

OP WOLVES BASKETBALL BOYS FEEDER TEAMS

NOVEMBER 2025 - MARCH 2026

PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

The OP Wolves Feeder Basketball program believes that all players, regardless of talent level, should demonstrate good character, morals, family values and solid academics. This program will have a strong emphasis on skill development. All players will learn man to man defense, motion offense with extensive skill training. By the end of this season you will see improvement in your player's basketball IQ (knowledge of the game), basketball fundamentals, and skills.

TEAMS

The OP Wolves Feeder Basketball program will have A-Level (Red) & B-Level (White) teams at 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade levels. Each grade level will be split into true A-Level & B-Level teams. If there are not enough players to make 2 teams, then we will keep 1 team at a grade level. The Coaching Staff reserves the right to move players back and forth throughout the season. Each team will have 10-11 players and every player will play in every game.

PRACTICES & SKILL TRAINING

Practice Days are TBD and will begin the 1st week of November. Each team will practice for 1.25 to 1.5 hours each practice to develop the player's individual and team skills. 2 practices a week until January 15th, after that date there will be one practice per week through March due to gym availability at Niles West High School

. The Red and White teams will practice together by grade to allow for player unity at each grade level. If there are not 2 teams at the same grade level, teams will practice with another team at a different grade level. **No practices during winter break.**

LEAGUE GAMES/SHOOTOUTS/TOURNAMENTS

Games will begin the week of November 22nd. All teams will play in the Play Hard Hoops Travel Feeder League which will take place at Waukegan HS, Canlan Sportsplex (Libertyville & Lake Barrington), Millburn Middle School, Woodland Middle School, Carmel HS, Lake Forest Academy, Maine East HS, and Mt. Carmel HS (Chicago). Possible communities in this league are Barrington, Buffalo Grove, Deerfield, Glenview, Gurnee, Hawthorn Woods, Lake Zurich, Libertyville, Lincolnshire, Long Grove, Northbrook, Vernon Hills, Wauconda, and Waukegan. Some teams will play in other Feeder Leagues or Feeder Shootouts/Tournaments. Most games during the season will be on Saturdays or Sundays. All teams will play at least 15-20 games to include 1-2 Shootouts/Tournaments for the season. Shootouts/Tournaments will be feeder/community teams based. No games, shootouts, or tournaments during winter break.

AGES

This program is for any 3rd-8th grade boy who resides in District 219. 2nd grade players are allowed to tryout for the 3rd grade team.

TRYOUTS

October 25th & 26th, 3rd-5th Grade & 6th-8th Grade 4pm - 5:30pm

There is a \$25 tryout fee (cash or check made payable to Optimum Performance). Tryout fee covers both tryouts and if a player makes a team the tryout fee will go towards the team fee. Players only need to attend one tryout to make a team.

SUPPLEMENTAL TRYOUTS

If your player missed a tryout, contact Coach Parker at 847-962-0050 or OPWolves24@gmail.com to be invited to a practice for a tryout.

COST

Season cost is \$700 and will cover coach salaries and insurance, 1 to 2 practices a week, approximately 15-20 league games to include shootouts/ tournament games. The \$25 Tryout Fee will go towards the team cost. Payment plans are available upon request.

UNIFORM PACKAGE

All new players must purchase a uniform package for \$200 which includes new Home and Away uniforms, shooting shirt, practice jersey, hoodie, and

sweatsuit. The new uniforms will be good for this 2025-2026 season and throughout the end of next season 2026-2027.

PRE-REGISTER FOR TRYOUTS AT OPWOLVES.COM