

Dear 8th Grade OMGBA Families,

We are reaching out to all 8th grade families registered for travel basketball to inform you of an important change regarding eligibility for basketball participation. Over the summer, the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) officially designated 9th-grade athletics as part of high school-level activities.

As a result, athletes are no longer permitted to participate in both OMGBA traveling basketball and high school basketball (9th grade or above) simultaneously.

We have been in communication with the Osseo and Maple Grove High School basketball coaches. They have stated that any athlete who tries out for and is selected to an OMGBA travel team will not be allowed to try out for high school basketball. In addition, some high school programs only allow 8th graders to try out for 9th grade if the high school coaches invite them to do so. Please contact your respective high school coach for their policies.

To support student-athletes during this transition, all four coaches have stated they are willing to answer questions of 8th graders mapped to attend their high schools. Please reach out to them directly with any questions you might have about high school basketball.

OMGBA also recommends that any athlete not planning to attend Osseo or Maple Grove High School to reach out to their respective high school's coaches in advance of OMGBA traveling basketball tryouts for additional clarification. If you have any questions or need further clarification regarding this change, please feel free to contact OMGBA using the information provided below.

Sincerely,

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