



Whitnall Youth Basketball Club: Family Guide

We hope this guide will be useful to your family to help you understand what to expect while being a member of our club. Also, don't forget to check the website constantly for further information: www.whitnallyouthbasketballclub.com

Who we are:

The **Whitnall Youth Basketball Club (WYBC)** is a competitive basketball organization with an emphasis on teaching grade school and middle school boys and girls on how to develop basketball fundamentals and play winning team basketball. We sponsor teams who play in the **Boys - Wisconsin Youth Basketball League (WYBL)** and the **Girls - Metro South Leagues** or **North Shore League** which have some of the finest teams in southeastern Wisconsin and the State of Wisconsin. Our goal is to develop athletes physically, mentally and emotionally while preparing them for high school and beyond. **The club is completely run by volunteers. No board members are paid for the time they devote to running the club.**

Our teams play in leagues from November to March. Also, over the course of the season each team will play in at least **3** tournaments but possibly up to as many as 7 tournaments depending on your player's age. Teams can play in additional tournaments at an additional cost to families. Most tournaments are local but a few may require traveling and overnight stays. Our goal is to have each boys and girls team receive an invitation and play in the Wisconsin State Invitational Championships.

The main goals are as follows:

1. Provide opportunities for our youth to play basketball and to foster a greater appreciation for the sport
2. Instill through basketball the interactions between players, coaches and the involvement in competitive play
3. To enhance positive and lasting life skills.

Player Eligibility:

Boys and Girls who attend a Whitnall district public school or live in the Whitnall school district are eligible to play in our club.

Online Pre-Registration

If your player is selected for a team, the notification email will include a link to our online pre-registration. This will allow you the opportunity to complete/sign the following forms in advance of the in-person registration:

- o Player Registration Form
- o Parent Guide Acknowledgement Form
- o Concussion Waiver
- o COVID-19 Waiver

Registration Fees:

Payment is due at the time of signup. WYBC works hard to keep the registration fees well below those of other club teams by hosting home tournaments. ~~Parents should understand that volunteer hours are mandatory for all families.~~

The payment schedule for the **2020 – 2021** season is as follows:

Player #1.....	\$250 (cash, check or credit)
Player #2, 3, etc.....	\$200 per additional player
Uniform Fee (if required.) (Shorts and Jersey available separately for \$40.00 each).....	\$80 (cash, check or credit)
Fundraiser Fee – 65 Raffle tickets	\$130/family (cash, check,)

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~~Volunteer Fee—Refunded at end of season if volunteer time has been completed..... \$150/family (cash/check only)
—*Check Preferred for Volunteer Fee.* (Waived for the 2020-2021 with uncertainty around home tournaments)~~

It is important to note that all fees are due at Registration. As noted above, playing fees, uniform fees and fundraiser fees can be paid by cash, check or credit card. ~~The volunteer fee MUST be paid by cash or check. The WYBC would strongly prefer the volunteer fee be paid by a post-dated check of April 1, 2020 as it will not be cashed if you fulfill your volunteer requirement.~~

The playing fees assist in covering all practice gym time, league and tournament fees for all teams in the club, insurance costs and the purchase of equipment for teams. The fees also cover a shooting shirt for each player, a practice jersey for each new player as well as coaching shirts for the coaches.

COVID-19 Cancellations/Refunds:

WYBC is committed to providing pro-rated refunds to our families in the event of a season cancellation or shut down. (Uniforms and fundraiser fee raffle tickets are non-refundable, no matter the situation.) If the season gets shut down, we will simply take the total amount of refunds throughout the club cancellations (practice gym time, league registration fees, and tournament fees) and divide by the number of players to calculate the refunded amount. These refund payments will be made no later than 5/1/2021.

Fundraiser

To help keep registration fees low, WYBC conducts a variety of fundraising events to support additional expenses not covered through registration fees. Some of these expenses include, participation in summer leagues, clinics, camps, tournaments, referees, and other fees necessary for operating the teams.

1. Raffle Fundraiser - The raffle fundraiser will consist of each family purchasing \$130 in raffle tickets, which will consist of 65 tickets to be sold at \$2.00 a ticket. Each family can gain back the \$130 in ticket sales resulting in no cost to the family. Each family will be responsible for returning the completed stub of each ticket they sell to a WYBC board member by the date of the drawing. The drawing will be held Friday, January 8th 2021 during the boys Varsity game halftime at Whitnall High School currently scheduled at 7:00pm.
2. WYBC Girls & Boys Tournaments - hosting home tournaments for the players as a source of revenue for the club which has been done in the past. - TBD

Volunteering:

~~In an effort to ensure successful fundraising events for the club, every family is expected to volunteer primarily for our Whitnall tournaments for one 3-hour slot. Volunteer time is mandatory and if you do not fulfill this requirement you will not receive the \$150 volunteer fee as part of registration. (Families with multiple players only need to volunteer for one slot.)~~

~~**Please note:** Keeping the score book or running the game clock during your player's game DOES NOT count as time towards the volunteer requirement.~~

~~***Although we are waiving the volunteering requirement for 2020-2021 season, we may need families to support any home tournaments that we may be able to host depending on Whitnall School District gym restrictions.***~~

Uniforms:

Returning Players – will not be required to purchase a new uniform if they played last year and their uniform still fits and is in good shape.

New Players – you will be fitted for a uniform during registration. The uniform you purchase is yours to keep.

Tryouts/Team Selections:

Your player will be evaluated during the tryout times by coaching staff and Board members. The ideal amount of players on a team is 10-12. We are limited by practice gym space to having "A" (Gold) and "B" (Blue) boy's teams and one girls

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team per grade. Team selections are a difficult process and after the top 5-6 players, coaches may select players based on need. The 8th and 9th best players may be guards but a team may need more post players with size. We also have boys who move up from the “B” level or down from the “A” level every year as they develop at different skill rates. Being on the “B” team does not mean their playing potential is limited. Whitnall High School regularly has players who were “B” level players at the youth level. Your player will be exposed to high levels of competition at both the “A” and “B” levels.

Playing Time:

We go to tournaments to compete. There are no guarantees of playing time. WYBC is ultimately a competitive traveling tournament team and our goal is to give everyone a positive basketball experience. Teams are not based on an equal playing time format. The ideal objective is for all team members to play in tournaments, with the intent for all to share in playing time, but predicated on the game, it is determined at the coach’s discretion. Playing time will be evaluated not only on skill/talent but on practice attendance, work effort, attitude at both practice and tournaments, and over all spirit. **In summary, fair playing time does not mean equal playing time.** If you have concerns or questions about your player’s playing time, please talk to your coach about it; they are there to help but please remember our coaches are not required to guarantee any playing time.

Practices:

Practices will begin the week of October 12th, 2020. If you are selected to be on a team, your coach will contact you to give you information about your practices. It is important for your player to attend practices. It is important you have your player to practice before the scheduled start time to make sure your player is ready to practice. If your player cannot attend practice, you need to contact your coach ahead of time to let them know. Your coach works very hard to put together practice plans and drills. Many times, drills, stations and scrimmages are based on how many players are at practice. Players who repeatedly miss practices may not have the same success as those who attend regularly. Please make every effort to have your player there and on time. It is your responsibility to regularly check your emails to make certain there are no changes or alterations to your practice or game schedules.

Board of Directors

Whitnall Youth Basketball Club is run completely by volunteers, who enjoy the game of basketball and most important, working with and developing a phenomenal group of kids. The 2020-2021 season will be the last for a few of our current board members, as their players are aging out of the program. In order to keep the program going, we need new members. Board members benefit from reduced program fees.

For more information, please feel free to see/contact:

Brian Torres, President, blt522003@yahoo.com

PARENT/GUARDIAN REQUIREMENTS/RESPONSIBILITIES

Ultimately, a large part of your player’s success in the program lies in the hands of the parent/guardian. The following are items important for parents/guardians to help their player and the organization succeed. Failure to adhere to these requirements can result in immediate removal of your player from their team at the complete discretion of the WYBC Board.

- Instill “ABC” Player Priorities - We want players who get good grades and are respectful.
 - Academics first
 - Behavior second
 - And Competition third
- Have your player at practices and tournaments on time and regularly. Pick up your player on time from practice.
- Communicate with your coach with health issues regarding your player. Keep your player home from scheduled events if they are sick. Everyone touches the basketball and it is a fast way to spread germs!
- Treat the coaches, refs, players, and players’ families with respect.
 - “Bad Calls” happen in every basketball game. Please do not question calls during a game. It shows the youth a lack of respect for the authority of the referees. Refereeing basketball is very subjective and no

matter how much it may seem like it, referees are not out to give an advantage to one team vs the other. They do their best to be fair and teach your player the game.

- Please cheer for your player and their teammates, but please refrain from yelling instructions to them during games. Encouragement is welcome but please leave coaching to the coaches.
- We encourage your feedback and your player's coach is there to help. Please do not hesitate talking to your player's coach about ideas, concerns, where your player is at or how he/she can improve and grow.
- With that said we ask that you do not question the coach with your concerns directly following games. Please wait 24-48 hours to allow for a cooling off of the coach and yourself. Basketball is an emotional sport and its best to wait. We do not expect any of our coaches to address any concerns or complaints you have immediately following a game. It is not acceptable to send e-mails with complaints to the entire team. We will also not tolerate parents talking disparately about coaches or the club. This includes social media.
 - Again, your first step is to talk to the coach directly face to face and secondly to a WYBC board member.

Coaches:

Coaches are the heart and soul of the organization. Our coaches are volunteers and they put in many, many hours over the year, not only attending practices and tournaments, but in planning gym times, facilitating information to families and working outside of practices developing drills and planning the practices. Our coaches are, without a doubt, one of the biggest reasons for the success of our program. **Your primary contact is your coach.** Please take the time to introduce yourself to your coach and see if you can help them. Coaches appreciate feedback and it is important to communicate with your coaches about your questions or concerns. It is preferable that you communicate to your coach face-to-face or even telephone rather than through email so that information and ideas can be exchanged freely.

Player Development:

Basketball is a very rewarding and competitive sport. Your player will be given high quality coaching during the regular season but to be competitive it requires additional playing and practice on your own. We try to have summer league teams for each grade. Players should also try to work on developing their basic skills on their own and attend a few camps every year. Players who really want to excel should also consider playing on AAU/Grassroots teams. Please talk to your coach about how to best develop your player.

I have read the WYBC Family Guide in its entirety and agree to abide by all aspects of the information provided in the guide. I agree to represent the WYBC to the best of my abilities by showing good sportsmanship and respect for all players, fans, coaches and officials refereeing the games.

Player's Signature followed by Printed Name

Date

Grade

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature followed by Printed Name

Date

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