



October 28, 2018

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 know you have many questions about the upcoming travel season that we hope to answer in this email. If your child is choosing not to accept the roster spot, email thewbahoops@gmail.com immediately.

PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE EMAIL, sign the player commitment and concussion forms; turn in both to your coach; make payment or payment arrangements. Players will not be allowed to participate until all complete.

WILTON HOOPS COMMITMENT TO THE PLAYER

Wilton Hoops believes that young athletes develop at varying rates. A player possessing moderate skills in 5th 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 1/4 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.

It is important that coaches, players and parents communicate on schedules, expectations, and any issues that may arise during the season. The WBA's goal is to prepare players to participate at the high school level. Coaches aim to

teach player responsibilities at both the skill and interpersonal levels. Please encourage your players to self-advocate and reach out to their individual coach on how he/she can work to improve skills and performance on the court, and to resolve any concerns that may arise.

Parents who would like to speak with their child's coach about fair playing time or any issues 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. It is in the best interest of our players if parents respect the 24-Hour Rule. Parents should refrain from discussing a game, play or strategy with a coach until after 24 hours have subsided and emotions have calmed. 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) from Dec 2nd through the end of the season.

- Failure to attend 1 regular 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.

CONCUSSION AWARENESS

All coaches, parents, and players are required to read the Heads Up Concussion Awareness Factsheet ensuring acknowledgement of concussion awareness. A signed acknowledgement letter MUST be turned in to your coach prior to the first practice. [Click here](#) to access Coaches and Parent/Player Factsheet and printable acknowledgement letters.

PAYMENT

Payment or payment arrangements must be made by **November 2nd, 2018**. **You must log in to your Wilton Hoops website account to pay or [Click here](#)**. Players may not participate in a practice or game until payment or arrangements have been made, contact WBA Treasurer at thewbahoops@gmail.com if necessary. Failure to do so could mean forfeiting your child's roster spot.

The registration fee is \$550 per child. If you have more than one child playing 5th – 8th grade travel basketball, additional child's registration fee will be \$500 per child.

Registration fee for 4th Grade Future Warriors is \$375 per child. Please note the 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 wiltonhoopsuniforms@gmail.com before ordering. **Orders must be placed online no later than November 2nd**. Ordering after could result in delay of uniform for that player's games.

- Numbers are assigned on first-come, first-served basis. Check team roster to see what numbers have already been assigned.
- Note basketball jersey numbers can be any one or two digit combination of 0,1,2,3,4,5 (prohibited digits are 6,7,8,9)
- Email must include player's first and last name, grade, team, gender
- Wilton Hoops is not responsible for orders placed without number approval.

Once the player's number is confirmed, you may place uniform order online.

- Click here for [Online Store](#) or visit link on Wilton Hoops Homepage.
- Mandatory uniform items are a jersey, shorts, pinnie and shooting shirt.
- Orders are placed through Wilton Sport Shop. Uniform samples sizes are available at Wilton Sport Shop.
- Wilton Sport Shop will notify when orders are ready for pickup.

PRACTICE AND GAME SCHEDULES

Practices can begin after November 7th. 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 website at www.wiltonhoops.org under team page.

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.

Congratulations to your player and we look forward to a great season.
Wilton Hoops



2018-2019 TRAVEL BASKETBALL COMMITMENT CONFIRMATION

[Click Here for Confirmation Printable Page](#)

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:

Player Name

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