

Eastern Prince William Basketball Association Winter 2024 End of the Year Report

## Top 10 Schools By Enrollment for Winter 2024-25 Season

Schools	# of Players
Benton Middle	46
Colgan High	40
Lake Ridge Middle	31
Forest Park High	27
Saunders Middle	25
Henderson Elementary	20
Marshall Elementary	20
Ashland Elementary	19
Kyle Wilson Elementary	19
Covington-Harper/Springwoods Elementary	18

# Champions for the Season

Age Group	Championship	Team
Prep Boys	National Conference	Badgers
	American Conference	Red Storm
	Tournament	Badgers
Prep Girls	League	Sky
	Tournament	Dream
Middle Boys	National Conference	Blue Devils
	American Conference	Terrapins
	Tournament	Tigers
Middle Girls	League	Aces
	Tournament	Aces
Freshmen Boys	National Conference	Raptors
	American Conference	Mavericks
	Tournament	Raptors
High School Boys	Eastern Conference	Celtics
	Western Conference	Jazz
	Tournament	Kings

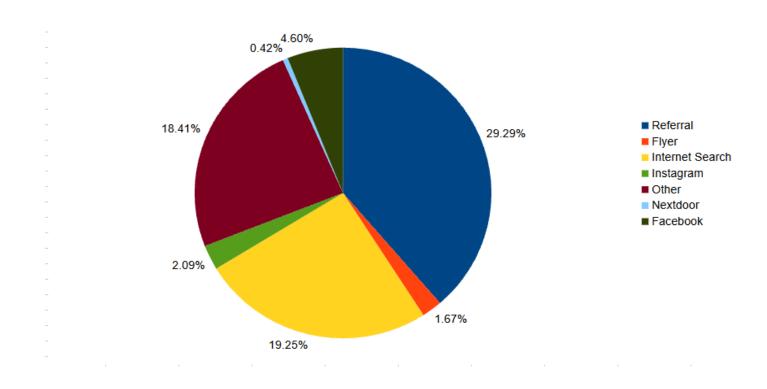
# Player Enrollment Breakdown

Age Group	2022-23 Season	2023-24 Season	2024-25 Season
Novice	N/A	N/A	23
Instructional	109	109	103
Prep Boys	115	136	130
Prep Girls	46	42	46
Middle Boys	129	108	105
Middle Girls	54	54	44
Freshmen Boys	97	97	89
High School Boys	64	70	88
High School Girls	3	0	0
Travel Players	N/A	N/A	41
Total	617	616	669

## Number of Teams Breakdown

Age Group	2022-23 Season	2023-24 Season	2024-25 Season
Instructional	12	12	16
Prep Boys	14	16	16
Prep Girls	6	6	6
Middle Boys	16	12	14
Middle Girls	6	6	6
Freshmen Boys	12	12	10
High School Boys	8	8	10
High School Girls	0	0	0
Travel Teams	N/A	N/A	4
Total	72	70	82

## How did New Players Find our League?



Note: Excluded Percentage identified as being previous participants

#### Survey Results – Instructional

- 85.8 percent of respondents rated their coach's effectiveness with practice a 7 or higher (out of 10)
- 50 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
- Team Chemistry

#### Common Unfavorable Responses

- Teen Refs
- Decision to stop keeping score League Note: The decision to stop keep score was based on feedback on the lack of parity of teams. This was to not discourage players who are in often times new to the sport. Scores will be kept in a more strategic way in the future and is always kept at all other age groups after Instructional.

#### Comments about Decision to stop keep score

- "The league giving in to the parents who asked to stop having the score kept during games....scoring, losing is a part of every game. In every game, half of the teams participating lose. While it may be discouraging, it can also be just as empowering and educational to lose as it is to win and I personally believe taking away scoring has taken a big part of the game away as well."
- At the beginning of games when the games were being scored. I'm glad the rest of the season was not like that. This way (I believe) the kids felt less pressure and some parents don't get obnoxious."

### Survey Results – Prep Boys

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

#### Common Favorable Responses

- Coaching
- Team/Player Development

#### Common Unfavorable Responses

• Lack of Practice League Note: We will consider having practices spread out to have more practices towards the end of the season. A mid-season survey indicated a majority of parents preferred not to change the number of games.

#### Comments about Practice

- "If we can get more practices near the end of the year I think it would be helpful to hone basic fundamentals. I enjoy watching the kids play games, I know they like playing games, but at the prep level they would benefit from more practice reps."
- We were highly displeased and disappointed that there were no practices during the entire last month of the season."

#### Survey Results – Prep Girls

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

#### Common Favorable Responses

- Growth/Development of Players
- Schedule/Communication

#### Common Unfavorable Responses

N/A – No consistent issues indicated

#### Comments about Pre-Season Skills Clinics

- "I always enjoy getting my daughter out there to work on skill improvements. As far as I can tell, it seems to be good."
- "Could be offered a little more skill training sessions."
- "Excellent!!! Good camp."
- "My daughter enjoyed this more than practices"

#### Survey Results – Middle Boys

- 93.8 percent of respondents indicated their player did NOT play for their Middle School basketball team
- 87.5 percent of respondents indicated they plan on returning next season

#### Common Favorable Responses

- Competitive/Even Talent
- Player/Team Development

#### Common Unfavorable Responses

- Not Enough Practice Time
- More Players on Roster

#### Comments on Officiating

- "They have called fouls correctly throughout the season. I think the Euro step needs to be looked into, as it is not appropriate at this age."
- "I appreciated that if the referees had questions they asked instead of assuming rules. Also, when a ref made a call they took the player aside to educate them. All positive experiences."
- "Most of the time officiating was pretty good or at least consistent, but there were times it appeared like it started going one way because of something said to them by the parents or a coach. However, overall I thought they did a good job."
- "There were times when more fouls should have been called, but I think that was with new officiates. Some were really great. I appreciate when they explain to the kids why they called a foul."

### Survey Results – Middle Girls

• 100 percent of respondents approved of their coaches

### Common Favorable Responses

Overall League

### Common Unfavorable Responses

• Larger Roster Needed

#### Comments are why participant would return

- "Great league!!! And looking at travel opportunities also"
- "My child is seeing progress and learning. My child looks forward to practices and games."

### Survey Results – Freshmen Boys

• 100 percent of respondents indicated plans to return next season

### Common Favorable Responses

- Games
- Coaching

#### Common Unfavorable Responses

Not Enough Practices

#### Miscellaneous Comments

- "Keep up the good work you do for our youth, this is a very positive and a healthy place"
- "The all stars team. It was great to see kids that played against each other all season but are friends be able to play together on a good team"

## Survey Results – High School Boys

• Only 4 responses

#### Miscellaneous Comments

• "Communication is very strong with the league. We enjoy seeing familiar faces of families and players and overall, the level of competition is excellent for a rec program.

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