

Wrightstown Full-Court Club

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is the WFCC?

The Wrightstown Full-Court Club (WFCC) is a youth basketball club which was formed in September, 2006. It was established to provide boys and girls from kindergarten through eighth grade, who plan on attending Wrightstown High School, an opportunity to compete at the highest level of youth basketball. Please don't confuse these teams with your child's school based team, as our WFCC teams play a higher level of competitive basketball and in no way is affiliated with any school district.

How does the WFCC operate? How are decisions made? Who selects the coaches?

WFCC is a nonprofit organization and we operate under Section 501 (c)(3) of the IRS Code. The WFCC has co-presidents, a volunteer advisory board and is also advised by the boys' and girls' high school coaching staffs from Wrightstown High School for all decision making. The coaching staffs at Wrightstown High School decide who coaches the WFCC teams.

What is WFCC's mission and goals?

The WFCC's mission is:

- To provide select boys and girls the opportunity to focus on the development of basketball skills, team work and overall basketball education within a fun and competitive environment.
- To foster communication between players, parents, and coaches.
- To support the Wrightstown Boys' and Girls' High School Basketball Program.

The WFCC's goals are:

- To be a youth basketball feeder program for our boys' and girls' high school programs.
- To provide coaching of the highest quality to enhance player development.
- To be an example of class, conducting ourselves in an honorable and sportsmanlike manner.
- To further enhance and provide our boys and girls the opportunity to compete and play at the highest level of youth basketball in the immediate area.
- In striving to play at this level, it is our hope that our players improve their overall basketball skills and have fun doing so.
- The members of this organization will strive to balance being competitive in tournaments and teaching basketball skills.

Is the WFCC part of the Wrightstown School District?

No, the WFCC is an independent nonprofit organization and has no affiliation with the Wrightstown School District.

Will the school based 5th through 8th grade teams overlap with the WFCC teams at the same grade levels?

Yes, we will have an overlap between the school based grade level teams and the WFCC teams. Our MS school based athletic programs are NOT WIAA athletic programs; therefore, we can send our WFCC teams to tournaments during the MS season. It is totally legal to be a part of our school based team, and players are encouraged to participate on both the school team and the WFCC team. Our WFCC coaches, as well as our school based team coaches, will be as clear as possible with the separation of each team for practices and games.

May my child play in the WFCC if he or she attends a school outside of the Wrightstown School District boundaries?

Our teams are intended for boys and girls who plan on attending Wrightstown High School. If your child doesn't plan on attending Wrightstown High School, he or she is always welcome to play on other youth based basketball teams in the immediate area.

How are players selected for the WFCC teams?

Roster selection is based on:

- Players are **required** to attend a tryout session held by the High School coaching staff and assisted by the current grade level WFCC coaches.
- Tryout session dates will be posted in advance.
- The tryout session will determine the individual and team skill levels of each player in relation to other players in that grade. Players are chosen on their basketball skill level, attitude, team play, and sportsmanship.
- An **independent committee** will also evaluate each grade level, rank the players and submit their evaluation to the High School coaching staff and grade level coaches. The High School coaching staff and grade level coaches will then use the independent evaluation and player readiness to select members of each team.
 - Roster size is at the High School coaching staffs' discretion with a recommended range of not less than 8 and not more than 12 players
 - Team Rosters could vary depending on player availability or tournament structure.
 - 3rd and 4th graders must be enrolled in the Saturday morning K-4 program to join WFCC team.

If there are multiple players in a particular grade there might be a "Blue" team and a "White" team formed. That decision will be left up to the High School coaching staff and the youth coaches involved. It is a privilege (**not a right**) to play on a WFCC team and players and parents should treat it in that manner. If there aren't enough coaches or too few players for multiple teams, **cuts** will be made.

Is one tryout session enough for the High School coaching staffs to decide on each WFCC team?

Yes. Outside of this tryout date, the High School coaching staffs will observe all our players often throughout the summer in numerous basketball related activities and opportunities. Hopefully these players have taken advantage of the summer school basketball classes, Tiger Camps, open gyms, and numerous ball-handling/shooting clinics offered in the fall. All of the aforementioned opportunities are for each player to improve their skill levels and overall confidence in their game. The High School coaching staffs are present and continually observing and assessing each player within these numerous opportunities.

What is the purpose of an independent committee?

The purpose of this committee is to evaluate players in an unbiased setting. The independent committee will:

- Be appointed by the High School coaching staff
- Vary from one grade level to another

Can new players make a team if they were not selected to a WFCC team the previous year?

Each year new teams are selected. If a player makes a team one year, he or she is not guaranteed to make a team the next year. Each player still needs to be chosen to play on a team no matter how many years of experience that individual may have on a WFCC team.

Why is there only one team at some age levels and two at others?

The number of teams the WFCC has at each grade level is based on the number of qualified coaches and players that are available each season at that grade level as numbers can vary from year to year. The High School coaching staff will make all final decisions regarding number of teams per grade level.

Will being part of the WFCC guarantee a player's success in High School (i.e., making the high school team, playing time, etc.)?

No. A player's level of success in high school is totally independent of his or her participation in the WFCC.

Does the WFCC provide recreational basketball (i.e., equal playing time, not trying to win, etc.)?

No. To the extent appropriate for the grade level, the WFCC is about competitive basketball and learning teamwork and sportsmanship, whether the game is won or lost.

I have questions about playing time, who do I contact?

The WFCC doesn't guarantee any practice or playing time to anyone; playing time is left up to the discretion of the coach. These are tournament based competitive teams and should not be confused with your child's school based team. Parents should understand that equal playing time in tournament games is not the goal of this club. Generally, playing time is earned in practice. Parents should understand this before they commit their child to a WFCC team.

Is there a cost to play on a team?

Yes, each player is required to pay a player fee and these fees may be adjusted on an annual basis. A player's membership fee is used to pay for many expenses of the club, including tournament entry fees, financial contributions to the high school basketball programs, etc. (please see the WFCC brag sheet for everything the WFCC has done)

How does the WFCC keep membership costs relatively low?

Our primary method of fundraising is running and hosting 5 - on - 5 and 3 - on - 3 tournaments. Parental help is expected by volunteering time at our tournaments.

Why does my son or daughter have to pay our 3-on-3 entry fee for our own tournament?

Our 3-on-3 tournament is a WFCC sponsored event but does not include WFCC teams since it's a 3-on-3 tournament and not a 5-on-5 team based tournament. This tournament is a fundraiser for us and allows us to keep our membership costs low, as well as, keeping us from having to do other types of fundraisers like selling pizza, candy bars, etc.

Does my son or daughter have to pay for their uniform?

Yes, each player is required to purchase a WFCC uniform which can be used many years in a row until your child has outgrown it or overuse sets in.

How many tournaments will my child play in?

Depending on his/her grade level, it could be as few as 4 or 5 or as many as 8 to 10.

Does the WFCC cover travel expenses to any tournaments?

No. Travel expenses are the responsibility of the parents.

How do I get directions to the tournaments?

The coach of your child's team should provide directions. If not, please contact your coach as most tournaments provide these directions in their entry packet. (www.mapquest.com is another excellent source of travel directions to the various tournament sites)

When are the practices held?

Practices are generally held during the weeknights but on occasion there might be some weekend practices. Your child is required to attend these practice sessions unless there are justifying circumstances. If missed practices become a recurring theme, it will affect your child's playing time and might lead to dismissal from the team. Practices are held at Wrightstown High School, Middle School, and Elementary School.

Can my child miss a tournament or practice for family or personal issues?

Yes. It's a long season and we don't want the kids to miss out on family related situations (vacations, etc...). However, if this becomes a recurring theme (every practice or every other weekend) it will affect your child's playing time and might result in his dismissal from the team which is ultimately decided upon by your child's coach. Your child made a commitment to his/her team, and will be held accountable for this commitment.

What about basketball camps?

You are encouraged to enroll your child in the various summer basketball camps that have been recommended by your child's coach(s) and/or the Wrightstown High School coaching staff. This obviously includes any Wrightstown Youth Basketball Camps.

How can I get involved with the WFCC?

Anytime, anyway, anyhow! The success of the WFCC ties closely to the involvement of our parents. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved and we are always open to new ideas and suggestions.

Who do I contact with any concerns?

If it is related to a player, the first option is your coach. The next option is the WFCC co-presidents, Jim and Kathy Hansen. They can be emailed at hansen6@new.rri.com with any concerns or questions.

The WFCC's motto is "**Dedicated to Winning Team Basketball**". Please know that we want to develop all of our players to be fundamentally sound, competitive, committed, and to practice good sportsmanship and teamwork. Accomplishing this will help ensure the future success of our Varsity programs.

Visit our Website at www.wfcchoops.com