

Dublin Youth Athletics

Travel Basketball Charter

4th, 5th and 6th Grade Girls and Boys

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- 1. Purpose** - The purpose of the DYA Travel Basketball Program is to further the development of basketball players in the 4th, 5th and 6th Grades who demonstrate basketball skills and abilities above the typical Recreational League player by providing them with additional practice opportunities and games in a more competitive setting.
- 2. Eligibility** - All Travel Basketball players must reside within the limits of the Dublin City School District or within the City of Dublin, or attend Dublin City Schools to be eligible for Travel League and Tournament participation.
- 3. Number of Players per Team** - Each team will consist of a minimum of ten (10) players.
- 4. Number of Teams to be Selected** - For Girls in the 5th and 6th Grades and Boys in the 4th, 5th and 6th Grades, dependent upon the talent level trying out, there may be one or more teams selected per gender and grade. If the talent level is deemed to be significant enough to warrant more than one team in any of the respective genders and/or grades, then an "A" Team, a "B" Team and possibly a "C" Team will be selected. No team will be selected for a 4th Grade Girls Travel Team.
- 5. Player Selections for Travel Teams** - Tryouts for both genders in each grade will be conducted in the fall, just prior to the beginning of each new basketball season. Tryouts will be open to any and all players registered and eligible to play in the DYA Recreation Leagues.

If only one (1) team is to be chosen for any specific gender and grade, then the top ten (10) players will be identified at the tryouts by the evaluation / selection committee and placed on that team.

If two (2) teams are being selected for a specific gender and grade, the top ten (10) evaluated players will be placed on the "A" Team and the next ten (10) highest rated players will be placed on the "B" Team.

If a third Team is to be selected, then the next ten (10) highest rated players will be placed on the "C" Team.

Three (3) alternate players for each gender in each grade will be ranked and identified by the evaluation / selection committee. In the event that one of the players selected to be on any of the teams chooses either not to participate or becomes injured sometime during the season and if the Head Coach wishes to replace him/her, then one of these alternates will be offered a position on that team. However, if the need for a replacement player occurs after the Recreation League Teams have already been formed, then the player being invited to fill an open position on a Travel Team must first fulfill their obligation to practice and play with their Recreation League Team whenever such a conflict arises.

6. **Tryouts Evaluation / Selection Committee** - The Committee will be comprised of four (4) to six (6) people, each of whom does not have a child in the grade level and gender that they will be evaluating. The Committee should ideally include former coaches with previous travel league experience and will be mixed with others who have a good knowledge of the game of basketball and possess the ability to evaluate youth basketball talent.
7. **Coaching Selections** - Any individual familiar with the DYA Travel Basketball Program may apply for the position of Head Coach. All individuals interested in being a Head Coach must complete a DYA Coaching Application Form and submit it to the Director of Travel Basketball within three (3) days of the last tryout date. Potential Head Coaches will be interviewed and selected by the Director of Travel Basketball. If deemed necessary and at the discretion of the Director of Travel Basketball, a Head Coaches Interview Committee made up of DYA Board Members along with the DYA Athletic Director will be assembled to assist in finalizing the selections of the Head Coaches. Head Coaches will be selected based upon their basketball knowledge, previous coaching and/or playing experiences and their ability to devote enough time and energy to the Program.
8. **Uniforms** - All Travel Team players will be provided a uniform consisting of game shorts, game jersey and a warm-up shirt which will be theirs to use throughout the basketball season. Uniforms must be properly cared for throughout the season and returned to the Head Coach in a serviceable condition at the end of the basketball season.
9. **Practices** - All Travel Teams will be offered the opportunity to practice weeknights up to twice a week from late October to the end of their post-season tournaments in March. They will work out for approximately 1½ hours in each session. Parents should be aware that some practices may start as late as 8:00 p.m. on weeknights.
10. **Number of Regular Season Games** – All Travel Teams will play a schedule that will consist of between fourteen (14) to sixteen (16) regular season league games. The Girls will play in the C.O.G.B.A. Leagues and the Boys will play in the C.O.B.B.A. Leagues. League games are to take a priority over any tournament games, except the DYA Holiday Tournament games, should a conflict arise.

- 11. Playing Time** - Playing time for any and all players is not guaranteed to be evenly distributed. Playing time will be earned by the individual players and determined by the Head Coach given the following parameters:
- a. Provided that an individual player does not have any disciplinary issue, he/she will be offered the opportunity to play a minimum of 25% of the standard regulation game time. For example, if a team plays four (4) six-minute quarters in their games, then each player should be offered the chance to play 6.0 minutes of that game. Games extended by overtime periods would have no bearing upon additional minimum playing time.
 - b. Any player who misses a practice during the week preceding the weekend games will forfeit the minimum playing time requirements for that week.
 - c. Any player who violates a written team rule during the week preceding the weekend games will forfeit the minimum playing time requirements for that week.

- 12. Tournaments** – All of the 5th and 6th Grade Girls and Boys Travel Teams will automatically be entered in the DYA Holiday Tournament. Both parents of all players on ALL Travel Teams (including the 4th Grade Boys Teams) will be required to work pre-defined shifts during the DYA Holiday Tournament.

In addition to the DYA Holiday Tournament, the 5th and 6th Grade Girls and Boys Travel Teams will also be allowed to participate in two (2) “in regular-season” or “post-season” tournaments and will have their entry fees for these two (2) tournaments paid by the DYA organization.

The 4th Grade Boys Travel Teams will be allowed to enter and participate in three (3) “in regular season” or “post-season” tournaments. The entry fees for these three (3) tournaments will be paid by the DYA organization.

- 13. End of Season** - The Travel Basketball Season will end at the conclusion of the regular season and/or the post season tournaments. Uniforms must be cleaned and returned to the DYA organization at that point.