

HYAA Travel Basketball Team Policy

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HYAA will sponsor travel teams for both boys and girls. Multiple teams may be created per age group, depending on the overall abilities and quantity of players interested. The goal is to develop teams that are competitive at the travel team level.

Composition of Team

All teams shall be formed by age and or grade only. Players have the option to play at their grade level or appropriate age limit. The player's age is determined by the Mid-Monmouth league rules, which use the formula of born between 8/1/XX or Born after 7/31/XX OR born after 6/30/XX and in X grade. Following this formula, the age/grades for Holmdel travel teams are as follows:

- U8 = 3rd grade players born between 8/1/12 - 7/31/13, OR born after 6/30/12 and currently in 3rd grade
- U9 = 4th grade players born between 8/1/11 - 7/31/12, OR born after 6/30/11 and currently in 4th grade
- U10 = 5th grade players born between 8/1/10 - 7/31/11, OR born after 6/30/10 and currently in 5th grade
- U11 = 6th grade players born between 8/1/09 - 7/31/10, OR born after 6/30/09 and currently in 6th grade
- U12 = 7th grade players born between 8/1/08 - 7/31/09, OR born after 6/30/08 and currently in 3rd grade
- U13 = 8th grade players born between 8/1/07 - 7/31/08, OR born after 6/30/08 and currently in 8th grade

It is required that U8 (3rd grade) and U9 (4th grade) teams carry 12 players. U12-U13 (7th & 8th grade) teams should carry a minimum of 10 players and a maximum of 12. Exceptions shall be if there are not a sufficient number of players in a particular age group to field a full HYAA travel team. If this occurs, younger players may play up to the next age group. For U8 Boys (3rd grade) and U9 Girls (4th grade), these teams may carry a maximum of 15 players. A maximum of 3 younger players may play on the U8 Boys and U9 Girls team.

Selection of Team Coaches

The HYAA basketball committee will determine the coach of a specific age group. On an annual basis the HYAA travel basketball team coordinator will present potential coaches to the basketball committee. If more than one individual wants to coach the same team the committee will interview each applicant. All coaches will be picked by Sept.15th. The committee will select the coach. Assistant coaches must also be approved by the basketball committee and will be selected **after** the travel team is determined. An individual can only be the head coach of one 1 travel team. A head coach may be an assistant on a second team. An individual may be an assistant coach on two teams.

If a coach does not step forward to coach a newly formed team that team will not form. In the rare case that an existing team loses a head coach and no volunteer coach is able to lead the team the HYAA basketball committee may consider, on a case-by-case basis, a paid coaching solution. If the paid solution is acceptable to all parents of the existing team, and the HYAA executive board, the HYAA basketball commissioner will then vote on whether to approve the paid coaching scenario.

Open Tryouts

The HYAA will conduct an open tryout that will determine the composition of an HYAA travel A and B teams (if applicable) for that age group. It is required that a minimum of two tryouts are held in order to give all of our HYAA participants an opportunity to make a team.

A player must attend at least one tryout for the specific grade. All tryouts must be announced on the HYAA website.

Tryouts for the travel teams will be conducted by a panel of at least two HYAA commissioners (current or former) who will serve as the evaluators. The goal of the evaluators is to provide an accurate and unbiased evaluation of all participants. Any commissioner with children trying out for a team is prohibited from serving as an evaluator for that tryout.

Minimum HYAA Recreation Season Participation

In order to be eligible for an HYAA travel team, a player must sign up for, attend and participate in at least 50% of the HYAA recreation season games. While it is highly encouraged that they play in the Rec League, 6th (U11), 7th (U12) and 8th (U13) grade players can opt out of playing.

Facilities

Facility usage for HYAA travel teams will be allocated only when the needs of the HYAA recreation program and its participants are fulfilled. A recreation team practice or game has priority to Holmdel facilities before an HYAA travel team. The Basketball Committee will receive gym time from the HYAA and allocate time equally between the travel teams.

Playing Time

There is no guaranteed playing time for travel team players.

Travel Team Budget

Each player will pay a participation fee determined by the Basketball Committee. Checks will be made payable directly to HYAA. Coaches will deliver checks to the HYAA Office promptly. Coaches will receive a check from HYAA which will be used to pay League Referees. This amount will vary depending upon the number of scheduled league games. All league fees and tournament fees will be paid by the HYAA.

Awards

All team trophies that are awarded to an HYAA travel team belong to HYAA. It is suggested that these awards be displayed at events which promote our organization. If a travel team wins a Mid-Monmouth Championship the HYAA will purchase each player a gift to commemorate their accomplishment. This gift should be limited to \$50 a player.

Exceptions

All exceptions to this travel team policy must be made in writing. The HYAA Basketball committee will review and issue an opinion within a reasonable period of time.

Complaints

All complaints (written or verbal), received by an Executive or Basketball Committee member should immediately be forwarded to the Basketball Committee member designated to, in the first instance, gather information and assess the validity of complaints. When appropriate, this member will consult with the full basketball committee in the resolution of such complaint. In the event the basketball committee can't agree on a resolution to such complaint, the matter should be referred to the grievance committee of HYAA.