

ARTICLE XX

Section 1. PURPOSE:

The travel leagues are designed for the more advanced, competitive player who is seeking a challenging practice and game environment to help advance their skills and game play. Tryouts are held each year where players are selected on their ability and equal playing time is not guaranteed.

Section 2. TRAVEL DIRECTOR and TRAVEL COORDINATORS

The Travel Director shall be responsible for all aspects of the Travel Program and shall insure that the all players, coaches and parents abide by the By-Laws, policies and procedures of the BYBA. The Travel Director will report and communicate regularly to the BYBA Board and shall communicate any directives from the Board to all parties in the Travel program. The Travel Director will have final say in all Travel program issues contained in Article XX, however, no policy changes can be made without Board approval. The Travel Director is responsible for making sure all needs for the program are addressed (e.g. uniforms, equipment, league/tourney payments, facility usage and referees). The Travel Director shall select Coordinators for the Boys Travel Program and the Girls Travel Program. The Travel Director shall approve all coach and assistant coach selections.

Boys and Girls Travel Coordinators shall assist the Travel Director in the operation of the Travel Program.

Section 3. SELECTION OF HEAD COACH FOR TRAVEL TEAM

A Head Travel Coach must have knowledge of the game, the ability to relate to parents and players, ability to commit to the required time for games and practices and must submit to CORI check. The prospective coach's child must be a travel caliber player or have no children at all in the program in order to qualify for consideration as the coach of a travel team.

If a candidate has not applied to be coach the Travel Director will take steps to find a person to step up and submit to coach the team.

All selections by the Travel Director are final.

Section 4. HEAD TRAVEL COACH DUTIES

The Selected Head Coach is required to attend tryouts, communicate with the player's parents, hold a Parent Meeting to discuss the planned season activities and expectations of the players, provide timely information for practice dates and times. The coach shall report any player, parent or other unresolved issues to the Travel Director.

Section 5. ASSISTANT COACHES

The selection of one assistant coach will be done by the Head Coach and shall be approved by the Travel Director. The Assistant Coach shall assist the team as directed by the Head Coach. Additional coaches beyond the one assistant must be approved by the travel coordinator.

Section 6. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

Participants may begin playing in the Travel program at 5th Grade level. The player must reside within or attend school in the Belmont school district (unless otherwise approved by the Board). It is recommended that your son/daughter have advanced basketball experience to play travel and everyone is prepared for the commitment and expectations that travel requires

Section 6. REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY

Players must register separately for participation in the Travel program. Fees will be established by the Board of BYBA prior to the registration process. An outside vendor may be used for the registration process. Only when the BYBA confirms receipt of fees, Medical Waiver and Liability Waiver will the player be eligible to participate.

Section 7. TEAMS

BYBA will field one team per grade level, a maximum of 15 players per team. If there is enough interest at the 5th grade level, at the discretion of the Travel Director, BYBA will allow a second team.

Section 8. TRY OUT PROCESS

All players must participate in an evaluation process (Tryout) to determine eligibility to play in the Travel program. No player will be placed on a team where he/she failed to attend the tryout, except where (i) the player was physically unable to tryout and this was supported by a physician's note and the Board in its discretion excused the player from the Tryout on that basis; or (ii) less than 10 players attend a team's Tryout and the Board determines in its discretion following the Tryout that it would be in the team's best interest to add players. The Tryout will include a minimum of 2 sessions. Participants must attend a minimum of 1 session. The Travel Director may establish a Selection Committee to select each team if it is determined to be beneficial.

The head coach shall contact each player to let them know the outcome of their tryout within a reasonable time after the process. Parent questions or concerns will be directed to the Travel Coordinators (Girls or Boys).

Section 9. PLAYING TIME

The goal for travel teams is to teach the kids the game of basketball with a much more organized practice structure and then work to apply that instruction during the competitive game setting.

Playing time and how that ties in with these basic guidelines, is to play the kids who have been brought to the game equally throughout. However, it is not discouraged in the latter half of the game to attempt to win the contest. Assuming your child has made the commitment to be at practices, and come to the games they are scheduled to play in, we would expect that the coaches will reward them with equal playing time for most of the contest. If it does not work in one game, it will be balanced off in another. There is a requirement that each team dress a minimum of 10 and no more than 12 players per game. This provides each player the most opportunity for balanced playing time per game.

Section 10. Participation in the "In-Town" League

Participation in the "In-Town" games on Saturday is a requirement for playing in the travel games that weekend. We understand that occasionally players have other commitments; however, the rule is in place and should be followed by players and coaches.

Section 11. Practices

Commitment to the team by attending practices is also a requirement. Coaches understand that there are other commitments, however, playing on a Belmont Travel Team is a commitment that each child has made and for a coach to teach team concepts each player must be present.

Section 12. Transportation

The coaches are allowed to **only** transport his or her own child to all the games. Other players on the individual teams must make arrangements with their own responsible adults.