



Hamden Regional Youth Basketball League

“Remember, it’s for the Kids”

Travel Program Guidelines 2017-18



The Hamden Regional Youth Basketball League is a non-profit organization created to enable boys and girls in the region to participate in competitive basketball. The primary focus of the league is to promote fair play, sportsmanship, and increase the skill level of the children who participate in the program.

The travel program is another benefit offered by HRYBL. The program offers players further competitive play, by competing in town leagues and tournaments in the region. It is important to note that the travel program, just like the recreation league, is a volunteer program with volunteer coaches. We realize travel is an additional commitment for all involved, and we seek to pair our best coaches, with competitive teams, to meet the desires of players and families. This year, HRYBL will compete in the Milford and Fairfield County Basketball Leagues per the below. You can visit the websites for detailed eligibility requirements. Fairfield league games will include Shoreline teams.

HRYBL Travel Team Rules:

1. Playing on a HRYBL travel team is a privilege and we require all Players, Coaches, and Parents to represent the HRYBL in a proper manner, showing sportsmanship and respect for the Officials, Opposing players, and their Families.
2. In order to try out and play on a travel team, a player must first be registered and play in the HRYBL recreation league. All practice and game obligations on the recreational team must be met, or the player will be removed from the travel team. Recreational team obligations will be confirmed throughout the season and players will not be able to continue on the travel if these obligations are not being met.
3. Travel Teams have an increased monetary and time commitment. There’s an additional cost of \$155 per player, which covers travel uniform, league and tournament fees, referee fees, and facility fees for home games. \$50 in Additional fees may apply for additional tournaments.
4. Travel Teams have at least one additional week night practice (usually 8:30-9:30pm), with games typically played later in day on Saturdays to not conflict with recreational play and most Sundays. Travel teams will also begin practice in early November pending gym availability.
5. There are two tryouts for each age group, and all players are encouraged to attend both tryout sessions, however attendance at one is mandatory for selection.
6. Player selection is by tryouts only. There is a preferred 10 player limit for each travel team. Players are selected for each team based on skill and age requirements. Players may play on a higher or lower grade team, if the age requirement is met, and their skill level is appropriate for that team. For this reason, players are encouraged to attend tryouts for all age brackets they are qualified to play in.
7. Players are not guaranteed a spot on a travel team for any reason. Teams and coaches are confirmed annually following tryouts.
8. Players are not guaranteed equal playing time on travel teams. Coaches are allowed the flexibility to substitute players based on player ability, competition, player participation, attitude, and dedication.
9. It is recommended that all concerns are first brought to the Coach, then to the Travel Commissioner, and then to the HRYBL Board for resolution.
10. Exceptions are considered on a case by case basis.

We are always looking for qualified and experienced coaches. If you believe you can add value and are willing to make the additional commitment, please send an email to dangrove@hotmail.com and/or contact Travel Commissioner, Dan Grove. You can also attend travel team tryouts to learn more.