

GALLATIN BOYS BASKETBALL 2022-23



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TRYOUT SCHEDULE: NOVEMBER 28-30

❖ November 28

4:00-6:00 PM: Juniors/Seniors (Blue/Black Gym)

6:30-8:30 PM: Freshmen/Sophomores (Blue/Black Gym)

❖ November 29

4:00-6:00 PM: Juniors/Seniors (Blue/Black Gym)

6:30-8:30 PM: Freshmen/Sophomores (Blue/Black Gym)

❖ November 30

4:00-6:00 PM: Juniors/Seniors (Blue/Black Gym)

6:30-8:30 PM: Freshmen/Sophomores (Blue/Black Gym)

TEAM PRACTICE SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 1-3

❖ December 1

4:00-6:00 PM: JV/Varsity (Raptor Gym)

6:00-8:00 PM: Fresh/Soph (Raptor Gym)

❖ December 2

4:00-6:00 PM: JV/Varsity (Raptor Gym)

6:00-8:00 PM: Fresh/Soph (Raptor Gym)

❖ December 3

8:00-10:00 AM: JV/Varsity (Raptor Gym)

10:00 AM-12:00 PM: Fresh/Soph (Raptor Gym)

WINTER BREAK SCHEDULE

- ❖ Last Day of School: December 16
- ❖ Practice Days: December 19-21
- ❖ Games @ Helena Capital: December 22
- ❖ Days Off - No Practice: December 23-28
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- ❖ Practice Continues: December 29
- ❖ Back to School: January 2
- ❖ First Conference Game: January 5 vs. Billings West

Raptor Basketball Tryout Process (2022 - 2023)

The Gallatin High School Boys basketball program will value the following foundation pillars, which will guide the development of our successful team culture: Positive Team Attitude, Passion for Competition, Preparing to be Our Best, and Persevering through Adversity. While these important attributes will shape our program's culture, we will also work to fulfill a specific mission in our school/community by modeling our Team Core Values both on and off the court: Family, Character Growth and Development, Preparation, Team and Individual Skill Development.

As we prepare for the upcoming season, and the initial stages of the tryout period, it's important for both players and parents to understand the selection of our team rosters will be a process in which many different individual and team factors will be considered (criteria listed below). Unfortunately, not all players who participate in tryouts will be guaranteed a team roster spot. Our coaches are planning to select approximately 40 players this year, that will make up four separate team rosters. All players who attend the tryout period will have the opportunity to be fairly evaluated by our coaching staff, and no prior decisions will be made before the tryout period begins.

SELECTION OF PLAYERS FOR EACH TEAM:

Players will be selected for teams based on the following criteria (in no particular order):

POSITIVE ATTITUDE - CHARACTER - COACHABILITY - WORK ETHIC - TEAMWORK QUALITIES - OFFENSIVE SKILL SET - DEFENSIVE SKILLS & UNDERSTANDING - BASKETBALL IQ - COURT AWARENESS - ATHLETIC ABILITY - OVERALL POTENTIAL - LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Raptor Basketball Tryout Process (continued)

Selecting players for a team is subjective. Our coaches will select the players that best fit into each specific team. Players who do not make a team fall short of the expectations and criteria listed above.

Selection of the team (cuts) can start any time after the first day of tryouts and continue for up to one week. Any longer tryout is strictly on an individual basis. Late tryouts can only be granted by the Activities Director.

Every individual player makes a choice to participate in basketball and must be willing to accept his position on the team, as well as the amount of time he gets to play. At no level is playing time guaranteed and ONLY the coaches will decide on the amount of playing time awarded to each individual.

Team Selection

Players will be placed on multiple teams based upon their skill set, experience, attitude, and physical/athletic ability, etc... Final decisions on the members of each team and the placement of players on specific teams will be at the discretion of the entire coaching staff. Head Coach (Michael Claxton) will oversee the entire tryout process, with receiving valuable input and player evaluation information from the coaching staff.

FRESHMAN COACH: Todd Houston

Freshman players may play at any level. We currently will have one freshman team consisting approximately 10-12 players. The coaches will determine the final number depending on each specific season. The focus of our freshman level is to create an environment where student-athletes get exposure to basketball, and at the same time work to develop and prepare for the next level. We will focus mainly on developing skills and competitive mentality. Not all players will receive equal playing time. High school basketball is highly competitive and a player must achieve a level of proficiency in order to play.

SOPHOMORE COACH: Danny Waldo

Sophomore players will be at this level or above. This season we will also move up qualified Freshman. This season we will have one FroshMore team consisting of approximately 10-12 players. At this level we are preparing players for the JV/Varsity level. During this particular season, we hope players will really start to develop and understand what it takes to compete on a higher level. The players' abilities at this level are variable and we will try to give all players an opportunity to play in games, however not all players will receive equal playing time during competition. The factors for playing time are based on everyday effort, practice performance, improvement, and game performance. High school basketball is highly competitive and players at this level must display proper fundamentals, consistency, and proficiency in order to play.

VARSDTY HEAD COACH: Michael Claxton

JV/VARSITY ASSISTANT: Jason Roed

There may be Freshman or Sophomore players moved up to this level. Juniors can only be placed on the JV or Varsity. Our Junior Varsity and Varsity teams practice together, and we will have approximately 18-20 players. The coaches will determine the number depending on the year. There is no guarantee of playing time. At the JV level we are trying to develop players for future Varsity teams, and to create an incredibly competitive playing environment. JV players will typically get considerable playing time on the JV level; however playing time will not be equal. Some players may split time between JV and Varsity. Each JV/Varsity player in AA Basketball is granted 5 quarters per night, therefore on any given game day, some JV players may play a combination of quarters with both JV and Varsity. At the Varsity level it is very competitive and we are working to achieve at the highest level, while also striving to win as many games as possible. We are not only working to win our conference, but we also will strive to be State Champions in years to come. We are continually trying to improve as the season wears on and we want to be playing at our highest level by the end of the season, keeping our eyes on the ultimate prize, SUCCESS! Playing time will not be equal on the Varsity level and there is no guarantee of game time experience in every contest.