



LOOKING FOR A GROUP...

In the Pacific NW AAU Basketball has been the principle sport. We would like to offer more options for each of you. But we can only do it if people in other sports get involved and put some work into it.

If you send us a message (nwssports@gte.net) telling us about your interest we will post it and hopefully you can make contact with other people that have similar interests.

We get lots of calls and emails from people looking for a team for their child. I will tell you the same thing that I tell all of them. The AAU office does not put together teams, we help people put on events that teams go to. So we can not find a team for your child. But what we can do is give you some strategies for finding a team.

1. First involve the child, have them ask their friends at school or in the neighborhood.
2. You or your child can talk to the coach of the school. Also you can talk to the coach of the school above them. If they are in grade school, then the Middle School coach, if in Middle School, the High School coach. Ask them what is going on in your area. Get contact information.
3. When you find a team, talk to the coach; see if you can come to a practice or a game to observe. See if it would be a good fit for you and your player. If it is not the right team, ask the coach for the names and a way to contact other teams. They will know better than we ever could who is playing ball in your area.
4. On our website at www.pnaau.org we are trying an experiment to help you. We are opening two areas. This page is one of them. We will post 'want ads from players looking for teams. **Please be aware that we have no control over who answers your ad so parents you should monitor this carefully.** Email us at NWSPORTS@GTE.NET the following information and we will post the information on this page for a month.
PLAYERS FIRST NAME:
GRADE IN SEPT 2005:
AREA OF TOWN:
EMAIL ADDRESS:
5. The second option we have added to our web page is a link to TEAMS LOOKING FOR PLAYERS. We are asking coaches to let us know when they are looking for players and holding tryouts. We will post the information on this page.
7. Finally, sometimes there is nothing you can do except start your own team. On our website we have an excellent "web booklet" called GETTING STARTED. It is in the center section under the AAU logo shield. Look it over if you decide to go this way.

I hope this helps you.

