

WAUWATOSA WEST GIRLS BASKETBALL

Parents,

Our policy regarding playing time on the freshman team is that as often as possible every eligible player will appear in a game. However, because our goal is to establish a culture of success and winning, playing time is NOT awarded equally to every member of the team simply because they are on the team. It is a competitive environment in which playing time is **earned** through the coach's judgment on the following criteria:

1. Practice performance: demonstration of fundamental skills and the ability to understand and demonstrate the understanding of the offensive and defensive schemes taught.
2. Attitude and coachability
3. Team citizenship
4. School citizenship
5. School behavior

Most often, our freshman team needs a good deal of work on the fundamental skills, offensive/defensive concepts, and the school citizenship/behavior components of this policy. We like to keep the maximum number of people on the freshman team. We do this so we can attempt to give each the opportunity to experience and demonstrate the work ethic needed to achieve a goal and be part of something outside of the classroom in which the group is more important than the individual. Sometimes this can all be a challenging balancing act for the coach to achieve.

If you have a concern about playing time we ask you to follow these steps:

1. First talk with your daughter about her team experience. She may not like her situation, but if she understands the reasoning behind it and coach has been clear in communicating with your child then I don't think there is a problem.
2. If a concern remains after your discussion with your daughter please wait until the next school day to contact our freshman coach. A confrontation when emotions might be running high right after a game is most often not productive.
3. If after talking with coach there remains a concern please contact me.

Typically, early in the season, coach will be in the process of learning the strengths and weaknesses of each player and establishing team expectations. The issues and skill needs that coach becomes aware of will be worked on in practice. It is our belief that improvement happens at practice. It is at practice (and school) that each player must show that they have done the things necessary to earn their playing time.

I look forward to meeting each of you and I believe if we keep these ideas in mind each player and the team will learn valuable lessons that will lead them to a better experience not only on the basketball floor, but in life in general.

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