



Executive Director Report 2024-25

Dear members of the Prince Albert Community Basketball Association Inc. (PACBA) and the Prince Albert Community at large,

With the 2024-25 basketball year, and my first full year as Executive Director, behind us, it is time to reflect on what was another year of growth with many notable successes along the way. Our programs continued to provide a dual focus of both developing grass-roots basketball as well as competitive basketball opportunities for our members. Our overall numbers are now back to Pre-COVID levels, a time when the PACBA was the only group providing basketball programming in the city.

Our involvement with Canada Basketball and the JR NBA programs expanded to include programming for Kindergarten – Grade 3 kids in the winter & Gr 3-6 teams in the Spring. This amounted to fantastic opportunities for boys and girls to learn and develop in a fun and development-first environment.

Our Lakers club teams this spring involved 11 teams, including 120+ athletes & 18 coaches amounting to 300+ practice hours and 140+ games played. Throughout the Spring, Lakers teams from 11U to our High School groups consistently remained competitive within their respective divisions across Saskatchewan while displaying the sportsmanship, teamwork, effort and development we have come to expect. Additionally, our re-branded “Rock the North” club basketball tournament was a success resulting in one of the largest club basketball tournaments in the province for the boys division.

Our vision for the 2025-26 season and beyond involves: prioritizing and expanding grass-roots basketball opportunities for all ages through high quality training and game experience for ballers of all skill and experience levels within our JR. NBA and winter league; competitive training and game-play through our High-school pre-season training opportunities; expanding our winter/spring club team-training and game-play opportunities starting with January tryouts; and giving special attention to building and developing basketball as a #1 activity choice for the young girls & boys of Prince Albert. Year-to-year we continue to strive to listen to our members and adjust our programming to meet the diverse needs of the entire Prince Albert basketball community.

With the recent handover of the PA Thunder to the Golden Ticket group out of Lloydminster / Regina, it now leaves the PACBA in a unique position as the sole local-community ran basketball program in PA. With PACBA’s deep ties to the community, we promise to remain committed to striving to do what is best for the youth basketball community, and as the lone not-for-profit basketball organization can remain focused on our members and communities needs first and foremost. We welcome anyone with the same focus and intention with open arms.

In closing, I want to express my appreciation of all the athletes, parents, refs, and organizers that have allowed this club to continue to grow. It has allowed for a safe environment for our young athletes to develop and mature both as basketball players as well as people while participating in a sport that we all love. The dedication and passion our members consistently show continues to energize and motivate me to remain committed to building Prince Albert basketball. Looking forward to another great year!

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Guidinger, Executive Director
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