

Framingham Jr. Flyers Basketball Rules/Regulations

ARTICLE I –GENERAL

Section 1: The name of the organization shall be Framingham Jr. Flyers Basketball hereafter referred to as FJFB.

Section 2: Framingham Basketball shall be a voluntary, non-profit, non-partisan, non-sectarian organization. Its purpose shall be to foster and assist the development of basketball, to promote and encourage social, civil, educational and athletic activities relating to basketball within the town of Framingham.

Section 3: The official FJFB colors are blue and white. All travel teams must wear some combination of blue and white. The FJFB Board must approve all designs, uniforms, logos, etc...

Section 4: The FJFB rules and regulations may be amended at any time by a majority of the Board of Directors. Each member of the Board is entitled to 1 full vote.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership in the FJFB shall not be denied to any person because of race, creed, color, sex, or national origin.

Section 2: There shall be 3 levels of membership:

A. **Playing Members** – This level of membership is obtained by signing up (registering) to play for the FJFB teams and paying the associated fees.

- 1) Players playing in WINTER Travel programs must be Framingham residents or attend Framingham schools.
- 2) All WINTER travel teams participating on FJFB related teams must be made up of Playing Members. Players from other towns/cities are not eligible to play on FJFB teams except as listed under “exceptions”.
- 3) Players assigned to teams, may be reassigned by FJFB personnel for good and sufficient reason. The player shall not return to the original team after being reassigned.

4) Players who register to play on a FJFB team, but plays on a team not sanctioned by the FJFB cease to be a Playing Member. The individual may rejoin the FJFB in the next consecutive season by fulfilling the requirements of Section 2A.

5) Exceptions:

a. An exception to the residency requirement may be made in the case of a player who lives in a city or town which does not have a basketball program or does not provide the proper level of play.

b. A player who has been selected for a team but moves out of Framingham before the season begins or moves during the season may complete that season. A player who lives in Framingham on a part time basis shall still be considered a Framingham resident.

c. Non residents may be allowed to play on FJFB teams when such an exception is to accommodate player(s) otherwise unable to play, and where such an exception serves the convenience of the FJFB, providing that such an exception for a non-resident does not impact negatively on any Framingham player or candidate.

d. All petitions for exceptions must be submitted in writing to the FJFB Board. Approval by a majority vote must be obtained.

B. Associate Member – Member of the Board, coaches, assistant coaches, and guardians of players shall automatically considered Associate Members. There are no residency requirements for Associate Members:

C. Board Members – From time to time, individuals recognized for the extraordinary contributions to Framingham Basketball, youth basketball organization, or youth community involvement may be nominated and elected to the Board of Directors (Board). Elections are made by majority vote of the existing Board Members. There are no residency requirements for being elected and/or participation as a Board Member.

1) Board members shall be responsible for general oversight and administration of Framingham Basketball including revising and interpreting FJFB rules and regulations, electing members and establishing necessary committees for basketball operations.

2) Board Members are elected for life. Members may relinquish position via submission of letter of resignation to the Board. Members shall be considered inactive after missing (3) annual meetings in a row. Inactive members are not voting eligible. Inactive members may resume active status via written request to the Board for status activation.

ARTICLE III SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Members are considered in good standing unless suspended in accordance with any of the following provisions:

A. Failure to fulfill all fee requirements specified by the FJFB.

B. Membership may be suspended or cancelled at any time when, in the opinion of the Board, the member has been guilty, on or off the field or conduct discreditable to FJFB, providing that the Board shall not exercise such power without first giving the member sufficient opportunity to justify the alleged conduct.

Section 2: Two thirds vote of all members of the Board shall be necessary to approve membership cancellation or suspension.

Section 3: Board Member suspension or cancellation may be appealed to the remaining Board members once per year.

ARTICLE IV FEES

Section 1: The cost of becoming a playing member shall be set the Board prior to each season.

Section 2: The seasonal fee for any member may be abated in part or whole for any member with documented financial hardships.

Section 3: Members who have not paid fees, shall at the recommendation of any Board Member, be declared ineligible to play.

ARTICLE V TRAVEL LEAGUES

Section 1: Prior to each formation of teams to participate in any Travel League, the Board of Directors shall be establish a Travel Committee 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 Framingham Basketball The Travel Committee will report and communicate regularly to the Board and shall communicate any directives from the Board to all parties in the Travel program. The Travel Committee will have final say in all Travel program issues; however, no policy changes can be made without Board approval. This Committee is responsible for making sure all needs for the program are addressed (e.g. uniforms, equipment, fees, league/tourney payments, facility usage and referees, coach and player selection, and minimum/maximum team sizes).

Section 2: The number of teams per grade level will be determined by the Travel Committee after evaluation of a number of factors including player registration totals, league availability, facilities, and coach availability.

Section 3: The number of players for each team will be determined by the Travel Committee after evaluation of a number of factors including player registration totals and player evaluations.

Section 4: The Travel Committee shall assign all head coaches and approve all assistant coach selections.

Section 5: Any coach, who, in the opinion of the Committee, becomes unsuitable in terms of behavior during the course of the season, shall be replaced. A two-thirds vote of the Travel Committee is necessary to authorize removal and replacement. Prior to any vote, the affected coach may be provided the opportunity to discuss his behavior before the Committee

ARTICLE VI TEAM COACHES

Section 1: Any individual interested in coaching shall be required to apply in writing for a coaching position.

Section 2: 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.

If no candidates have applied for a coaching position for a specific team, Travel Committee will be responsible to finding and assigning coaches for that team. If more than one coach applies for a specific team, the Travel Committee will rank all candidates. Coaches will be assigned based upon this ranking coupled with ranking of any coaches children who attend evaluations.

Section 2: The selection of one Assistant Coach will be done by the Head Coach and shall be approved by the Travel Committee. 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 Committee.

Section 3: Coaches are required to attend evaluations, communicate with player's parents, hold parent meetings to discuss planned season activities and expectation of the players, coordinate practice and game dates and times. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of both players and parents during all games and/or practices.

ARTICLE VII PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION

Section 1: Players must register separately for participation in the Travel program. Fees will be established by the Travel Committee prior to the registration process. An outside vendor may be used for the registration process. Only when the FJFB confirms receipt of fees, Medical Waiver and Liability Waiver will the player be eligible to participate.

Section 2: Players must register to travel programs based on the following criteria: age, grade, and sex (male/female), and participating travel league rules.

Players, who wish to be evaluated (tryout) for a team that is not consistent with registration criteria, must notify the Travel Committee in writing of their desire to register for another team. The Travel Committee shall evaluate the request and determine the outcome based upon what is in the players, team, and the FJFB's best interests. Any/all relevant criteria may be used to aid in the resolution of the request including but not limited to: player evaluation, coach interview, parent/parent interviews, and participating league policies.

Examples requiring written requests for evaluations not consistent with registration criteria:

*Players requesting to play on a team one grade level higher than current school grade.
Girls requesting to play on boys team either same grade or one-grade level higher.*

All requests for players wishing to participate on teams greater than one grade level above their current school grade level will be denied.

Section 3: All players must participate in the player evaluation process to determine eligibility in the Travel program. No player will be placed on a team if they have 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 Travel Committee in its discretion excused the player from the Tryout on that basis; or

(ii) less than maximum roster size players attend a team's Tryout and/or the Travel Committee determines in its discretion following the Tryout that it would be in the program and team's best interest to add players.

Evaluations will include a minimum of 2 sessions. Participants must attend a minimum of 1 session. The Travel Committee may establish a Player Selection Committee (PSC) to evaluate and select each team if it is determined to be beneficial. The Player Selection Committee shall be comprised of personnel capable of evaluating youth basketball skills; including by not limited to: Metrowest YMCA employees, Framingham High School Basketball Coaching Personnel, Framingham Basketball Board Members, Past and Potential Framingham Basketball Head Coaches.

If a Player Selection Committee has been established, the following player selection guidelines shall be followed:

a) The PSC shall develop appropriate grade level evaluation criteria prior to each tryout session in order to assess each player's basketball skills. Examples include: skills point ranking totals, general ranking, relational ranking, etc...

b) The PSC shall conduct evaluation sessions and rank each player according to evaluation criteria.

c) The PSC shall perform team roster assignment to the highest level team within each grade by position using output from evaluation sessions until the minimum roster size has been reached.

d) Travel Committee shall then assign a Head Coach to that team

e) The Head Coach for the team may then request the PSC to augment the roster.

f) The Player Selection Committee may, at its discretion, augment the roster until a final roster has been determined. In no case will the augmentation reduce the team below the minimum roster size determined for that team.

g) The selection process continues from step c until a final roster for each team at each grade level has been completed.

The head coach shall contact each player to let them know the outcome of their evaluations within a reasonable time after the process. Parent questions or concerns will be directed to the Travel Committee. Members of the PSC are responsible for notifying any players who participated in the evaluation processes that was not assigned to a team

ARTICLE VIII PLAYING TIME

Section 1: 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.

In the early grades, playing time should be as close to equal as possible, remembering that these age groups, although playing competitive travel basketball, are developmental years also. With the older grades, more flexibility will be exercised by the coach based on skill level, game conditions, player effort and attitude. Since the travel programs are competitive it is not discouraged in the latter half of the game to attempt to win the contest.

Playing Time Guidelines:

Every player who has made a travel team and consistently attends practice and fulfills their expectations as outlined above will play a minimum percentage of each game. For teams with 10 or less players, the guideline is 30% of each game (13 minutes of a 40 minute game). With teams of more than 10 players, the guideline is 20% (8 minutes of a 40 minute game). Some advanced planning by the coach regarding substitutions is helpful to keep track of playing time. Exceptional conditions during some games may necessitate alterations of playing time guidelines. These exceptions should be corrected at the beginning of the next scheduled game such that the average minimum playing time per game within the season is achieved.

It is suggested that each player be given a chance to start a game during the course of the season.