

West Bridgewater Youth Athletic Association

Travel Basketball Rules

1. All players must be registered and paid before participating in tryouts. A reimbursement will be made if we do have to cut kids. If they tried to play up and didn't make it and are unhappy being placed on their age group / grade team there isn't a reimbursement.
2. Each individual age group must hold tryouts together. If a child chooses to play up and try out for a higher grade / age level A team, that will be allowed. If a player does not make the top team they will go back to their grade / age group not to the higher level B team. No player can play down unless allowed by the governing body. No player attempting to play up will make a team if it results in a player at the higher group getting cut and not being able to play.
3. The BOD will appoint a Basketball Committee, with a minimum of three persons, to assign tryout coordinators within each age group. These coordinators will be responsible for coordinating the tryout dates with other coaches, notifying all interested players of the tryout dates and scripting the tryout for the coaches. At least 1 Officer of the board should also be at all try outs.
4. The tryouts coordinators should have at least 2 coaches to run the tryouts..
5. Tryouts will be complete at least one week before the first roster deadline.
6. All players shall try to attend at least one tryout. If a player cannot attend at least one tryout the player must notify the tryout coordinator of the inability to attend the tryout and their desire to play in the respective age group. The tryout coordinator will notify the coaches of any such players. This Player can then attend another age group tryout to be evaluated but will be on the second team if there is one at their proper age group.
7. Travel team tryouts must be held one at a time per grade/age group by neutral evaluators.
8. In the event there are only enough players to field one team in any age group, tryouts will be deemed not necessary. This process will be determined after we know how many kids, if any, are attempting to play up in a group.
9. The Basketball Committee will determine the teams using neutral tryout evaluations. Coaches may have input into player placement on teams but any movement in try out results needs to be approved by the sports director and the president of the organization.
10. If we have a situation where a child is unable to participate in tryouts due to an injury, they can be placed on a team, even if it's the A team based on a ruling which includes the board's officers, the director and commissioners of said sport, as well as the coaches in that division.

- 11.** All teams must meet the minimum requirements of being able to field 8 players for 5 V 5; 6 players for 4 V 4; and 5 players for 3 V 3. The Basketball Committee may approve overrides for minimum player requirements. The max number of players will be determined by the committee. The suggestion is a max of 10 players per team.
- 12.** After all tryouts are complete the Basketball Committee has one week to determine teams for every division.
- 13.** After teams have been selected by the committee, we will then allow coaches to request changes to the teams with the Basketball Committee approval, the sports director and the President. Changes must be made prior to releasing the team's public.
- 14.** Once a coach has been assigned to a team they may not change their team without the Basketball Committee's approval.
- 15.** All players must play for at least 25% of the game in regular season games if the team is at the Min. requirements. During the playoffs playing time will be coaches discretion with the intent to play everyone. If we have bigger roster sizes the playing time percentage will be talked about and voted on by the BOD at the monthly meeting prior to season. This falls on the sports director and commissioner to have this information and present it to the Board.
- 16.** Travel Basketball coaches will follow WBYAA Coaches Code of Conduct.
- 17.** Where applicable, the travel Basketball rules set by the Governing Body we choose to play in supercede WBYAA rules.

Process for running the tryout and selecting the neutral evaluators. The neutral evaluators will be selected by the director, commissioners, and officers of the board, as long as none of the previously mentioned have any involvement with that select team. If they have involvement they will remove themselves from the process. Once the neutral evaluators are selected, this could be board members with basketball background, outside entities with basketball background, other coaches not involved in said age group. The neutral evaluators will then select 2 or 3 coaches to facilitate the tryout. After the selection, it is the evaluators job to give a detailed practice script to the coaches on what drills and activities they want executed at the tryout. This process is crucial as it also serves as a way to evaluate the coaches, to see how they execute a practice plan and explain each drill to the participants. After the tryout there is to be no discussion with the coaches who facilitated it on their thoughts of the tryout. The evaluators will then get results from the original group of directors, commissioners, and officers of the board to hold a meeting and present the teams to the coaches. At that time the coaches can give input on the results and a discussion can be had if we feel a child was placed wrong, but there is no guarantee he or she will be moved.