



Goldenball Basketball Program – 2026-27 FAQ

THE BASICS

What is the Wells Prep Goldenball Basketball program?

The Wells Prep Goldenball basketball program is for boys and girls in 3rd-5th grade. Wells Prep teams will be signed up for the [Portland Parks & Recreation \(PP&R\) Goldenball program](#) and play other Portland area Goldenball teams.

The Goldenball program is distinct from Wells Prep's competitive Tournament Team program.

Is the program through Portland Parks & Recreation's Goldenball program?

Yes. Wells Prep Goldenball teams will be signed up for the [Portland Parks & Recreation Goldenball program](#) and play other Portland area Goldenball teams.

Why should I sign up my child and/or Goldenball team through Wells Prep?

- Convenience – we'll help players and teams sign up with Goldenball!
- No need to form a team (but you can!) – we'll help organize and group kids into teams!
- Be part of the Wells basketball community – we'll provide all Goldenball players with a Wells jersey, which provides free admission to all IBW varsity regular season home games.

PLAYER REGISTRATION

How do I sign up? What is the deadline?

Go to the [Wells Prep website](#). There is no registration deadline, but registration may close, or move to a "waitlist," depending on level of interest.

Does my child have to try out for Goldenball?

No. The Goldenball program does not require a tryout and registration is independent of the competitive Tournament Team program. But all players are encouraged to attend tryouts and explore the process and have some fun on the Wells HS Main Court with the High School coaches running tryout drills while our youth coaches evaluate players.

For 4th and 5th graders that try out for a Tournament Team and do not get selected, but still want to play, names will be placed in the Goldenball roster pool. Space availability may limit spots on teams.

FORMING TEAMS



How many players are on each team?

Exact roster size is TBD depending on the number of sign-ups by grade and gender. The goal is for each team to have a minimum of 8 players, and no more than 10-12 players.

How many Wells Prep Goldenball teams will there be?

PP&R has informed us that community programs like Wells Prep will be capped at 25 total Goldenball teams (due to the limited availability of referees and Gym Hosts).

The number of teams by grade/gender will depend on how many kids sign up. Our goal is to provide as many teams as possible without turning anyone away.

How will Goldenball teams be formed? Can my child sign up with their friends and be on the same team?

Teams will be formed by school, gender, and grade level. The Wells Prep Board, with coach input, will finalize rosters to maximize the number of available teams.

What if we don't have a "full" team of players?

That's ok. We'll work to match up groups of kids to create as many complete teams as possible.

Do I (or other parents) have to form our own team(s)?

No. You can sign up your child(ren) independently and we'll work to put them on a team based on our roster forming strategies.

Can my child play on two teams?

No. Individual players are eligible to compete on one team only in Goldenball.

COACHING

Who are the coaches?

Coaches are all volunteers and essential to this program! Coaches are typically parents/guardians of players on the team. Without volunteer coaches, teams cannot be registered.

Wells Prep will not provide coaches but will help to identify and secure volunteers.

Per Goldenball rules, coaches are required to complete a background check and attend one of the Goldenball coach training sessions on program rules and expectations.

How can I sign up to coach?

Send an email to rec@wellsprep.com.

SCHEDULE

**When is the season?**

The season is typically from mid-November through the end of February. Practices typically begin in November and games will begin in mid-January 2027.

How many games are there? When and where are the games?

The game schedule and location will be determined solely by PP&R. Goldenball typically includes a Jitters Jamboree tournament plus 7 games played on Saturdays, usually starting mid-January through February. Game schedules are posted by Goldenball in early January.

Games are played at various Portland Public Schools and PP&R Community Centers. Sites may vary throughout the season.

How many practices are there? Where are the practices?

Goldenball assigns one practice slot per team per week from November through February.

Practice locations are controlled by PPR and are TBD. For Wells Prep teams PP&R works to schedule in Southwest Portland within the Wells cluster of schools.

COSTS**What is the cost? Does Wells Prep provide discounts or scholarships?**

The cost will be \$150 per player. No player will be placed on a team without registration and payment.

Yes, Wells Prep provides limited discounts and scholarships. Find more information, visit the [Wells Prep website](#).

What is included in the cost?

- Team registration fees
- Support with team registration and practice scheduling
- Wells Prep reversible game jersey
- Each team will get a game ball, first aid kit, and ice packs

QUESTIONS?

Send an email to rec@wellsprep.com.