



October 29, 2017

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to your child for being selected to participate on a Wilton Hoops travel basketball team. We hope to provide a very rewarding experience this season and are looking forward to getting started. We hope to answer many of your questions in this email. If your child is choosing not to accept the roster spot, please email [thewbahoops@gmail.com](mailto:thewbahoops@gmail.com) by November 1st.

**PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE EMAIL**, sign the acknowledgement page, and turn it into your player's coach. Players will not be allowed to participate in games until this form is signed and returned to your coach. [Click here for acknowledgement page.](#)

#### **WILTON HOOPS COMMITMENT TO THE PLAYER**

Wilton Hoops believes that young athletes develop at varying rates. A player possessing moderate skills in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade can develop into an outstanding player by high school. Accordingly, ALL players participating in travel basketball deserve a fair amount of playing time in games so their skills develop.

- Each player will play a minimum of one fourth of each regular season game
- Three hours of practice time each week (weather/school holiday permitting)
- One tournament
- Approximately two games per weekend

There is no minimum playing time requirement during the playoffs. Players should NOT expect equal playing time. Beyond this minimum playing time rule, all playing time decisions are at the coach's discretion. The coaches have the full support of the Wilton Hoops Board to adhere to this rule. The coaches will make clear their playing time philosophy at the beginning of the season so there is no confusion. Therefore players know what to expect and how their behavior and performance may affect their playing time.

Parents who think their child is not receiving fair playing time should approach their child's coach at an appropriate time. An appropriate time to express concern is before or after practice. Before, during or after a game is not an appropriate time. Wilton Hoops suggests waiting 24 hours after a game before making contact with your coach. Should the coach not resolve the situation to the satisfaction of the parents, please contact the Wilton Hoops Board.

#### **PLAYER COMMITMENT TO WILTON HOOPS**



This was a competitive tryout year. It is critical that the player be committed to playing for Wilton Hoops. All players must be willing to make the commitment that Wilton Hoops travel team is the player's primary sport and their primary team during the season.

Absences will not be qualified as excused or unexcused. The below rules apply to in-season games and practices (not pre-season practices, voluntary practices, additional tournaments).

- Failure to attend 1 practice will result in player sitting out the first quarter of next game.
- Failure to attend 1 game will result in player sitting out first half of next game.
- Continued failure to attend practices or games may result in removal from the team at the direction of the Coach and Wilton Hoops Board.

### **PARENT COMMITMENT**

Parents will:

- Respect all players, coaches, referees, parents and spectators.
- Not make negative comments about players, coaches, referees, other parents and spectators; or coach from sidelines.
- Not engage with the referees.

### **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

Wilton Hoops is required by FCBL to maintain on file a copy of each player's birth certificate at the time of players making a team. To ensure the safety of all our player's personal information, birth certificates are uploaded at registration into the League Athletics password protected system.

### **PAYMENT**

Payment or payment arrangements must be made by November 7th, 2017. Failure to do so could mean forfeiting your child's roster spot. Please [log in to your Wilton Hoops website account](#) to pay. Registration fee is \$550 per child. If you have more than one child playing in 5th – 8th grade travel basketball you will receive a \$50 discount for each additional child. Please let us know if this is not reflected in your account. Registration fee for 4th Grade Future Warriors is \$375 per child. Please note discount for additional players in travel basketball program does not apply to Wilton 4th Grade Future Warrior program.

### **UNIFORMS**

Wilton Hoops assigns all players their jersey numbers. All new players and returning players that want a new uniform number must email Karin Hyzy at [ckhyzy@aol.com](mailto:ckhyzy@aol.com) before ordering. **Orders must be placed online no later than November 7th** (ordering after could result in delay of uniform for that player's games). Once players number is confirmed visit the [Online Store](#) to place your order.



- Mandatory uniform items are a jersey, shorts, pinnie and shooting shirt.
- Orders are placed through Wilton Sport Shop. Uniform samples sizes are available.
- Wilton Sport Shop will notify when orders are ready for pickup.

### **PRACTICE AND GAME SCHEDULES**

Your child's coach will be in touch regarding your team's practice schedule. All practices, game times, game results, and other bulletins will be posted on the Wilton Hoops [website](#). Due to limited gym space, team practices may be in neighboring towns. We will work hard to make every effort to accommodate all teams.

For the next few weeks, we will try our best to work around Wilton team fall sports. Conflicts will be inevitable and when they occur, your child should honor their fall sport commitment, just as we expect them to honor their commitment to basketball this winter.

Again, congratulations to your player and we are looking forward to a great season.  
Wilton Hoops



**2017-2018 TRAVEL BASKETBALL COMMITMENT CONFIRMATION**

This signed commitment letter **MUST** be turned in to your coach prior to the first game.

We have read and understood the Wilton Hoops policies:

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Player Name

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Player Signature

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Parent Name

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