



The GPBA is a developmental basketball league for boys and girls in K–6th grade designed to combine instruction, practice, competition, and fun. Players won't just show up on Saturday to play a game. Throughout the season, they will have opportunities to practice, receive instruction, compete, and learn from the Grosse Pointe South coaching staff.

Community-based developmental leagues have helped other communities build stronger youth basketball programs, including **Clarkston, Dakota, and Chippewa Valley**, to name a few. We believe Grosse Pointe can benefit from the same type of community-based approach.

Philosophy of GPBA:

Repetition is the mother of skill- the more opportunities players have to practice, compete, and learn, the more they will grow as basketball players.

A Place for Every Player-Whether your child is picking up a basketball for the first time or already playing organized basketball, GPBA has a place for them.

Players will be grouped by grade and skill level:

- K–2nd Grade-Boys & Girls-Introduction to the game, fundamentals, confidence, and most importantly, having fun. 27.5 basketball, 4v4, 8-foot baskets
- 3rd–4th Grade-Boys & Girls-Building strong fundamentals while introducing more team concepts, decision-making, and competition. 28.5 basketball, 5v5, regulation baskets.
- 5th–6th Grade — Boys & Girls-Developing individual skills, basketball IQ, team concepts, and preparing players for the next level. 28.5 basketball, 5v5, regulation baskets.

The GPBA Experience:

Practices & Instruction-Players will receive instruction throughout the season from the Grosse Pointe South varsity coaching staff, focusing on fundamentals, skill development, basketball IQ, and team concepts.

Coaches Clinics-Our volunteer coaches will participate in coaches' clinics led by the Grosse Pointe South varsity coaching staff. Coaches will receive practice ideas, teaching techniques, drills, and guidance to help create a better experience for their players.



Games & Playoffs-Players will compete in league games throughout the season and finish with playoffs and a championship.

3-on-3 Tournament-On February 13, players will compete in a 3-on-3 tournament, giving them more opportunities to handle the ball, make decisions, defend, and play.

Grosse Pointe South Youth Night-Players will have the opportunity to experience a Grosse Pointe South basketball game, get a pre-game experience, and play on the floor at halftime.

2026–27 Season Breakdown:

- December: Practice 12-5, 12-12, 12-19
- January: Practice 1-9, Games 16, 23 & 30, 1-22 — Grosse Pointe South Youth Night
- February: Games 2-6, 2-13 — 3-on-3 Tournament, Games 2-20 & 2-27
- March: Playoff Games 3-6 & League Finals 3-13

The GPBA is designed to allow more young players to learn the game, develop their fundamentals, compete, and have fun in a local league environment.

Registration Is Now Open-We are currently accepting registration for players and volunteer coaches.

- Register at www.gpbahoops.com
- Cost: \$199 per player
- K–2nd Grade: Games will be played in the morning at the Grosse Pointe Academy.
- 3rd–4th & 5th–6th Grade: Games will be played in the afternoon at Grosse Pointe South High School.

If you believe young players deserve a basketball experience that provides instruction, repetition, competition, confidence, and fun, we would love to have you be part of the first season of the Grosse Pointe Basketball Association.

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Teach the Game. Play the Game. Love the Game.