

PANTHER BASKETBALL 2022-2023

Welcome to the Boys Panther Basketball Program. Enthusiasm is high and we look forward to creating a positive experience for your son. Wenatchee High School Panther Basketball is a vehicle that allows student-athletes to develop life-long skills to become productive citizens. To accomplish our team goals, both players and parents need to understand that true growth is developed through patience, perseverance, and the ability to handle the emotional and physical ups and downs inherent in any activity or life experience. Participation on the team is a privilege and should be regarded as such. There is no guarantees for playing time, and each player's action, work ethic, and willingness to be coachable will all be factors.

Team - Player Placement

1. Players will be selected for teams based on the following criteria
 - a. Attitude
 - b. Effort
 - c. Teamwork
 - d. Fundamental Basketball Skills
 - e. Athletic Ability

Selecting players for a team is subjective. The coaches will select the players that best fit into a team. Selection of the team can start any time after the first day of practice and continue throughout the entire season. Players will be placed on various teams for a variety of reasons at the discretion of the coaching staff. For example, a player who starts out playing strictly JV is not designated to solely playing on that team for the remainder of the season.

If he proves in practice and games that he should be playing up, he will be moved. The head coach oversees the entire program with input from all staff and all decisions are subjective based on the well being of the entire program as a whole. However, objective measuring tools will be used to evaluate players through the try-out process and during the season.

Panther Philosophy

As a program we believe

1. It is a privilege to play basketball at Wenatchee High School.
2. All players must place team success ahead of individual success.
3. We win when we focus on improving everyday.
4. Great teams and players do more than they are required to do.
5. The team in the best condition wins the close games.
6. There is no substitute for hustle and desire.
7. A player's loyalty to his team, school and coach is one of his most valuable assets.
8. Each player is an ambassador of Wenatchee High School and must attempt to create and leave a favorable impression wherever he goes.

As the coach I believe

1. Basketball mirrors life and the lessons learned on the court can help a young man better cope with any problem.
2. Team spirit is the most important factor in team success.
3. The friendships made amongst teammates and opponents alike are one of the real values of athletics.
4. Success is a result of hard work, determination and preparation.
5. All discipline problems will be handled with consistency, fairness and firmness.
6. Communication lines will always be open to my players and parents.
7. The most important areas of basketball are:
 - a. Attitude
 - b. Fundamentals
 - c. Conditioning
8. Our style of play revolves around:
 - a. Team Play
 - b. Defense
 - c. Fast Break
 - d. Percentage shot offense
9. Our entire basketball program revolves around one word – TEAM.

Attendance

Being a member of the WHS Basketball Team is a big commitment. Players must attend all team functions. Excused absences include School related activity, family emergency, illness, and leaving the school during the day because of illness. Missing practice during the week for any reason will result in the athlete not being eligible to start in contests that occur during that week. Any missed classes during the school day must meet the criteria for being excused. These absences must be cleared through the athletic and attendance offices, otherwise the athlete will be unable to practice or play in any games that day. In the case the athlete has an appointment during the school day, he must turn in the doctor's note in order to participate in any practices/games that take place that day. Each athlete is personally responsible for communicating their absence to the coach. If you are unable to contact your coach then leave a message at the Athletic Office. An athlete not fulfilling this obligation due to an unexcused absence decreases their chances of playing or suiting up for games.

The consequences are as following:

- *One unexcused absence- 1/2 game suspension
- *Two unexcused absence- 1 full game suspension
- *Three unexcused absence- possible removal from team

Missing the practice the day prior to a game may result being ineligible for that game or weekend.

Discipline Procedures

If an athlete violates the athletic code then the discipline plan is followed as outlined by the Athletic Handbook and possible extra conditioning.

Injuries

Take care of all injuries promptly. See Dr. Roberts as soon as possible for evaluation. If an injury requires doctor's care, be sure to fill out an injury form. You will need a doctor's release to return to practice. Notify coaches of any injuries immediately. All injured players will be expected to be at practices and games. We can provide an injured player workout to help with your rehabilitation.

Lettering Requirements

1. Athlete demonstrated teamwork, effort, and attitude for the betterment of the Wenatchee Panther Program.
2. Athlete attended all team functions.
3. Athlete participated in 1/4 of the total quarters during the season.
4. There may be extenuating circumstances when an athlete will earn a letter because they have made significant contributions to the Wenatchee Basketball Program.

Travel

All players will be expected to ride the team bus to games, unless arrangements have been made prior with coaches and the athletic office. However, players may have their parent sign them out to ride home with them. Players will not be allowed to leave with other students. In any instances that would involve the player leaving with an adult other than a parent or guardian, parents need to stop by or call the athletic department to confirm these plans in addition to filling out a Departure From Group form and returning to athletic office 24 hours prior. Adults other than a parent or legal guardian will not be able to sign a player out after the game.

Academically ineligible players will not be allowed to travel with the team to away games.

All players must cooperate with the bus driver. Be respectful. Do not leave your garbage for someone else to pick up. Failure to comply will result in extra conditioning.

Athletes will call parents when we get to Rock Island to let you know we are almost home. Please make sure you are there to pick up your child or make arrangements so that your athlete's coach will not have to wait. This is greatly appreciated because we will be coming home late.

Communication

Communication plays an important role in our program success. To reach our full potential the players, parents and coaches must strive for the same goal which is the success of the TEAM.

Coaches communication with Players and Parents

This handbook should answer most of your questions. Feel free to contact me or your son's coach if you have any other questions or concerns regarding our basketball program.

Player communication with Coach

Players are encouraged to express concerns any time that it does not take away from practice time or game routine. Steps to resolution:

- 1) Player and Coach will try to resolve concerns. If the player feels uncomfortable dealing with the coach directly, he is to involve the team captains.
- 2) If the concern is not resolved then the player and parents will meet with the coach.
- 3) At this point if the player is not satisfied then the player, parents and coach will meet with Mr. Beeson.

Parent communication with Coach

Parents are encouraged to express their concerns with their son's coach if it includes one of the following:

Treatment of your child- mentally or physically
Ways to help your child to improve
Concerns about your child's behavior

The following are points not for discussion:

Team selection
Playing Time
Team Strategy
Play calling
Other student-athletes

Parent Code of Conduct

Make sure your athlete understands that win or lose, you love him.

Be realistic about your athlete's physical ability.

Help your athlete set realistic goals.

Emphasize "improved" performance, not winning.

Don't relive your own athletic past through your student-athlete.

Control your emotions at games and events.

Be a "cheerleader" for your athlete and others on the team.

Respect your athlete's coaches. Communicate with them in a positive way. Encourage others to do the same.

Be a positive role model.

Be sensible, responsible, and keep your priorities in order. There is more at stake than a win or loss.

Coaches Contact Information

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Athlete and Parent Signature

The signing of this page signifies that we, both the parents and player, have read and understand Wenatchee Boys Basketball Program standards and policies.

Our signature also signifies that we are willing to adhere to all standards and policies as outlined within this informational packet.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Athlete Signature

Date

Phone Number

E-mail

Please return this form signed and keep the handbook for your reference.