

# HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL PREVIEW

## As girls return to court for full season, coaches weigh chances

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For the first time in two years, girls' high school basketball teams are preparing for a full slate of games.

The season opens this week and culminates in the state playoffs March 2-5 — barring pandemic-related intrusions.

"So far for us, the season feels normal," said Snohomish High Coach Ken Roberts. "The kids are really excited about being back together."

Players are required to test negative for COVID-19 before they can tryout or practice, and unvaccinated players must be tested twice a week during the season.

But on the court it will be business as usual.

Players and officials are not required to wear masks; in a change from last season, players do not have to mask up during practice.

All spectators for winter sports must wear masks, however, regardless of vaccination status.

Players who test positive for COVID-19 will be quarantined in accordance with state health department guidelines. If a school cannot field a team because of COVID restrictions, games can be declared a no-contest.

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Doug Ramsay photos




### SCHEDULES

#### Monroe boys

- Dec. 3 @ Cedar Pk. Christian, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 10 vs. Meadowdale
- Dec. 14 @ Everett
- Dec. 16 vs. Snohomish
- Jan. 5 @ Cedarcrest
- Jan. 7 @ Edmonds-Woodway
- Jan. 11 @ Shorewood
- Jan. 13 vs. Lynnwood
- Jan. 19 @ Arlington
- Jan. 21 vs. Marysville Getchell
- Jan. 25 vs. Mountlake Terrace
- Jan. 27 vs. Marysville Getchell
- Jan. 31 vs. Stanwood
- Feb. 2 @ Cascade
- Feb. 4 vs. Shorecrest
- Feb. 7 @ Archbishop Murphy

#### Monroe girls

- Dec. 1 @ Mount Si
- Dec. 4 vs. North Creek
- Dec. 7 @ Jackson
- Dec. 9 @ Meadowdale
- Dec. 15 vs. Everett
- Dec. 17 @ Snohomish
- Dec. 21 vs. Redmond, 5 p.m.
- Dec. 29 vs. Kentridge, 5 p.m.
- Jan. 4 vs. Cedarcrest
- Jan. 6 vs. Edmonds-Woodway
- Jan. 12 @ Shorewood
- Jan. 14 @ Lynnwood
- Jan. 18 vs. Arlington
- Jan. 20 vs. Marysville-Getchell
- Jan. 24 @ Stanwood
- Jan. 26 @ Mountlake Terrace
- Jan. 28 @ Marysville Pilchuck
- Feb. 1 vs. Cascade
- Feb. 3 @ Shorecrest
- Feb. 7 vs. Archbishop Murphy

 *Tipoff on all games is 7:15 p.m. unless otherwise noted*



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The pandemic wreaked havoc on last year's season, halving it for most teams to only nine or 10 games. The state playoffs were canceled, much to the dismay of Glacier Peak Coach Brian Hill.

Hill's Grizzlies had finished fourth and third in state the previous two seasons. They thought last year they might summit the

winner's bracket.

"That was a rough one," said Hill. "You just have to roll with how it goes."

The team won all nine of its games before sending six seniors off to play college basketball.

Snohomish went 6-4, with a pair of losses to Glacier Peak and another pair to 3A pow-

erhouse Arlington.

Roberts fashioned the tough schedule in part to make up for improvement time lost to COVID.

"These kids have missed a good year-and-a-half's worth of development," he said. "It's a difference where they are compared to where they should be. A senior is really a

junior, and a junior is really a sophomore."

Since their current rosters have yet to play a full schedule together, coaches aren't sure exactly what to expect when their girls hit the hardwood.


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### Everett boys

- Dec. 7 @ Lake Stevens
- Dec. 10 @ Shorecrest
- Dec. 14 vs. Monroe
- Dec. 16 vs. Stanwood
- Dec. 22 vs. Kamiak
- Dec. 28 vs. West Seattle
- Dec. 29 vs. King's, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 5 vs. Arlington
- Jan. 7 @ Mountlake Terrace
- Jan. 11 @ Cedarcrest
- Jan. 13 vs. Cascade
- Jan. 19 @ Marysville-Getchell
- Jan. 21 @ Meadowdale
- Jan. 25 vs. Archbishop Murphy
- Jan. 27 @ Shorewood
- Jan. 31 @ Marysville Pilchuck
- Feb. 2 @ Snohomish
- Feb. 4 vs. Edmonds-Woodway
- Feb. 8 vs. Lynnwood

### Everett girls

- Dec. 4 vs. Mercer Island
- Dec. 9 vs. Shorecrest
- Dec. 11 @ Glacier Peak
- Dec. 15 @ Monroe
- Dec. 17 @ Stanwood
- Dec. 20 @ Lakeside, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 22 vs. Franklin, 4 p.m.
- Dec. 29 vs. Woodinville, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 4 @ Arlington
- Jan. 6 vs. Mountlake Terrace
- Jan. 12 vs. Cedarcrest
- Jan. 14 @ Lake Stevens
- Jan. 20 vs. Meadowdale
- Jan. 24 vs. Marysville Pilchuck
- Jan. 26 @ Archbishop Murphy
- Jan. 28 vs. Shorewood
- Feb. 1 vs. Snohomish
- Feb. 3 @ Edmonds-Woodway
- Feb. 7 @ Lynnwood


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### Cascade boys

- Dec. 3 @ Oak Harbor
- Dec. 8 @ Jackson
- Dec. 10 vs. Shorewood
- Dec. 14 @ Snohomish
- Dec. 16 @ Arlington
- Dec. 20 vs. Kamiak
- Dec. 28 vs. Bellingham, 2 p.m.
- Dec. 29 vs. Sedro Woolley, 2 p.m.
- Jan. 5 vs. Lynnwood
- Jan. 11 @ Archbishop Murphy
- Jan. 13 @ Everett
- Jan. 19 vs. Marysville Pilchuck
- Jan. 21 vs. Edmonds-Woodway
- Jan. 25 @ Cedarcrest
- Jan. 27 vs. Shorecrest
- Jan. 31 vs. Marysville-Getchell
- Feb. 2 vs. Monroe
- Feb. 4 @ Meadowdale
- Feb. 8 @ Mountlake Terrace
- Feb. 10 vs. TBA

### Cascade girls

- Dec. 3 vs. Oak Harbor
- Dec. 6 vs. Marysville-Getchell
- Dec. 11 vs. Cedar Pk. Christian, 3 p.m.
- Dec. 13 @ Shorewood
- Dec. 15 @ Mariner
- Dec. 17 vs. Marysville Pilchuck
- Dec. 21 @ Shorecrest
- Jan. 4 vs. Marysville Getchell
- Jan. 6 @ Kamiak
- Jan. 10 @ Marysville Pilchuck
- Jan. 12 vs. Archbishop Murphy
- Jan. 14 @ Mariner
- Jan. 18 @ Marysville Pilchuck
- Jan. 20 @ Edmonds-Woodway
- Jan. 24 @ Marysville-Getchell
- Jan. 26 vs. Cedarcrest
- Jan. 29 vs. Sedro Woolley, 2 p.m.
- Feb. 1 @ Monroe
- Feb. 3 vs. Mariner
- Feb. 7 vs. Mountlake Terrace

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Above: Taras Fesiienko, now graduated, helped the Seagulls grab points in the paint. (Jim Scolman photo)

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First-year Monroe High coach Dave Kaupp believes his young squad — which includes six freshmen and two sophomores — can be competitive right away.

“I truly, strongly believe we can come out and compete,” Kaupp said. “We can be better than we’ve been in the past.”

Roberts welcomes four returning starters at Snohomish, and added some depth during summer league.

The Panthers should shake off their COVID rust by the end of winter holidays, said Roberts, and then he’ll know better what type of team he has.

At Glacier Peak, Hill has seven seniors without much collective playing experience.

“All are really good basketball players. They’ve been waiting in the wings, and hopefully they’re battle-tested,” Hill said. “We’ll be competitive, how much I’m not sure. Everybody’s going into this a little bit blind.”



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### Snohomish boys

- Dec. 4 @ Juanita, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 8 vs. Lincoln
- Dec. 10 @ Edmonds-Woodway
- Dec. 14 vs. Cascade
- Dec. 16 @ Monroe
- Dec. 28 vs. Sedro Woolley, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 29 vs. Bellingham, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 5 vs. Archbishop Murphy
- Jan. 7 vs. Meadowdale
- Jan. 11 vs. Shorecrest
- Jan. 13 @ Mountlake Terrace
- Jan. 17 @ Lake Washington
- Jan. 19 vs. Stanwood
- Jan. 21 @ Marysville Pilchuck
- Jan. 25 vs. Lynnwood
- Jan. 27 @ Marysville Getchell
- Jan. 31 @ Arlington
- Feb. 2 vs. Everett
- Feb. 4 @ Shorewood
- Feb. 7 vs. Cedarcrest

### Snohomish girls

- Dec. 1 @ Lynden
- Dec. 4 @ Lincoln, 5 p.m.
- Dec. 7 @ Glacier Peak
- Dec. 9 vs. Edmonds-Woodway
- Dec. 15 vs. Kamiak
- Dec. 17 vs. Monroe
- Jan. 3 @ Archbishop Murphy
- Jan. 6 @ Meadowdale
- Jan. 12 @ Shorecrest
- Jan. 14 vs. Mountlake Terrace
- Jan. 18 @ Stanwood
- Jan. 20 vs. Lake Stevens
- Jan. 24 vs. Arlington
- Jan. 26 @ Lynnwood
- Feb. 1 @ Everett
- Feb. 3 vs. Shorewood
- Feb. 7 @ Cedarcrest

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### Glacier Peak boys

- Dec. 1 @ Bothell
- Dec. 3 vs. North Creek
- Dec. 8 vs. Stanwood
- Dec. 14 vs. Issaquah
- Dec. 28 @ Bellevue, noon
- Jan. 6 vs. Ingraham
- Jan. 11 @ Kamiak
- Jan. 19 vs. Lake Stevens
- Jan. 21 vs. Jackson
- Jan. 25 @ Mariner
- Jan. 28 @ Woodinville, 8:10
- Jan. 31 vs. Kamiak
- Feb. 2 @ Lake Stevens
- Feb. 4 @ Jackson
- Feb. 8 vs. Mariner

### Glacier Peak girls

- Dec. 3 @ Issaquah, 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 7 vs. Snohomish
- Dec. 11 vs. Everett, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 15 vs. Meadowdale
- Dec. 21 vs. West Seattle, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 28 vs. Lake Washington, 1 p.m.
- Jan. 6 @ Lynnwood
- Jan. 8 @ Lake Stevens
- Jan. 12 vs. Kamiak
- Jan. 20 @ Jackson
- Jan. 24 @ Kamiak
- Jan. 26 vs. Arlington
- Jan. 28 @ Woodinville, 6:50 p.m.
- Feb. 1 vs. Jackson
- Feb. 3 vs. Lake Stevens
- Feb. 7 @ Mariner

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