

2017-18 Wheatland Wizards Program Details

3rd Grade Boys

- Head coaches are determined by Wizards Director. All coaches must have backgrounds with competing on high school/college/ professional level and coaching experience on youth/high school/college/ professional background.
- Player development training sessions during the months of October-February. This is separate from their practice schedule.
- 2 team practices per week.
- Practice and training schedule are announced in September and October.
- Participation in the WAA 4th grade Competitive basketball league, which will include 12-14 games. This league plays games begin November through March.
- An end of season tournament with the WAA 4th grade competitive league.
- A limited dollar amount that can be used for tournament play.
- In addition, Wizards 3rd grade teams now compete in the DuPage Youth Travel Basketball League (DYTBL). This is new for the 3rd grade level.
- Approximately 30 to 35 game season total included with cost – this is including the WAA 4th grade competitive games, DYTBL games, and any tournament participation.
- The annual fee for 3rd grade Wizards is \$975, plus uniform cost.
- 3rd grade Wizards teams will participate in One Day Shootout on November 11th.

4th through 8th Grade Boys

- Head coaches are determined by Wizards Director. All coaches must have backgrounds with competing on high school/college/ professional level and coaching experience on youth/high school/college/ professional background.
- Player development training sessions during the months of October-February. This is separate from their practice schedule.
- Approximately a 40 to 50 game season total included with cost – this is home and away games, along with any tournament participation throughout the entire schedule.
- 2 team practices per week.
- Practice and training schedule are announced in September and October.
- Each team is allotted a tournament budget. The coach determines which tournaments the team will participate in. Depending on cost of tournament, it will be between 4 to 7 tournaments throughout the season.
- The annual fee for 4th through 7th grade is \$1075, plus uniform. The annual fee for 8th grade is \$1275.00, plus uniform.
- All 4th through 8th grade teams will participate in One Day Shootout on Saturday, November 11th.

Note for both tiers: Uniform is a separate cost. The required uniform is sold by package.

Practice and Game Information

Wizards teams practice at the IPSD 204 & OCS D 308 middle school facilities.
Saturday home games are at Granger Middle School in Aurora.
Sunday home games are at Metea Valley High School, Auxiliary gym in Aurora.
Wizards grades 3rd-8th teams compete in the DuPage Youth Travel Basketball League (DYTBL).
Wizards 3rd grade teams compete in the WAA 4th grade Competitive basketball league.
The DYTBL begins November 1, 2017 through March 18, 2018.
DYTBL playoffs begin February and end March 2018
DYTBL teams are throughout the county of DuPage.

Player Placement/Team Determination

Wizards Director will make the final decision on player's placement on their team. Once all roster spots have been filled, coaches will forward the Wizards Director his/her team roster proposal. Wizards Director will finalize teams using the following:

1. Team that best gives the player the most opportunity to have the ball in his/her hands.
2. Team that best gives the player the most opportunity to receive the most quality playing time.
3. Team that best gives the player the appropriate competition and challenges to make him/her a better basketball player. It's not just about tougher competition.
4. Team that best gives the player opportunity to enhance and display their talent in games.
5. Players will be placed on teams in August based on their skill level, need, and approval of Director. Wizards Director will have final say of each team.

We don't view A or B teams in the Wizards program. Players are placed on teams strictly based on appropriate competition level that they display, what meets their level opponent-wise, and who will give them appropriate challenges.

Key Coach Guidelines

Players are not guaranteed equal playing time.

- Playing time is based on various factors such as attending practices and training sessions, skill development, game opponents, ability to execute the various offenses and defenses, body language, and EFFORT.
- Ideally the coaches would like to have a roster where all 9 or 10 players are interchangeable without losing a beat.
- When playing in tournaments or certain regular season games, the coaches will be trying to win and may not play certain players the same amount of time as they do during other games.

Players are not guaranteed to start each game.

- Players not attending practice during the week may not start the game.
- Players late to pre-game “chalk talk” may not start the game.
- Players that break the Players Agreement may not start the game.

Wizards Strategies

- All Wheatland Wizards teams will learn aggressive Man-to-Man, Zone, and Trap defensive principals.
- Although zone defenses are very effective in certain situations, primarily man-to-man principals will be taught and used.
- Variations of a man-to-man defense such as a match-up zone, 1-2-2, 2-2-1 and full man-to-man pressure will be taught and used.
- Coaches will implement a five-man motion offense, one or more zone offenses and one or more press breakers
- The players will be taught key principals in executing a motion style offense such as being able to read and react, moving without the ball, back door moves, and more.
- Coaches will assess the age and skill level of the players to determine what concepts can be effectively executed during the game.

Parent/Player Code of Conduct

- All players and parents must adhere to acceptable on and off court behavior. Display good sportsmanship at all times. Do not, for any reason, address referees or coaches during games. Support and cheer for your child and our team, but do not attempt to coach your child during games. If you have a problem with the decisions made by the coaches please refrain from discussing it with players or parents. A meeting with the Head Coach & Wizards Director will always be extended if a concern arises.
- All parents must meet the club’s financial obligations in a timely manner. It is understood that fees must be current in order to participate in any game or tournament settings. The parent/player understands that their team may have restrictions placed on the team to register for tournaments until all fees are up to date for their roster.
- Players are expected to attend a minimum 90% practices and training sessions unless there is an important conflict that is discussed with the coach ahead of time. Unexcused absence from practices and training sessions will result in playing time being affected. Repeated abuses are a cause for termination from the club.
- Understand that being selected to participate in the club for 2017/2018 does not in any way imply a commitment on the part of the Wheatland Wizards to allow participation in any future year. The player’s participation may terminate at any time during the season based on the player not abiding to the Player Agreement signed during registration.