



Medford Youth Athletic Association Boys Travel Team Policies

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- 1. Travel basketball is competitive by nature, as is the try-out process. Players should be aware that simply attending a try-out does not guarantee selection to a team likewise, making a team in any specific year does not guarantee the player to be selected in subsequent years. Participation in travel basketball requires a large commitment of time and effort on both the player as well as the parents. Practices are traditionally twice a week for one to one and a half hours each and there are 1-2 games per week. Unlike MYAA's in-town program, playing time is not guaranteed to a travel team player.**

- 2. In addition to the standard MYAA Basketball sign-up fee, an additional fee, which is determined yearly, is required to be paid by each player selected for a MYAA travel team. The fee is payable after a player has been selected to participate on a travel team. There will also be a uniform fee. The uniform fee is separated out since everyone doesn't need a uniform each year.**

- 3. The Medford Travel Teams play in the South Jersey Basketball League. This league supports 4 levels of play.**
 - 1) Future Stars – The level is limited to fourth grade and under players. Normally, there is only one division at this level.**
 - 2) Freshman – This level is limited to 5th Grade and under Players. Normally, there are three divisions at this level.**
 - 3) Junior Varsity – This level is limited to 6th Grade and under Players. Normally, there are three divisions at this level.**

- 4) **Varsity – This level is limited to 8th Grade and under Players. Normally, there are 5 divisions at this level (8A, 8B+, 8, 7A and 7B/8C).**
4. **A player can only be on one team.**
5. **A travel player cannot play in the in-town league.**
6. **A player cannot try-out for a team in which the highest grade level is lower than his current grade. For example, a 6th Grade player may not try-out for a 5th Grade Team.**
7. **We follow the SJBL Rules for Playing up. Specifically, we interpret the rules to mean the following.**
 - 1) **A player may try-out for any grade level at or above his current grade. If the evaluators believe that the player's safety is at risk and may become injured due to his size, the player will not be allowed to play at the higher level.**
 - 2) **If a player plays for a grade level one higher than his current grade, he may play for his age appropriate grade the next year. For example, if a 3rd grade player makes the 4th grade travel team, he may try-out for the 4th grade travel team the next year. This is consistent with the South Jersey Basketball League Rule.**
 - 3) **If a player plays for a grade level two or more higher than his current grade, he must continue to play at that level for the remainder of his SJBL career with the exception of 8th Grade. For example, if a 3rd grade player makes the 5th grade travel team and decides to play at that level, he must try out for the 6th Grade Team the following year when he is in 6th Grade. The next year he must try out for the 7th Grade Team when he is in 5th Grade and the remaining years (6th, 7th and 8th) he must try out for the 8th Grade Team.**
8. **There will be one team for each grade level from 4th-8th Grade. Except for 4th Grade, if there are enough travel level players at a grade level, a second team (B Team) may be created. There will only be one 4th Grade Team.**
9. **Each team will have between 8 and 10 players. The number of players will be determined by the coach.**

10. **Only players from Medford and Medford Lakes are eligible to participate on a MYAA Travel Team. This is consistent with the South Jersey Basketball League Rule. Team align based on High School Districts.**
11. **The following evaluation process will be followed:**
 - 1) **All Players who indicated on their registration that they are interested in playing on a travel team will be invited by email to the travel try-outs.**
 - 2) **The try-out information will also be posted on the www.myaahoops.com web site.**
 - 3) **Any player registered to play MYAA Basketball my try-out.**
 - 4) **All players must attend at least one of the two posted try-out dates. There will be no exceptions. The try-outs schedule will be emailed to players who indicated on their registration that they were interested in travel. It will also be posted on the MYAA Basketball Web Site.**
 - 5) **All Travel Coaches from the previous year will be invited to all evaluation levels (4th-8th Grade) and will be given an evaluation form and a coaching number.**
 - 6) **A coach should not access his own son's ability. The assessment will not be counted in the overall score for the player.**
 - 7) **Each player will be given a number that they will use for both try-outs (provided they come to both try-outs).**
 - 8) **Each try-out will consist of skill based drills followed by 3 on 3 and 5 on 5 games.**
 - 9) **At the end of each try-out, each evaluator will turn in an evaluation sheet to the MYAA Travel Commissioners. The evaluation sheet will indicate the level of play recommended for each participant (A Team, B Team or No Team).**
 - 10) **The evaluator will make the decision based on what they see at the try-out plus prior knowledge of the player in game situations.**
 - 11) **After the second evaluation, the MYAA Basketball Travel Commissioners will compile the results.**
 - 12) **The scoring will be based on the following:**
 - a) **A Team Vote = 4 Points**
 - b) **B Team Vote = 2 Points**
 - c) **No Team Vote = 0 Points**
 - d) **The Team votes will be totaled.**
 - e) **The Total Team Votes will be divided by the number of evaluations received for the player.**
 - f) **Each player may receive the same number of evaluations. This is due to the rule that coaches cannot vote for their own sons and some evaluators and players do not make it to both nights.**
 - g) **The list of players will be sorted by the scores.**

- 13) The Head Coach and Assistants will be determined after the results are known.
- 14) Those interested in coaching will indicate so on their child's registration or email or discuss with the travel commissioners prior or during the try-outs.
- 15) Team coaching selections, Head and Assistant Coaches, will be made by the MYAA Basketball Travel Commissioner(s). The head coach may recommend assistant coaches. The decisions will be based on the following.
 - a) Prior MYAA Travel Basketball Coaching Experience
 - b) Prior Basketball Coaching Experience
 - c) Prior Playing Experience
- 16) A Head coach and two Assistant Coaches will be selected. If someone is dissatisfied with a coaches selected, he or she must put it in writing (email) to the MYAA Basketball Travel Commissioners who will review the issue and respond as quickly as possible.
- 17) The Head Coach will select his team from the sorted list of players. His decision will be how many players to pick from the sorted list. If he wants 8 players, he must select the top 8 players on the list.
- 18) If the travel commissioners believe there is enough talent for a competitive B team, a second team will be formed following the same process.
- 19) Once all teams are selected for a grade, the Player's Evaluation Number will be posted on the MYAA Basketball Web Site under the team that he made.
- 20) If a player is selected for an A-Team and would rather play on a B-Team, he may do so with approvals from the MYAA Travel Commissioner and the Head coaches from both teams. Under this situation, a player from the B-Team may replace the departing player from the A-Team. This must also be approved by the MYAA Basketball Travel Commissioner and both head coaches.

12. The MYAA Basketball Board reserves the right to amend these guidelines without further notice at its sole discretion.

