



# TRAVEL PLAYER EXPECTATIONS

## **Congratulations on being selected to play for the North Reading Youth Basketball travel program!**

You have been chosen by coaches, NRYB board members and evaluators to represent North Reading as an athlete and it is expected that you do so in a **respectful and courteous manner**. Travel Basketball is more competitive and is played at a higher level than the In Town program. As such, parents and players, please note the following guidelines and expectations of NRYB travel players.

Once you have read this document, please sign and date to show you understand and are in agreement with these terms. Travel players (excluding practice players) must then pay the additional fee for travel basketball online at [www.nryb.net](http://www.nryb.net) prior to the start of team activities including practice, tournaments and regular season games. Players who have not paid the travel fee will not be issued a uniform or be allowed to participate in team activities.

### **COMMITMENT**

- Players selected are expected to **commit 100%** to travel basketball and to **make it a priority** over other sports and non-school related activities.

### **GAMES**

- Travel teams typically play 1-2 games per week
- Games are played on Saturdays and Sundays at North Reading High School and in surrounding towns. It is possible that teams may play during the week if the host town only has weekday gym space.
- Each Travel team will play a regular season schedule of 12-14 games followed by playoffs that will be included in the Travel Players Fee.
- Any additional Holiday Tournaments are optional and will require an additional fee from each player.

### **LEAGUE**

- The Boys Program plays in the North Shore/Cape Ann League.
- The Girls Program plays in the River Valley League.

### **COACHING**

- The coaching staff will consist of a Head Coach and a maximum of two Assistant Coaches.
- Please remember that all coaches are volunteers and are trying to do what is best for the team and all the players involved.

### **PLAYERS**

- Each Travel team must have at least 8 full time players. Some teams may carry alternates and/or practice players.
- Travel teams should have a minimum of 10 players, if available, at each game through a combination of full time and alternate or practice players that reside in North Reading.



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- Player definitions are as follows:

Full Time Player	Alternate Player	Practice Player
Plays and practices with Travel Does not play In Town	Practices with Travel Team Will also play/practice on an In Town team, if a team is available for that age group	Plays and practices In Town May practice with Travel team
Plays in all Travel games	Expected to play in 50% of Travel games Any available alternates must be used for a game before a practice player	Not expected to play in Travel games unless invited to by the coach. Alternates must be used first.
Pays full travel fee	Pays full travel fee	Does not pay travel fee

## PLAYING TIME

- Playing time is **earned** in Travel basketball. Lack of participation in practice, not having an understanding of offensive or defensive plays, not following coaches' instructions, and not giving 100% effort can lead to less playing time.
- Every player who dresses for a game will have an opportunity to play in that game.  
Note: Playing time in travel basketball is not equal for all players in every game.
- Playing time on each team will be controlled and decided on by the Head Coach.
- The minimum playing time in the Boys League is 4 minutes per half (8 min per game.)
- The minimum playing time in the Girls League is 4 minutes per half for 16 minute halves (8 min per game) and three minutes per half for 14 minute halves (6 min per game).

## SPORTSMANSHIP

- Good sportsmanship is expected of all coaches, players, and fans.
- Good sportsmanship and appropriate behavior for players extends to the practice court and any related team activities.
- Any team issues or concerns should be brought to the attention of the Head Coach. If issues persist, they should then be brought in a timely manner to the Boys or Girls Director.
- Posting of negative comments by a player or a parent on social media or online communications will not be tolerated. The NRYB Board of Directors has the authority to dismiss a player from a team if it is determined that the player or parent is engaging in this type of behavior.
- Unacceptable behavior includes physical confrontations such as, but not limited to, hitting, punching, kicking and shoving, verbal abuse, profanity, taunting, deprecating language and tantrums or abuse of the referees.
- Coaches witnessing this type of behavior are required to immediately contact their Director or any Board Member. The Board will then decide what action it will take against the player, including suspension from team activities including practices and games up to and including expulsion from NRYB. Failure by a coach to notify the Director or any Board Member about this type of behavior can result in the coach being suspended from team activities including practices and games up to and including expulsion from NRYB.