

DG Elite Thunder Spring 2026 Season

Travel Basketball

Season Information

DG Elite Travel Overview + Information:

The goal of our travel basketball program is to give your son an enjoyable travel experience where they feel like they are improving every time they step in the gym with DG Elite. Our goals are to help your son significantly improve their skills and confidence, and play in competitive tournaments to help translate these skills over to games.

DG Elite Spring 2026 Season Required Form: [HERE](#)

- **Season Length + Off Days**

- Season Length: 8 total weeks
- Season Dates: Monday, April 6, 2026 - Sunday, May 31st, 2026
- Off Days: Saturday, May 23, 2026 - Monday, May 25, 2026 (Memorial Day Weekend)

Depending on how many are available during the holiday week at the start of April (Passover and Easter), there may be an additional week of workouts not included in the season dates listed above. These would take place Monday, March 30, 2026 - Friday, April 3, 2026. This is tentative, and the information will be sent on a later date.

- **Flexibility and Commitment**

- While there does need to be a certain level of commitment to participate in the Spring 2026 Season, DG Elite is flexible and accommodating to every schedule. We encourage participation in a variety of sports. Due to these conflicts, we offer alternative solutions if it works better for your schedule, such as...
 - 1-2x weekly practices instead of 2-3x weekly practices
 - Potential opportunities to play with other teams if a specific weekend for your son's assigned team does not work. While we strive to get each player in a minimum of 4 tournaments during the Spring Season, there does need to be some flexibility on the players end as well. **If your son's priority is basketball, there is an opportunity they can play in as many as 6+ tournaments if other teams are short one weekend.**
- We strive for ultimate flexibility and to provide solutions for every kid's schedule, as long as both sides are in communication and on the same page beforehand.

- **Tryouts**

- Elementary School
 - For players in 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade, 4th Grade, and 5th Grade

- There will be multiple tryouts over a 3 week span that take place between Monday, March 2 - Friday, March 20.
- Tryout Dates:
 - Wednesday, March 4 - Techny Prairie Activity Center (180 Anets Dr)
 - Wednesday, March 11 - Techny Prairie Activity Center (180 Anets Dr)
 - Thursday, March 12 - Basketball Warehouse (600 Waukegan Rd)
 - Friday, March 13 - Berto Center (550 Lake Cook Rd)
 - Wednesday, March 18 - Techny Prairie Activity Center (180 Anets Dr)
 - Friday, March 20 - Berto Center (550 Lake Cook Rd)
- Tryouts for different grades will be scheduled depending on how many are interested in the Spring 2026 Season by filling out the REQUIRED form [HERE](#). This needs to be done as soon as possible.
- Middle School
 - Due to the demanding middle school schedules of other sports and conflicts, DG Elite will coordinate separately with the 6th,7th, and 8th grade parents the best plan of action for the Spring 2026 Season.

● **Rosters + Team Placement**

- Elementary School: Based on recent seasons' travel registrations, there will be multiple travel teams at the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade levels. The number of teams is TBD. Please fill out the required form [HERE](#).

● **Practices**

- 2-3 weekly practices
- Dependent on your son's schedule and conflicts.
- Confirmed Locations:
 - Techny Prairie Activity Center (180 Anets Drive, Northbrook IL)
 - Berto Center (550 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield IL)
 - JCC (300 Revere Drive, Northbrook IL)
 - Highwood Rec Center (432 Greenbay Road, Highwood IL)
 - Greenbriar School (2195 Cherry Lane, Northbrook IL)
- Possible Locations:
 - Highland Park Rec Center (1207 Park Ave W, Highland Park IL)
 - Sachs Rec Center (455 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield IL)
 - Caruso Middle School (1801 Montgomery Road, Deerfield IL)
 - Shepard Middle School (440 Grove Ave, Deerfield IL)
 - Basketball Warehouse (600 Waukegan Road, Northbrook IL)
- In March once tryouts conclude, finalized practice locations, days, and times will be sent out along with rosters and team placement.

● **Tournaments/Games**

- 4-5 Local Tournaments (8-10 Games)
- These games will be played in surrounding suburbs such as Northbrook, Glenview, Libertyville, Barrington, and Pleasant Prairie, WI.

- **Gear/Uniforms**

- For New Players, the following items are included in the travel season cost
 - DG Elite Travel Uniforms
 - DG Elite Practice Jersey
- For Returning Players, new Travel Uniforms and Practice Jerseys are not included in the season cost, and separate payment is needed.
- Additional DG Elite Gear (Clothing Items, Water Bottles, Backpacks) will be available for purchase on the DG Elite Merch store in April.

- **Season Cost**

- The Spring 2026 Travel Season Cost and Payment Options can be viewed separately on the “DG Elite Travel Cost and Payment Options - Spring 2026 Season” PDF.

