 Sports Academy for player evaluations.
- Added an optional Timberwolves Event for boys and girls teams.

Focus

- Available to boys and girls in 3rd-8th grade who attend school or live in Edina.
- Intended for players with more advanced basketball skills.
- Provides for greater competition by playing teams from other communities and associations.

Commitment

- Travel basketball requires a significant time commitment from the player and their family.
- Should be the player's primary athletic extra-curricular activity during the season.
- At no time can a player play on an additional Travel Team during the EBA travel basketball season.

Player Development



Training

- Continuing Legacy Hoops Training program introduced last year.
- Improved Trainer to Player ratio this year.
- Each team will have 5 skill development sessions during the season.
- Sessions will be 60 minutes and scheduled on Mondays.
- Skill development sessions will not replace team practices.

Additional Skill Development

- Additional skill development resources are available upon request for players and teams.
- Training sessions/clinics must be scheduled and paid for independently. These are not part of the EBA Travel Program.

Coach Development



Partnership – EBA and EHS

- Collaboration with the EHS Varsity Coaches (Jon Bryant and MC McGrory) to provide EBA coaches with additional resources needed to be successful.
- Mutual desire to continue to strengthen the relationship between the EHS programs and the EBA.

Girls' Coaches Clinic – September 23

- Led by MC McGrory, EHS Girls' Varsity Head Coach
- 6:30 to 8:00pm – ECC Main Gym

Boys' Coaches Clinic – October 7 @ the ECC

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Travel Basics: Registration Cost

2025-26 TRAVEL REGISTRATION FEES

Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th-8th Grade
Total Registration Cost	\$600	\$750	\$950

- Registration closes on September 11. Late registrations will not be accepted.
- The upfront payment of \$70 covers the cost of tryout participation. This portion of the registration fee is non-refundable.
- If your player is selected for the Travel Program, the balance of the registration fee will be automatically charged on September 23 using the same card that was used for the upfront payment.
- If your player is not selected for the Travel Program, the balance will not be charged, and your player's registration will be canceled.
- Total cost does not include uniform and shooter shirt fees.

Travel Program:



Uniforms

- Same uniforms as last year!
- New players will have to buy a uniform.
- Sizing samples will be available both days (September 20 & 21) during tryouts as well as handouts on how to order.
- The website to order uniforms will close at midnight on Tuesday, September 23.
- Cost is \$105 for reversible jersey and shorts



Travel Program:



Warm-up Shirts

- All players are required to purchase a warm-up shirt each year.
- Sizing samples will be available both days during tryouts as well as handouts on how to order.
- The website to order uniforms will close at midnight on Tuesday, September 23.
- Cost is \$50.



Travel Basics:



Warm-up Shirts

- Used as sponsorship tool for local businesses.
- Sponsor logo is prominently displayed on the back.
- \$850 to sponsor a team.
- Great way to give back and promote your business.
- Contact **LeeAnna Kalscheur** or **Tim Murphy** at tim.murphy14@gmail.com for more information!



Travel Basics:



Tournament Fees

- We will have admission/gate fees at the Grade State Championships at the end of the season.
- We do not expect any of the other tournaments to have extra admission fees this year. If anything changes in this regard, we will let you know.

Photos (optional)

- The EBA will coordinate a photo day during the season. Parents will have the option of buying a variety of photo packages.

Hotel Fees (optional)

- 4th-8th grade travel players will be returning to the St Cloud tournament this year. The EBA has reserved a block of rooms at multiple hotels will accommodate families. Hotel fees and booking information will be provided at a later date.

Travel Basics: Team Detail



Boys Program

- In 3rd grade, there will be two teams: one A team and one B team.
- In 4th-7th grade, there will be 4 teams: one A team, one B team, and two C teams.
- In 8th grade, there will be 3 teams: one A team, one B team, and one C team.
- A teams (Black) will have 9 players while B (Green) and C teams (White & Gold) will have 10.

Coaches

- 3rd and 4th grade is coached by parents.
- 5th-8th grades are generally coached by non-parent paid coaches. In some cases, a parent coach may be used.
- All coaches (including assistants) must pass a criminal background check and complete concussion certification and child safety training.



Travel Basics: Team Detail



Girls Program

- The number of teams and players on a team depends on registration and tryout results.
- Projecting 2 teams in 3rd grade, 4 teams in 4th & 5th grade, 3 teams in 6th-8th grade.

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Travel Basics: Practices and Games



Practices

- Typically, two practices per week and can take place on any weekday evening.
- Length: 1.5 hours long (usually between 6:30-9:30pm but may vary).
- Locations: Elementary, Middle Schools, Edina Community Center and High School gyms.

Games - Playing Time

- 3rd-5th Grade: Minimum of 40% of the total team playing time over the course of a weekend (provided the player is working hard and listening during practice and not repeatedly absent from practices or games).
- 6th-8th Grade: No minimum; coach's discretion but encouraged to have equitable playing time.



Travel Basics: Key Dates

Tryouts

- **September 20 & 21**
3rd-8th Grade Boys
3rd-8th Grade Girls
- **September 28**
5th-8th Grade Boys
- Please refer to Tryout Schedules on edinabasketball.com website.

Team Announcements

- Boys 3rd & 4th Grade teams and Girls 3rd-8th Grade teams will be posted on Monday, September 22 at 6 pm.
- 5th-8th Grade Boys who advance to September 28 team placement sessions will be posted on Monday, September 29 at 6 pm.



Tryout Process

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About Tryouts



Independent Evaluators

- H4 Sports Academy will serve as our independent evaluators again this year!
- Evaluators have extensive basketball backgrounds including experience developing and training youth athletes at all levels.
- Responsible for delivering a 7 to 1 evaluator-to-player ratio during tryouts.
- Players are assessed by the evaluators anonymously using randomly assigned jersey numbers.
- Edina Varsity Head Coaches and staff will lead drills focused on dribbling, passing, shooting, and game situations, providing evaluators with the best opportunity to accurately assess players throughout tryouts.

About Tryouts (Cont.)



Additional Factors

- Current year coach's assessment from the tryout
- Prior year coach's input, including last year's player evaluations
- 5th-8th Grade: Evaluators/coaches are made aware if they are proposing to move a player up or down two or more levels compared to the previous year. This is done so there can be further discussion about the player.
- See the Travel Tryout Process Overview documents posted under PROGRAMS > TRAVEL > DOCUMENTS on our website.

Please Note: If a player is unable to participate in part or all of tryouts, please contact us ASAP and review Section V in the Travel Tryout Process Overview document.

About Tryouts (Cont.)



Team Formation Process

- Evaluators will rank the Top 10 players and determine the cut players for each grade including a list of the first 3 alternates should there be a vacated roster spot.
- The Top 5 players as ranked by the evaluators will be automatically placed on the A team. The A coach has visibility to the Top 10 ranking, but they may choose any player they wish to complete the rest of their roster (4 players).
- Any player ranked in the Top 10 that was not chosen for the A team will be automatically placed on the B team. The B coach can then choose any remaining player they wish to complete their roster.
- All remaining players will be placed on the C team. If there are two C teams, the first pick will be decided by a coin flip and then both coaches will alternate picks until all remaining players are chosen.

Please note: Evaluator and coach decisions impacting players making a Travel team and placement on a specific Travel team are final. If you have a question about the evaluation or team placement, those questions can be directed to the EBA at admin@edinabasketball.com.



Tournaments

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Boys Tournament Schedule



Boys Program

- 3rd Grade will compete in 6 tournaments
- 4th Grade will compete in 10 tournaments
- 5th-8th Grade will compete in 11 tournaments

2025-26 BOYS TRAVEL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Dates	Location	Grades
11/01-11/02	Chaska	4th-8th
11/08-11/09	Osseo Maple Grove	4th-8th
11/22-11/23	Minnetonka	3rd & 5th-8th
12/05-12/07	Eden Prairie	3rd-8th
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12/13-12/14	East Ridge**	4th-8th
01/10-01/11	Blaine	3rd-8th
01/24-01/25	Edina	3rd-8th
02/07-02/08	St. Cloud	4th-8th
02/21-02/22	Wayzata	3rd-8th
02/28-03/01	Burnsville	4th-6th
	State Tourney (3rd-6th)	
03/07-03/08	Border Battle (7th-8th)	3rd-8th
03/14-03/15	State Tourney	7th-8th

(ALL SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Girls Tournament Schedule



Girls Travel

- 3rd Grade will compete in 6 tournaments
- 4th Grade will compete in 10 tournaments
- 5th-8th Grade will compete in 11 tournaments

2025-26 GIRLS TRAVEL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Dates	Location	Grades
11/1-11/2	Osseo - Maple Grove	4th-8th
	Rogers (3rd-4th)	3rd-8th
11/8-11/9	Prior Lake (5th-8th)	
11/15-11/16	Lakeville North	5th-8th
12/6-12/7	Minnetonka	3rd-8th
12/13-12/14	Shakopee	4th-8th
1/10-1/11	Wayzata	4th-8th
1/17-1/18	Chaska	3rd-8th
1/31-2/1	Edina	3rd-8th
2/7-2/8	St. Cloud	4th-8th
2/14-2/15	Blaine	4th-8th
2/21-2/22	State Tournament	3rd-8th

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Edina Tournaments



Boys Tournament

January 24-25, 2026

Girls Tournament

January 31 & February 1, 2026



EDINA CAKE EATER
Classic

Please note: As stated during online player registration, EBA families are required to volunteer for shifts during their child's tournament. Shifts have historically included working in concessions and helping facilitate the flow of teams into and out of the gyms.

St Cloud Weekend

Tournament

- February 7-8, 2026.
- Only overnight tourney of the season.
- Highlight of the year for most players!
- 4th-8th grade teams will be able to attend.

Holiday Inn

- Exclusively booked for EBA families.
- Ideal for the age group with giant indoor pools, arcade, vending machines and much more.



Grade State Championships



Details

- End of year State Championship!
- Location and seeding happens in mid-February based on each team's performance.
- Final tier and seeding will be released prior to the tournament.

Schedule

- Girls 3rd-8th Grade: Feb 28 & Mar 1, 2026
- Boys 3rd-6th Grade: March 7-8, 2026
- Boys 7th & 8th Grade: **March 14-15, 2026**



Timberwolves Event (Optional)



Details

- Boys & Girls 6th-8th grade teams will get to play at the Target Center!
- Boys & Girls 4th-5th grade teams will get to participate in the Timberwolves buddy and player tunnel experience.
- Boys & Girls 3rd grade teams will be able to watch the Edina games during the day and Timberwolves game that night.

Schedule

- Boys Timberwolves Event: 12:30 pm on December 17, 2025
- Girls Timberwolves Event: 12:30 pm on March 3, 2026

Requirement

- Players and parents must purchase a ticket to the Timberwolves game on event night to participate.





Code of Conduct

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Code of Conduct



Player Code of Conduct

- Agreed to by parents during the registration process.
- Document on EBA website under EBA / About the EBA / Policies.
- Parents should review this document with their player.
- Players that fail to meet these guidelines will be subject to sanctions as determined by their coach and/or the EBA Executive Board.

Code of Conduct (Cont.)



Conflict Resolution

- Issues or conflicts including, but not limited to playing time, conflicts among players, coaches, and/or parents, and any other team or individual related matters shall be resolved through the following procedure:
 - Players and parents should first discuss the matter with the team's head coach.
 - If the issue cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of all parties, the matter should be presented to the appropriate director for boys or girls travel.
 - If the issue still cannot be satisfactorily resolved, the matter should be presented to the EBA Executive Committee for consideration and final resolution.



Questions?

We hope you all have a great season!