

Frequently Asked Questions

Introduction: The Warrior feeder program is a competitive basketball program for 5th through 8th grade teams. Our program draws players from the EWHS service area only and is focused on preparing players with the essential skills necessary for entering the EWHS basketball program.

Our purpose is to provide young athletes with the opportunity to improve skill sets in basketball and life. Our goal is to teach life lessons through the medium of basketball. We also feel that this will help prepare them to have the positive attitude, enthusiasm, and work ethic it will take to win at any level of basketball.

Time Commitment: Players are expected to be at each practice and all games. Practices will be twice a week (2 hours each night) and games will be on weekends. Practices will begin in October. The Wesco game schedule will be out in mid-November. Last year, games started in mid-December with playoffs ending mid-March. If a player need to miss a practice or game due to illness, family, religious or school events, it is expected that the player contact his coach as soon as possible.

Number of Players per team: Each year may vary. However, we prefer each team to have 10 players.

Playing Time: The purpose of the feeder program is to develop young athletes in preparation to compete at the high school level. The program is competitive and coaches will focus on how best to develop talent and put the team in the best possible position to win. Playing time is not guaranteed and may fluctuate depending on the competition, a player's effort, attitude, and abilities.

Playing on Other Teams: We recognize that athletes will compete in various sports. This is encouraged and reflected with our high school players. However, during basketball season, we expect players to attend all practices and games.

Playing up: Athletes will be encouraged to play with their current grade teammates. However, based on a parental request and the player's ability, an athlete will be given consideration. Coaches will assess each situation on a case-by-case basis.

Game Location: Home games will be played at EWHS. Road games will be played at other WESCO H.S. gyms.

Financial Commitment: Costs include each player acquiring their individual AAU Card for \$14 (Youth Athlete with extended coverage (AB)), and a WSB Program Fee per player of \$450. Costs generally include: Uniforms (or uniform credit), bags, shooting shirt, AAU card, league play, gym rental and referees. Additional tournaments may be extra depending on each individual team's decisions.

Parent Expectations: We expect parents to encourage their players and the team. Additionally, when we host games, we expect parents to assist with concessions, gym set-up and tear-down, time keeping, concessions, etc.

Code of Conduct: Good sportsmanship and positive attitudes are expected at all times. This includes parents, coaches and players.

Coaches: 5th grade— Nick Sherrill

6th grade— Jeff Wilson

7th grade—Mike Burdett

8th grade—Joe Puetz