



Parent Meeting

2026 – 2027 SEASON

Welcome

Tonight's Agenda



- Welcome & Board Member Introductions
- Participation Costs
- Association Revenue Sources
- Fundraising & Events
- Volunteering Opportunities
- Commitment & Expectations
- Uniforms & Spiritwear
- Tryout Process
- Tournaments & Schedules
- Practices

WBA Board Members



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General Board Member

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General Board Member

Participation Costs



\$35 **Tryout Fee**

\$600 **Season Participation Fee, includes:**

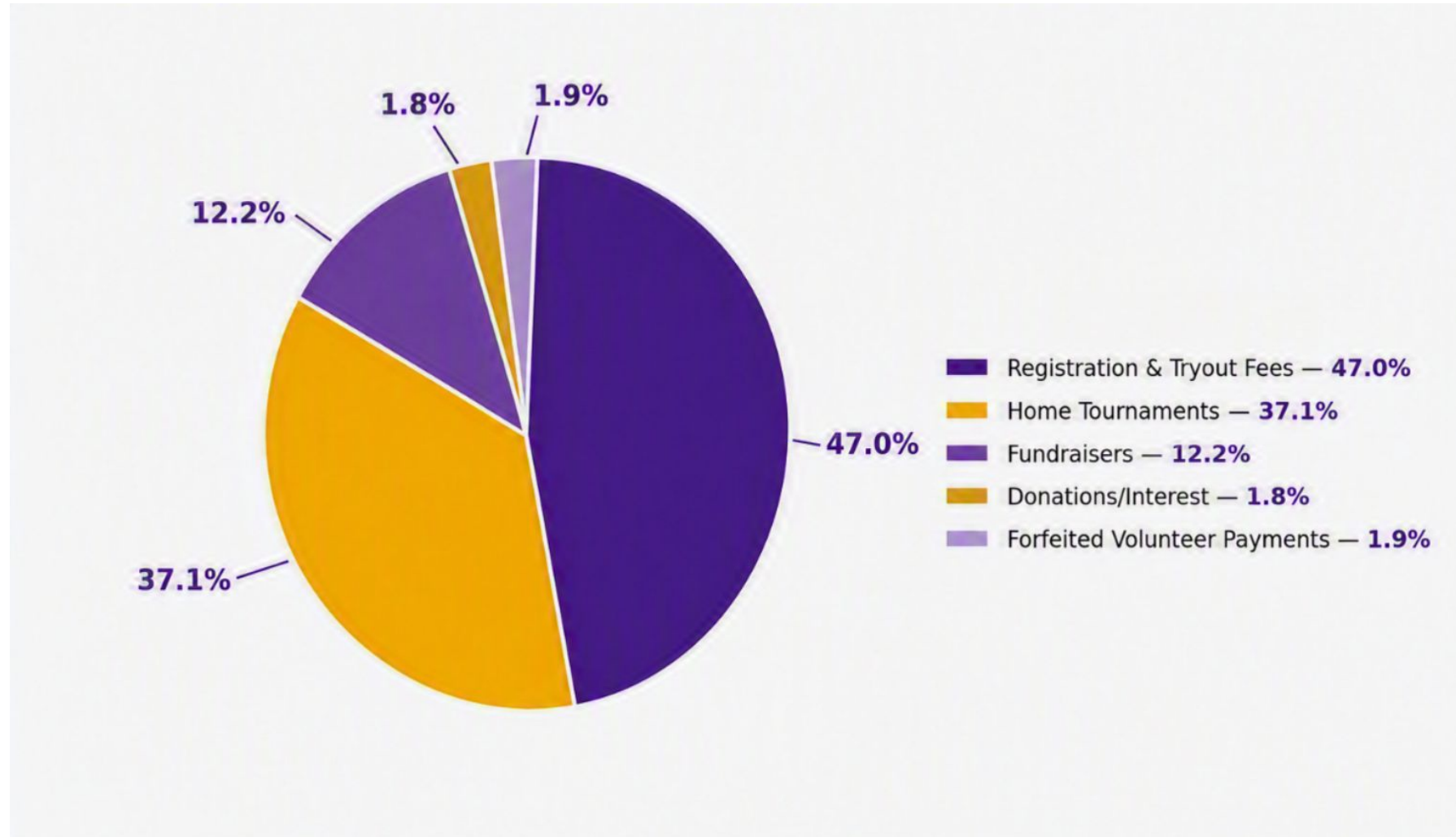
- 8 tournaments
- Weekly practices (facility rental)
- Player & Coach Development (includes TCO skills, in-season clinics, and other summer development programs)
- Coaching supplies (game ball, first aid kit, clipboard, etc.)
- Shooting shirt

\$150 **New Uniform (charged at cost)**

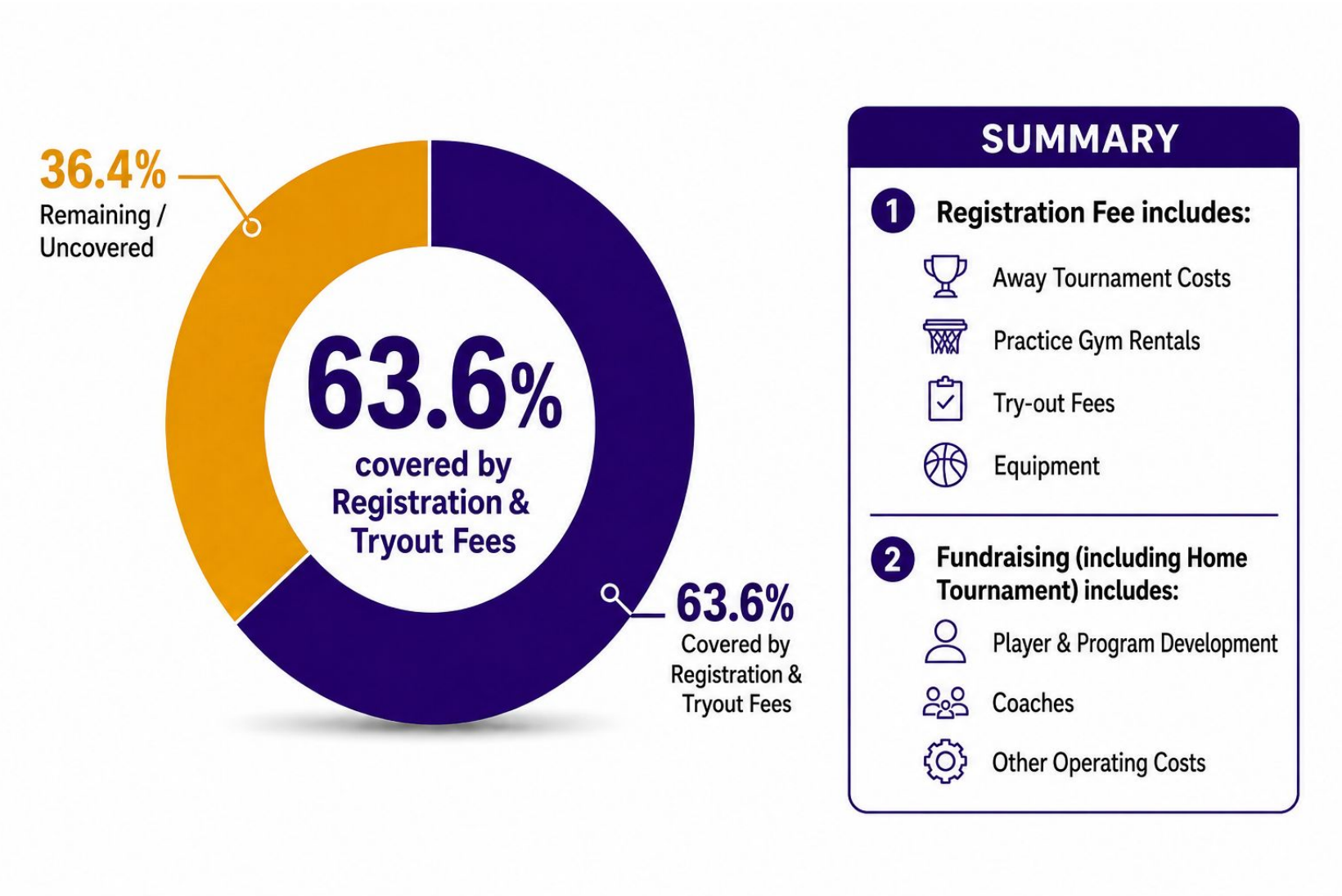
\$400 **Volunteer Deposit – waived if 8 hours per player (max 16 hours per family) is completed by the end of the regular season**

Association Revenue Sources

Revenue Sources for the 2025–26 Season (Gross Revenues). Amounts are expected to remain consistent in current year.



Expenditures - Summary of Coverage



Fundraising

WBA Raffle

- All players participate
- Pick up raffle tickets at uniform pick-up or picture night
- Drawing on January 2nd, after the Chan/Waconia Challenge

WBA Season Kick-Off Socials @ Garage Bowl

- Thursday, October 22 & Thursday, October 29, 2026

WBA Home Tournaments – Largest Fundraiser

- Boys: January 9 & 10, 2027
- Girls: February 6 & 7, 2027

Volunteer Opportunities



8 hours per player required • 16 hours per family maximum

- **WBA Home Boys & Girls Tournaments (hours vary – biggest opportunity)**
- WBA Board of Directors (full hours for all kids)
- WBA Committee – apply on the WBA website
 - Tournament Operations – 16 hrs
 - Picture Committee – 4 hrs per night
- Team Manager (8 hours)
- Coaching (full hours for all kids)
- Pop Shot and Youth Nights @ home varsity games (hours vary)

Commitment & Expectations



[Website: waconiabasketball.com](http://waconiabasketball.com)

Players	Parents	Coaches
• Adhere to the WBA Player Code of Conduct • Practice good sportsmanship • Attend 90–100% of scheduled practices and tournaments • Arrive on time & prepared for practices and games • Respect all coaches, referees, and opponents • Make WBA the primary sport for the season • Appreciate the opportunity • Have an amazing season!	• Adhere to the WBA Parent Code of Conduct • Promote good sportsmanship • Recognize the purpose of youth sports • Support coaching leadership • Communicate concerns professionally • Set up Crossbar for communication • Complete surveys throughout the year • Follow WBA on Facebook and/or Instagram • Attend WBA social events and create your own team events • Make lifelong friends!	• Adhere to the WBA Coach Code of Conduct • Place athletes' physical, emotional, and developmental needs ahead of personal goals or winning • Encourage effort, improvement, teamwork, and sportsmanship • Follow coach guidelines aligned with WBA Player Development • Complete and pass a background check • Complete Concussion, 1st Aid, and Child Safety training • Set up Crossbar for communication • Complete surveys throughout the year • We are beyond grateful for your dedication!

Uniforms & Spiritwear



- New uniforms will be ordered this year – used for two seasons
 - Samples available during tryout weekend
- Uniforms are ordered during official player registration, after teams are announced
- Spiritwear will be available – order link will be sent by email and posted to the website this fall
- Shooting shirts are provided to all players by the WBA

Tryout Process

Evaluations



- Tryouts consist of two 75-minute skill-based sessions
- Each child is assigned a tryout number – names and previous team formations are not shared with evaluators
- Each session has 3–4 hired outside evaluators (separate groups for boys and girls) to evaluate each grade level

Tryout Process

Team Formation



- 1 Evaluators recommend team formations, targeting 8–10 players per team.
- 2 Evaluators recommend the number of teams and players per team, based on projected competitiveness and skill level for that grade.
- 3 Coach feedback from the previous season may be used to confirm that a recommended placement is appropriate.
- 4 Evaluators present their recommendations to the WBA Board.
- 5 If a Board member has a player in that grade, they step out of the presentation and do not participate in the final discussion for that grade.
- 6 With evaluator recommendations and final Board approval, teams are formed.
- 7 Final team formations are typically posted by the Wednesday after tryouts.
- 8 A 48-hour No Contact Policy follows, giving parents and players time to think through how the placement can best benefit the player.

Tournaments & Schedules



- Season runs from October through mid-February/March
- Location – mostly in the Metro
- Tournament schedules will be posted to the homepage and to each team's page
- All teams have 8 WBA-registered tournaments
- Teams may add up to 2 additional tournaments at their own cost, pre-approved by the Board (max 10 tournaments)
- MYAS State Tournaments are an additional tournament, paid for by the team

Practices



- Held on any weeknight (Monday–Friday) and Sundays, when the team is not in a tournament that weekend
- Season registration will ask about willingness to practice Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons
- Practices are 75–90 minutes, with a goal of 2 practices per week
- Practice locations: Waconia, Cologne, NYA, Mayer, Chaska & Victoria
- Times and locations vary from week to week
- Goal is to publish practice schedules a month at a time
- We limit shared team practices

Communication



[Website: waconiabasketball.com](http://waconiabasketball.com)

- Crossbar App has practice and tournament schedules, team chat, and volunteer sign-ups
- We send emails with any major association-wide news
- Follow us on Facebook or Instagram
- Goal is for each team to have a Team Manager to help with admin needs through the season
- Culture/Feedback form is on our website; all Board member emails are on the site too



Thank You!

If you have questions, please email

board@waconiabasketball.com