



Eastern Prince William Basketball Association
Winter 2023
End of the Year Report

Top 10 Schools By Enrollment for Winter 2023-24 Season

Schools	# of Players
Benton Middle	58
Lake Ridge Middle	34
Saunders Middle	29
Colgan High	24
Forest Park High	24
Marshall Elementary	21
Springwoods Elementary	21
Ashland Elementary	19
Pattie Elementary	19
Potomac Shores Middle	19

Champions for the Season

Age Group	Championship	Team
Prep Boys	National Conference	Longhorns
	American Conference	Badgers
	Tournament	Badgers
Prep Girls	League	Mercury
	Tournament	Mercury
Middle Boys	National Conference	Tar Heels
	American Conference	Gators
	Tournament	Tar Heels
Middle Girls	League	Sky
	Tournament	Sky
Freshmen Boys	National Conference	Heat
	American Conference	Nuggets
	Tournament	Heat
High School Boys	Eastern Conference	Knicks
	Western Conference	Kings
	Tournament	Knicks

Player Enrollment Breakdown

Age Group	2021-22 Season	2022-23 Season	2023-24 Season
Instructional	74	109	109
Prep Boys	127	115	136
Prep Girls	48	46	42
Middle Boys	102	129	108
Middle Girls	35	54	54
Freshmen Boys	90	97	97
High School Boys	82	64	70
High School Girls	17	3	0
Total	575	617	616

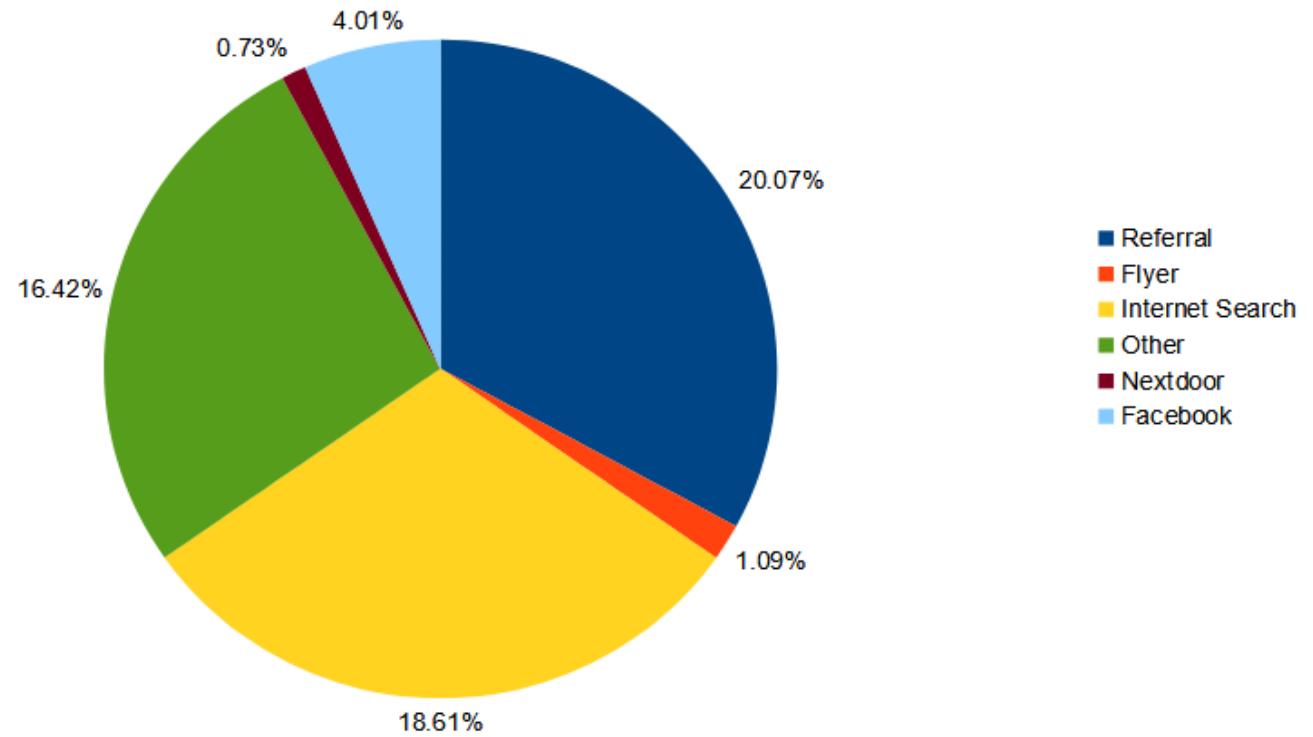
Number of Teams Breakdown

Age Group	2021-22 Season	2022-23 Season	2023-24 Season
Instructional	8	12	12
Prep Boys	16	14	16
Prep Girls	6	6	6
Middle Boys	12	16	12
Middle Girls	4	6	6
Freshmen Boys	10	12	12
High School Boys	10	8	8
High School Girls	2	0	0
Total	68	72	70

Middle Girls Roster Breakdown

- Two Years Ago, EPWBA shifted the start of the Middle Girls' Season to an earlier time to promote more involvement of Middle School players and to focus on development in preparation for the Middle School season.
- Out of 37 players in EPWBA's Middle Girls Age Group who were eligible to try out for their Middle School team, 29 made their school team (Junior Varsity or Varsity)
 - Breakdown: 18 Junior Varsity, 11 Varsity
- Top 3 Schools with the most players in Middle Girls' age group:
 - Benton – 12 Players
 - Lake Ridge – 12 Players
 - Saunders – 9 Players

How did New Players Find our League?



Note: Excluded Percentage identified as being previous participants

Survey Results – Instructional

- 93.2 percent of respondents indicated plans to return next season
- 28.1 percent of respondents indicated they found out about league through Word of Mouth/Recommendation (highest of all the options)

Common Favorable Responses

- Teaching Fundamentals/Development
- Environment

Common Unfavorable Responses

- Late Practice Time

Comments about Teen Officials

- “They need to be more vocal. If they’re gonna blow the whistle, blow it. Don’t be “quiet” about it. There was one ref who took the time to explain calls to the kids if they seemed to keep making the same mistakes (travel, double dribble, etc) “
- “They were inconsistent. Some called every foul. Some barely called any. There was one game that they showed up in slippers”
- “We had a few that weren't awesome but nothing aggregious”
- “Officials were great! They were kid friendly and seemed happy to be there”

Survey Results – Prep Boys

- 91.4 percent of respondents indicated plans to return next season
- 82.9 percent of respondents indicated they would have chosen the same coach for their child if they had the opportunity to choose

Common Favorable Responses

- Team Dynamics
- Games

Common Unfavorable Responses

- “AAU Team Assembled” – *League Note: There are no AAU teams affiliated with EPWBA. We have a number of players from different organizations who join our league. We do not build teams based on external affiliation. Please contact the league (epwba.va@gmail.com) for more clarification.*
- Late Practice (7:45 PM)

Comments about Officiating

- “Overall I think they were fair and did a good job. It’s a difficult job but sometimes things were missed or “bad calls” were made.”
- “The officials did a really great job overall. One or two, games some things were missed such as the other team not substituting properly or ensuring teams weren’t doubling, but overall, very good. ”
- “It was hit or miss every game. They need to be more consistent ”
- “The officiating was very good for this age group. I think there is always room for improvement in terms of making correct calls and calling fouls when they happen, but overall it went very well this season. Having rules discussions during the season, and having conferences before games with the coaches was a big improvement over last season.”

Survey Results – Prep Girls

- 95.2 percent of respondents indicated plans to return next season
- 52.4 percent of respondents indicated their daughter played in the league's Instructional Age Group

Common Favorable Responses

- Growth/Development of Players
- Girls Bonding/Teamwork

Common Unfavorable Responses

- Late Practices (7:45 PM)

Comments about Season

- "It's been a great season. Currently my girls can't wait to sit and watch women's college basketball. That alone is huge for me "
 - "Enjoyed league, hope more girls participate"
 - "I loved watching all of the girls from all of the teams improve this season. They're all special little ballers"
 - "Enjoyed having a playoffs, first experience with it at youth sports level "
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Survey Results – Middle Boys

- 70 percent of respondents indicated they would be interested in or under certain conditions would consider EPWBA Travel team if it were an option
- 82.4 percent of respondents indicated they plan on returning next season

Common Favorable Responses

- Consistent Schedule/Location
- Games - Exciting

Common Unfavorable Responses

- Not Enough Practice Time
- Coaches Not Following Mandatory Playing Time

Comments on Issues with Coaches

- "Negativity / win at all cost - the "rec" factor was lost "
- "The favoritism, not having my child play his allotted 3mins, coaches not coaching, my son asking me which of his teammates are coming to the game so he knows how much play time he'll get, no practices, no structure in the practices we do get, it being a 2 person team."
- "Our coaches - they were unprepared for practices and games, did not coach during games (except one or two players - others were called out for not doing something right), showed extreme favoritism, did not curb the mean comments and complaints boys were making to each other during games, did not follow the league rules for playing time, did not teach the boys, spent time on phone vs coaching, talking to one player during foul shots so that one player was not in position to help his team, not knowing league rules for defense. Our coach rarely spoke to the kids - in the last game he sat on the bench and didn't move."

Survey Results – Middle Girls

- 88.9 percent of respondents indicated their daughter played on their Middle School team and played in EPWBA prior to the Middle School season

Common Favorable Responses

- Player Development

Common Unfavorable Responses

- Uneven Teams

Notable Comments

- “I think it’s a great league that truly cares about player development and families. I also like that my daughter is getting competitive game reps before the middle school season starts”
 - “EPWBA provides regular workouts–practice, practice and games, then only games”
 - “Not a fan of the mandatory play, specifically for players who don’t come to practice”
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Survey Results – Freshmen Boys

- 73.9 percent of respondents indicated plans to return next season

Common Favorable Responses

- Games
- League Communication

Common Unfavorable Responses

- Not Enough Practices

Miscellaneous Comments

- “please get with Gainesville Basketball Association - our youngest plays with them. They are rotating players every quarter, instead of 3min subs as EPWBA does. 6min is too long for a kid to sit on bench; your way is better”
 - “Our experience was very positive, I was impressed with all aspects of the league. Our goal was to get our twins more basketball experience on top of the school team, and we definitely were able to do that. ”
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Survey Results – High School Boys

- Only 6 responses

Miscellaneous Comments

- “Would like to see it start earlier or later. I know the girls start early so they can play high school ball but why can’t high school boys do the same thing? It’s sometimes a battle with some players playing both at the same time. Not speaking from experience but I’ve watched players miss paid league ball so they don’t get kicked off their school team. It’s a lose/lose but maybe a suggestion for next year.”
 - “Please train the coaches”
 - “Very rarely did I believe any official had a bias against any team, although they weren’t perfect, it was never skewed towards either teams favor.”
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