I hope you all had a great summer! I spent mine coaching at the Drive summer camps, and I’m excited to bring that same energy back to the Wolves Skills Academy at Gordon this fall.

**Schedule (starting next week):**

* 2 morning sessions: **Monday & Wednesday, 7:50–8:55 am**
* 1 afternoon session: **Thursday, 3:15–4:15 pm**

*Note: The schedule may shift occasionally due to school events or other sports, but players will always receive 12 sessions per month.  Any updates will be shared by group email.*

**About the Program (Grades 5–7, Co-ed)**

The Wolves Skills Academy is built around **skills, confidence, and fun**. Players will work on shooting, dribbling, passing, triple-threat moves, and defense in a positive, structured environment. The focus is on individual development and building confidence that translates directly into games.

**About Coach Rod**

* Former player with three provincial championships, BC Summer Games medal, and all-star honors
* Head Coach of the Kitsilano Grade 10 Boys Team
* NCCP certified coach
* Summer coach with Drive Basketball & Skills Academy
* Passionate about teaching the game and helping kids grow on and off the court

**Cost & Registration**

* **September only:** $100 per player (short month discount + possible admin delays with the VSB)
* **Starting October 1:** $150/month per player

This fee includes **Basketball BC insurance** and **gym rental**. For comparison, other programs like Split Second run at ~$21/hour, while Wolves averages closer to $12.50/hour.

In addition to Skills Academy, I’ll also be helping Jesse with the school team during the season again this year. This support is part of my commitment to Gordon basketball, players will benefit from in-season coaching and practices as part of their school teams at no cost.

**To reserve your child’s spot:**

1. Send an e-transfer of $100 to **rpennington.basketball@gmail.com**
2. In the notes, include: your child’s full name, date of birth, and home address (unless provided last year)
3. Fill out and return the attached waiver form

*Spots will be confirmed on a first-come basis.*

**What to Bring**

* Proper basketball attire and shoes
* Water bottle
* Basketball (optional – I have extras and the school provides balls too)

**Policy on Missed Sessions**

Refunds or credits are not available for missed sessions. If a session is cancelled due to school events or coach availability, a make-up session will be arranged.

I’m really looking forward to building on last year’s success. Please reach out if you have any questions. I’ll confirm the finalized schedule once gym times are locked in with the school.

Please feel free to forward this email to any parent you think would be interested.

Best,  
Rod Pennington  
604-916-3073  
**GG Wolves Basketball**