

WBBA Travel Tryout Guide



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Travel Tryout Overview

In this guide you will find helpful information regarding what to do before tryouts, what happens during tryouts, and what to expect when the process is complete.

Before Tryouts

Be sure to register. The deadline for Travel Tryout registration is Thursday, September 20. Walk-up registrations will not be accepted.

<http://www.wayzatabasketball.com/page/show/45274-travel>

Dates

Travel tryouts will be conducted on consecutive Sundays - September 23rd and 30th. The tryout session for each grade will last 1 hour 45 minutes and players are required to attend both sessions. Time slots per grade are posted on the WBBA Travel page.

We have consulted with other Plymouth/Wayzata sports associations – Wayzata Football, PW Baseball and Fusion Soccer. Every effort will be made to avoid conflicts with other events but some may be unavoidable.

What to expect

Players are required to attend both tryout sessions and will run through a variety of basketball drills, along with 1-on-1, 3-on-3, and 5-on-5 scrimmaging.

Independent professional evaluators will be used at all sessions. The evaluators (many of them former college players) have a deep understanding of the game and of successful players and teams. The program's goal is to be fair and impartial by placing players based on skill level, ability, attitude, and athleticism.

Depending on the number of registrants at each grade level, there likely will be cuts. Players who are cut are able to play on a House (4th and 5th grade) or Southwest (6th – 8th grade) team.

Tryouts can be a stressful time for both players and parents. Our best advice is to tell your son to try his hardest while remaining relaxed, and most importantly – to have fun.

Injury/Illness Policy

If a player is unable to participate due to illness or injury the parent/guardian of the player must contact the Travel Director before the first tryout session: traveldirector@wayzatabasketball.org

Players who have registered for tryouts and are not able to participate will be excused upon submitting a doctor's note describing the player's limitations. The placement of players who are unable to participate will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Tryouts – During

Tryout Day

The player should arrive 30 minutes prior to each session - to check in, receive a numbered pinnie, be measured, and get sized for a uniform.

All players should wear shorts, t-shirts and basketball shoes. Players should not wear uniforms from previous years or t-shirts with their names on them. There will be an area to warm up prior to each session.

Tryouts are closed to parents and all adults except for the evaluators; spectators are a distraction to them and to the kids. WBBA thanks you for your cooperation with this policy.

Player Evaluation

Independent evaluators will score your son based on how he performs in individual skills, drills and team scrimmage situations. On Day 1 players will participate in a set of drills designed to assess their skill level and a set of 1-on-1 and 3-on-3 play. On Day 2 players will divide into groups for 5-on-5 scrimmaging, allowing the evaluators to view players compared to their peers in a game-like setting.

Players will be assessed on numerous factors, including shooting/scoring, ball-handling, court vision, decision-making, off the ball movement, defense, and rebounding. Intangibles like effort and attitude will also be assessed.

Your son will receive a numerical score as a result of both individual skills and scrimmages, weighted more toward the latter. These scores are the primary factor used in making team selections.

Tryouts – After

Team Formation

The Travel Program Committee will utilize the scores from the evaluations and the evaluators' input to form rosters. Coaches' evaluations from the prior season are also used as a data point, though primary emphasis is placed on the current year evaluation. Teams will be composed of either nine or ten players, with 38 total roster spots in each grade.

Roster Communication

Team rosters can be found on the WBBA Travel page approximately one week after tryouts:

<http://www.wayzatabasketball.com/page/show/45274-travel>

Questions

Questions or concerns should be directed to the Travel Program Committee or a WBBA Board member. Please do not raise questions directly to coaches or evaluators.

We understand that the outcome of tryouts might not always be what the parent or the player had hoped for. Team selections, however, will be made in accordance with WBBA tryout policies and are final.

What if my son is not selected for a travel team?

Players who are not selected to play travel basketball are encouraged to play in either the House or Southwest programs. If the player opts to play in House or Southwest, the difference in program fees will be refunded. Players should plan to participate in the evaluations for those programs.

Travel Roster Positions

If your player turns down a travel team position, he will not be allowed to transfer to House or Southwest. Earning a spot on the WBBA Travel team is a privilege that unfortunately not everyone is awarded.

Thank you for being involved in our basketball community!