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Where Passion Meets Community



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The Power of Team Spirit – Go Gladiators!



With Coach Kerrigan's leadership, the assistant coaches' dedication, and the support of their fans, this team is poised for greatness!

Youth coach Ella Kerrigan, alongside her dedicated assistant coaches, has been working tirelessly with her B7 team, which has faced a season of challenges. With only six players—two of whom were unavailable at times—the team's resilience and spirit have been truly inspiring, despite not securing a win yet.

Noticing the need for extra motivation, Coach Kerrigan rallied her friends to cheer on the team. With some new players and an old one returning, the Gladiators took the court for a pivotal game. Though the game started rocky, the presence of the cheering fans helped spark an incredible comeback. The energy from the sidelines gave the players the push they needed, and while they didn't win, their unity and drive were stronger than ever.

The following week, the fans returned, and so did the team's best performance yet, nearly securing their first win. The support from the stands has proven to be a game-changer, and with all the positive energy, we're all rooting for the Gladiators to finally claim that victory.



Great Falls Basketball Sponsors Youth Night at Langley



These special nights were a great way to celebrate youth basketball and experience high school games.

Youths wearing jerseys got in free. Contests, prizes and giveaways were held at halftime during the Varsity Game – a great time was had by all.

Boys – Wed 1/15 @Langley vs W-L

Girls – Fri 1/24 @Langley vs Herndon



Great Falls Basketball Hoops Challenge: A Slam Dunk of Fun!

The GF Hoops Challenge is back and better than ever, from February 1st to March 2nd. After some weather delays, the early events have been a huge success. Referees got in on the action too on December 21st.

This exciting challenge includes a variety of fun competitions and open to all players, referees, youth coaches, and statisticians in the 2024–25 GF Hoops winter house league.

Prizes for each grade group included Visa Gift Cards, Gold Basketballs & **Bragging Rights!** Spectators are welcome with no entrance fee—come cheer for your favorite players! **See you out there!**

Full Court Timed Layups | Hot Shot Shooting | 3-Pointers | Speed Dribble | Hot Shot Competition | Dunk Contest (HS)



Girls 3



Boys 5



Girls 3



Boys 6



High School



High School



Fun Fact:

Muggsy Bogues, at just 5 ft 3 in, was the shortest player in NBA History —and he could dunk!

Great Falls Basketball House League: Final Weeks of Regular Play

As we approach the final weeks of regular play in the Great Falls Basketball House League, we're excited to reflect on what has been another thrilling season for our players and teams. With 115 teams participating, this league has provided an opportunity for players of all ages and skill levels to develop their basketball abilities, foster teamwork, and have fun along the way.

Season Recap and Final Stretch. The league began in November, and now, as we head into the final weeks of regular play, excitement is building as teams make their final pushes toward the playoffs. High School teams will finish their regular season this coming weekend, while all other divisions will wrap up by February 15-16, weather permitting.

From the competitive atmosphere to the supportive fan base, this season has truly demonstrated the spirit of community basketball. Whether you're a first-time player or a seasoned athlete, everyone has had the chance to learn, grow, and enjoy the game.

The Great Falls Basketball House League provides a structured yet fun environment where kids can improve their skills while fostering teamwork and sportsmanship. Players are grouped by age and skill level, ensuring fair competition and growth throughout the season. With a strong emphasis on community, each team is supported by coaches and volunteers dedicated to helping kids thrive both on and off the court.

You can **track team standings** and see how your favorite teams are doing throughout the season by checking out the league standings [here](#). It's a great way to stay updated and follow the excitement as we near the end of regular play. Plus, **high school stats** for [11/12 here](#) and for [9/10 here](#)

As the regular season draws to a close, teams are gearing up for the playoffs, where the competition will intensify. Whether your team is battling for the top spot or just enjoying the camaraderie of the game, it's clear that every player has given their all.

A huge thank you to our players, coaches, volunteers, and families for making this season such a success. We look forward to celebrating the end of the regular season and seeing what the playoffs have in store!

Go teams! Let's finish strong!

GET READY FOR THE PLAYOFFS!

As the regular season draws to a close, the excitement is just beginning! Great Falls Basketball is gearing up for its very own **GF Hoops March Madness Playoffs**, a thrilling double elimination bracket where teams will compete for glory, prizes, and a shot at the championship title

Playoff Format and Prizes: The playoffs will begin immediately following the regular season and promise to deliver plenty of intense action. Teams will battle it out in a double elimination format, giving every squad a chance to keep fighting for the top spot, even after one loss.

Prizes: Trophies and/or T-shirts will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place teams in each division, but the excitement doesn't end there. The grand finale will feature a Championship Game Day, where all teams will come together to celebrate the season and cheer on the finalists. AND, the All Stars will also play after the championship game. It's sure to be a day filled with fun, sportsmanship, and unforgettable moments!

Honoring Our Seniors: This year, we'll also take a moment to honor our Senior players, who have dedicated so much time and energy to the sport over the years. These athletes have been a big part of the Great Falls Basketball community, and we're proud of all they've accomplished. Whether they've played with us for a few seasons or have been with us since the very beginning, their commitment and passion have helped make this program what it is today.

On Championship Game Day we will also announce the Matthew Poyner Scholarship winners, as well as the Live Like Lily recipients. It's the perfect opportunity to celebrate the hard work and dedication of all our players, coaches, and volunteers. **Stay tuned for more info!**

Did You Know?

Basketball is one of the most beloved sports in the Philippines, with courts found in nearly every neighborhood.



Look What's Ahead for Great Falls Basketball



SUMMER CAMP & SPRING CLINICS

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 9TH

Clinic Sessions can be found [HERE](#). Clinic Descriptions can be found [HERE](#)
Camp Details can be found [HERE](#)

GFHOOPS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

**February 21, 2024
7:00-9:00PM**



Open to our amazing group of volunteers: Grade Group Coordinators, Coaches and Great Falls Board Members

Fun Fact: The NCAA banned slam dunks from 1967 to 1976 because of Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's dominance.