

# BACKGROUND

## Winchester Basketball Association (WBA)

[www.winchesterbasketball.com](http://www.winchesterbasketball.com)

Winchester Basketball Association is a not-for-profit organization offering youth basketball programs, clinics, tournaments and other basketball opportunities for boys and girls in the Winchester community for the past twenty-five (25) years.

### MISSION

WBA's simple mission is to provide Winchester's boys and girls in the third (3rd) through eighth (8th) grades the opportunity to have fun while learning the fundamentals of basketball. In addition, that charter has been extended to support and promote basketball initiatives in the town of Winchester for young adults and the adult community.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- In August of 2008, Winchester Basketball Association contracted to re-seal the asphalt courts at Manchester Field, and repaint the surfaces to protect them from long-term weather damage. That work has been completed.
- Winchester Basketball Association has contracted for two (2) new electronic scoreboards for Winchester High School to replace aging units that were no longer usable. Installation occurred in November of 2008.
- Each November, WBA sponsors a 3x3 girls and women's "Rock of Ages" tournament for all female players regardless of age at Winchester High School
- WBA is responsible for all travel team development, weekly Saturday Winter basketball clinics for grades 3-8, and a Fall Instructional Jump Start program. All players of all abilities are welcome to join and participate.
- Each year WBA sponsors an annual, March Madness Basketball Tournament for middle school basketball players, including boys and girls. Over one-thousand (100) players participate in Winchester and surrounding Massachusetts communities. Last year, those communities included Bedford, Burlington, Concord-Carlisle, Lexington, Medford, Reading, Somerville, Stoneham, Tyngsboro, and Wakefield. This recreational, tournament is only possible with local community business sponsorship support.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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