

August 2019

To: Previous KWGBA players, parents and interested newcomers

From: KW Girls Basketball Association Board of Directors

Vision Statement: KWGBA is a non-profit organization that strives to provide an exciting girls basketball program which offers quality coaching, skill development and a love for the game. At the same time, we aim to provide parents with a low cost / high value product with full transparency.

Update and Looking ahead for 2019 - 2020: It's hard to believe but the summer is over – and that means the basketball season is right around the corner.

Throughout the summer, your KWGBA board has been hard at work preparing for the 2019 - 2020 season.

- The board reached out for feedback from parents, players and coaches as we continued to refine, improve and enhance the experience for all involved.
- The board had discussions about our programming and the teams that we will be offering this coming season.
- As with every volunteer, not for profit organization, we worked hard to set a budget with affordable fees for our families.
- We also took a significant amount of time going through all the feedback received to refine the guiding principles which steer our organizational decision making.

KWGBA Sports Gear

We are looking at sourcing KWGBA wearables and gear for this year. Stay tuned as we finalize our supplier.

KWGBA Board of Directors for 2019 - 2020

(Contact us at: info@kwgba.ca)

Mike White – President

Kelly Schott – CFO and COO

Jay Johnson – Coaching / Jr. NBA

Graham Fleming – Communications / Website

Ian McLean – Sponsorship / Fundraising

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KWGBA is a non-profit organization that relies on volunteers to operate. If you would be interested in joining our board of directors, please contact us.

KWGBA Guiding Principals

- The Kitchener Waterloo Girls Basketball Association is committed to providing a high level, quality rep basketball experience for girls in Kitchener, Waterloo and the townships of Waterloo Region.
- We commit to balancing the needs of the girls and their families so they can grow as a team and individuals.
- The goal for KWGBA players is that they develop as quality individuals who work and play as teammates to achieve success.
- Our organization strives to build teams at all ages with the focus on every individual developing their own basketball skills while also growing as teammates.
- Ultimately, the goal for KWGBA is to have top division teams who will rise to the highest level that hard work, quality coaching and a team first philosophy will take them.
- The club will do everything they can to provide a quality and affordable opportunity for girls rep basketball with financial assistance available for athletes in need.
- Each team will have at least two practices a week and play in some combination of league play or tournaments leading up to the Provincial Championships in the spring.
- All players are expected to make every effort to attend their team practices as every member of the team can expect to play in each game. The board has mandated that all members of a KWGBA Wildhawk team will get an average of at least 6-8 minutes of playing time per game.
- The Board seeks the continuous input from coaches, parents and athletes to ensure that expectations are met on all fronts.
- The Board will be checking in monthly throughout the season with the players and coaches of each team to ensure that the team has the support needed to achieve their goals and objectives.
- We also hope to have a parent rep selected by each team. This rep will be the contact for the board to ensure that there is an open line of communication between parents, the board and the coaching staff.

Key Information for 2019-2020

- Our fees have been set at \$700 per player. Please contact Kelly Schott kelly.schott@rogers.com for financial assistance options if needed.
- The player fee includes the following:
 - a minimum of two practices per week per team. An additional practice may be required depending on availability of gyms and discussion between coaches and parents.
 - a team budget for league play, exhibition games and/or tournament costs. Team social activities and wearables are not to be part of the club allocated team budget.
- Uniforms are supplied by KWGBA. They are purchased with the help of sponsorship funds raised by the club and are to be returned to the club when the season ends. KWGBA pinnies are provided every few years and do not need to be returned.
- Fundraising options are organized and available for each team to consider. All funds raised by a team are for use by the team to supplement their budget and can be used for team activities, additional tournaments and / or team wearables.

Programs and Teams for 2019 - 2020

Jr. NBA Program

Registration is open for our Jr. NBA program. If your daughter (born in 2012, 2013 or 2014) wants a fun way to begin to learn basketball basics this is the program for her.

Rep Team Tryouts for 2019 - 2020

Novice U10 (2010 & 2011)

Saturday, Sept 14th – Bluevale – 9am to 10:30am

Saturday, Sept 21st – Empire – 12:30pm to 2pm

Atom U11 & Major Atom U12 (2008 & 2009)

Saturday, Sept 14th – Bluevale – 11am to 1pm

Tuesday, Sept 17th – Centennial – 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Thursday, Sept 19th – FHCI – 7pm to 9pm

Bantam U13 (2007)

Saturday, Sept 14th – Bluevale – 1pm to 3pm

Wednesday, Sept 18th – Vista Hills – 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Saturday, Sept 21st – Eastwood – 10am to 12pm

Major Bantam U14 (2006)

Saturday, Sept 14th – Bluevale – 3pm to 5pm

Monday, Sept 16th – WCI – 7pm to 9pm

Tuesday, Sept 17th – KCI – 7pm to 9pm

Junior U19 (2001, 2002, 2003 2004)

Saturday, Sept 14th – Bluevale – 5pm to 7pm

Tuesday, Sept 17th – FHCI – 7pm to 9pm

Tuesday, Sept 24th – FHCI – 7pm to 9pm – if needed