Bronco Junior Hoopster Basketball
2025-2026

All students in Ritzville, Lind, Harrington, Washtucna, Benge, or Sprague in grades 2nd through 5th are invited to participate in the Bronco Junior Hoopster Basketball program. The school does not sponsor this program. Youth Basketball is conducted by volunteer parents/adults, and more are always needed. Each athlete's parent/guardian is required to fully complete and sign a medical release, concussion waiver and consent and participation authorization form as well as pay the $30.00 fee ($40.00 if late) for the athlete to participate in practices and games.

The purpose of our youth basketball program is:

- To teach the rules of basketball and the importance of teamwork and good sportsmanship.
- To begin developing basic skills necessary to become successful as a player in the future.
- To have fun!

Winning is not the ultimate goal in this program. A greater emphasis on winning will come too soon for these young players. Coaches will make every attempt to get similar playing time for the players.

With so many players and limited space, there will be a few simple rules to follow so that both the coaches and athletes can have fun and learn something too.

- Whistle stops all play
- To avoid injury, wear basketball shoes and gym clothes, keep fingernails trimmed, remove all jewelry before play
- No profanity
- Discipline problems can and will be removed from the program

Players will need a pair of basketball shoes. It is unacceptable to wear street shoes on the gym floor**.** Players will also need a pair of shorts for games. Each player will be issued a uniform top before their first game. These should only be worn at practices and games. They will need to be turned back into the coach at the last game. **DO NOT PUT YOUR JERSEY IN THE DRYER! DO NOT ALTER THE JERSEY IN ANY WAY!**

Practices go better when the players are not distracted. If family members want to sit on the side and watch, that's fine, but it will help if siblings are not running around the gym or school during practices. This has been a big problem at times in the past. Practices are important. This is when the real learning takes place. Please try to get your athlete to all scheduled practices and games. It is frustrating for the team and coaches to have players who don't make practices and then show up on Saturday and want to play in the game.

The league is continuing the format that we changed to last year. All towns will play at one location and play multiple games on Saturdays. Boys and Girls will alternate Saturdays. Morning and afternoon games will alternate on different weekends for grades as well. This will help teams get more games in during the season and help guarantee games when some towns are unable to fill some grades with teams or have to combine grades to have enough for a team. Locations and game schedules with times will come out later when finalized. **More Information on back…**

December 6th, 13th, & 20th will be used to practice, scrimmage each other, or possibly play extra games vs other towns on these Saturdays at Gilson Gym in Ritzville. January 3rd is when we will begin playing other towns for the official league schedule on Saturdays. Boys will play on Jan 3rd, 17th, & 31st. Girls will play on January 10th, 24th, & Feb 7th. Odessa, ACH, Wilbur-Creston, and Davenport are other towns that we will play and could travel to for games.

The first practices will begin in mid to late November. These may occur during the week after school/evenings, on Saturdays, or during winter break when gym space is available in Ritzville or Lind. Most practices will take place in the Ritzville Grade School Gym other than some Saturdays at Gilson Gym possibly early in the season in Ritzville. We are hoping to have teams and coaches finalized by mid-November to create a practice schedule for all of our teams. Your coach will contact you regarding the time and place for practices.

GAMES:

- Game schedules will be passed out at a later date. Games will start in December/January and finish in early February. Games will be on Saturdays. Some coaches could take teams to tournaments later.
- Show up 15 minutes before the scheduled start of your game.
- Athletes need to be in their jerseys, shorts, and basketball shoes.
- Players should have a water bottle.
- In the case of changes or cancellations, coaches will notify team members.
- Referees at our games are volunteering their time. Please set a good example for our kids by being supportive of the referees. PLEASE DO NOT YELL AT THE REFS!

PLEASE RETURN THE RELEASE FORM/CONCUSSION WAIVER AND THE $30.00 FEE TO YOUR GRADE SCHOOL SECRETARY BY Friday, NOVEMBER 7TH!
LATE FORMS WILL INCREASE TO A $40.00 FEE AND WILL BE ACCEPTED NO LATER THAN Thursday, NOVEMBER 13TH. PLEASE GET THESE IN ON TIME!

Checks can be made payable to: "Bronco Jr. Hoopster Basketball." If you are writing one check for multiple athletes, please indicate so on the memo line.

If you have any additional questions about the program, please contact:
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MEDICAL RELEASE, PARTICIPATION & CONCUSSION WAIVER

Player's Name: _____ Sex: Male ☐ Female ☐

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Home Address (including town):_____

Parent/Guardian 1 Name: _____ Main Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian 2 Name: _____ Main Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

____ I will coach a team

____ I will referee a home game

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone #: _____

I (we) declare that the above child attends either the Ritzville, Lind, Harrington, Washtucna, Benge, or Sprague schools or is home-schooled in one of the mentioned districts. I (we) declare our agreement to allow the above child to participate in the 2025-26 Bronco Junior Hoopster Basketball program and that the above child is physically fit and authorized to participate with volunteer coaches. I (we) also realize there is a risk of injury to my (our) child while participating and I (we) accept full responsibility for that risk and release the Bronco Junior Hoopster, volunteer coaches, or any persons or entities involved with this program, including facility and transportation providers, from any liability for ordinary negligence.

I (we) also authorize, should my (our) child be injured and efforts to contact me (us) are unsuccessful, the volunteer coach to act on my (our) behalf, including the consent to any X-ray, examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment, and clinical and/or hospital care to be rendered to the minor child named above, under the general or special supervision and on the advice of any physician or surgeon licensed to practice in the State of Washington, when the need for such treatment is immediate. I (we) agree to be financially responsible for the payment of any costs relating to such treatment(s).

Authorization:

Child's Doctor: _____ Doctor's Phone #: _____

Medications now using, if any: _____

Allergies, if any: _____

Medical insurance for participant is provided by the following insurance company:

Insurance Provider Name: _____

Policy Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form with $30 payment to your school office <u>by November 7th</u>! The fee will increase to $40.00 if turned in late. FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER Thursday, NOVEMBER 13TH!