

**Blaine Youth Basketball**  
**Girls Program Policies & Procedures**  
**Last Revised July 2025**

**I. MISSION STATEMENT**

Blaine Youth Basketball (BYB) is a structured organization instituted to provide fun and development at various levels of basketball within a structured environment for the youth of the community. BYB will strive to keep costs at a reasonable level while providing each player with an opportunity to become the best player and person they can aspire to be. To accomplish this, BYB provides an organization where youth in grades K-8 can play organized basketball. We serve as the recognized Home Association for all families/athletes that attend ANY school (public or private) within the recognized boundaries of the Blaine High School Attendance Area.

**II. GENERAL POLICIES**

**A. BACKGROUND CHECK**

1. All BYB board members, coaches, and assistant coaches shall undergo a background check annually at no cost to them. The safety and welfare of our players is our number one priority.

**B. REGISTRATION**

1. Eligibility for players is determined in compliance with the MN Youth Basketball Alliance (MYBA) guidelines. Currently, BYB is the only MYBA recognized governing body for youth basketball in the Blaine HS Attendance Area. Therefore, BYB serves as the Home Association for those families/athletes that attend ANY school (public or private) within the recognized boundaries of the Blaine HS Attendance Area.
2. For any players that do not meet the above guidelines, they may request a 'transfer' from their home association, however, BYB will only accept a transfer player with the following conditions:
  - a) Transfer player does not displace a capable and willing player who has a desire to play at that grade level and where BYB would serve as their home association.
  - b) MYBA player transfer form must be signed by a designated representative from the organization that the player would have played for (home association).
  - c) Approval by the BYB Girls Committee to accept the transferring player.
  - d) All documentation must be completed/signed by the time our first Blaine tryout night is held (typically mid-September). MYBA deadline for all documentation is November 1st of the given year.
3. Similarly, if a BYB home association player would like to play for a different association, the BYB Board must review and approve an MYBA transfer. Same process and timeline as stated above is required.
4. Registration and payment are processed online via the BYB website. An unregistered player will not be allowed to participate in preseason/tryout sessions until registration and payment are made.
5. Scholarships are available to players that receive free or reduced price meals at school. Proof of this includes completion of a scholarship form and a letter from the School District designating the player for free or reduced price meals. The registration process will include further guidance as the scholarship will allow for a fee reduction at a percentage determined annually by BYB. If sufficient documentation (completed scholarship form and School District letter) is not submitted by the established deadline, the player shall be suspended from participating until the balance on the account is satisfied. The BYB Girls Committee has discretion on any exceptions regarding any scholarship circumstances.
6. In consideration of their commitment and dedication, the registration fee may be reduced or waived for those serving as Board members and/or Traveling head coaches. If a person holds two positions (e.g. board member and traveling head coach), they are able to receive up to (2) reduced/waived registration fees. The reduced/waived registration fee amount is determined annually by BYB.
7. Refund policy of registration fees for non-participation is as follows:
  - a) K/1 – full refund will be offered prior to sessions beginning. 50% refund will be offered after 1<sup>st</sup> session. 0% refund will be offered after 2<sup>nd</sup> session. BYB will review special exceptions, as requested
  - b) In House – full refund will be offered prior to the start of skills sessions. 50% refund will be offered after skills sessions start (or teams are formed, whichever is first). 0% refund will be offered after practices begin. BYB will review special exceptions, as requested

- c) Travel Lite – 50% refund will be offered after registration but prior to the first practice. 0% refund will be offered after practices begin.
- d) Traveling – full refund will be offered prior to the start of skills sessions. 50% refund will be offered after skills sessions/tryouts start. 0% refund will be offered after traveling practices begin.

### **C. EQUIPMENT**

1. All head coaches will be provided with a basketball bag that contains an adequate number of basketballs to practice with. A first-aid kit and scorebook will also be provided.
2. Traveling coaches will also be given a blood uniform (shorts and jersey), in the event a player gets blood on their uniform during the course of a game. This will be a size that should fit most players.
3. Traveling coaches will be provided with a supply of training tools (examples include, but not limited to an agility ladder, goggles, shooting straps, shooting dots) to use during practice.
4. Coaches will sign an equipment contract when they receive BYB equipment at the start of the season. The contract states coaches will be responsible and care for all BYB equipment, and return all equipment at the end of the season. Contracts for in house will be turned into the Girls In-House Director. Contracts for traveling coaches will be turned in to the Girls Travel Director. Coaches are responsible for turning in all equipment, blood jerseys and basketball bags at the end of the season. Failure to return all BYB equipment will be handled on a case by case basis by the BYB board.
5. Player Uniforms / Apparel
  - a) The BYB Girls Committee will provide practice jerseys to all players that participate in the BYB program. These practice jerseys will also serve as game jerseys for in-house players.
  - b) Game jerseys for traveling players will be the responsibility of the player to purchase. Traveling uniforms may be used for multiple seasons if they still fit appropriately.
  - c) Additional sports apparel such as warm-ups or shooting shirts will be the responsibility of the player. BYB may make recommendations for standardizing the look of the teams representing the program.
  - d) Uniform design or brand changes will be communicated 1 season ahead of change, allowing parents to plan for sizes or new purchases

### **D. COACH SELECTION (TRAVELING)**

1. BYB Girls Committee will communicate that coaching positions are available for the upcoming season on their website and through all current members/families via email. This traditionally kicks off in July with applications due early August and interviews completed by mid to late August.
2. Each individual that applies for a head coaching position will be interviewed. *However, BYB Girls Committee reserves the right to bypass the interview process for prior year returning coaches that are unopposed.* Survey feedback from prior seasons is taken into consideration when making a decision to bypass an interview for unopposed coaches.
3. The interview committee shall consist of the Girls Traveling Director and two other board members (one may include the Girls High School coach or their designee). Each applicant will be asked the same questions with a point rating basis. The criteria in the selection process includes:
  - a) Experience of coaching basketball and coaching other youth athletics.
  - b) The coach's plans and goals for the players for the upcoming season.
  - c) The coach's philosophy on coaching basketball, players, communication and organization skills.
  - d) Past evaluations from parents/players will be included as part of the selection process.
4. Members of the interview committee will be excluded from interviewing the grade of their child or if they are family members of the applicant; substitute interviewer(s) will be used as necessary, and we will do everything in our power to ensure all coaches across a grade level are interviewed by the same interviewers for consistency.
5. The interview committee will make a recommendation for head coaches at each grade level to the BYB Girls Committee for approval. This recommendation will include a list of coaches the interview committee approves to be a head coach at each grade level estimated on the number of teams that will be created at each level. The BYB Girls Committee shall approve the recommendation for each grade by majority vote. In the event BYB Girls Committee does not approve the interview committee's recommendation, the BYB Girls Committee shall determine the appropriate next steps in hiring that coach on a case by case basis.

6. In addition to the recommendation of approved head coaches for the season. The interview committee will have an informal placement for each coach by grade and level. This informal placement will be used in conjunction with player rankings after tryouts to place head coaches on prospective "White", "Blue" and "Carolina" teams. See below section "Travel Team Rosters" for the process and scenarios details on team placement.
7. All approved head coaches are encouraged to attend the traveling skill night and tryout sessions. They are encouraged to watch all players at the grade they have been approved to coach, in order to be in the best position to make their coach picks should they be assigned to a team during team formation.
8. BYB Girls Committee partners with the Blaine High School girls program in bringing in consultants to coach 8th grade teams and if possible depending on numbers/consultants/financials, work with additional teams.

#### **E. COACH SELECTION (IN HOUSE)**

1. BYB Girls Committee will communicate that coaching positions are available for the upcoming season on their website and through all current members/families.
2. Each individual that applies for a coaching position will be given due consideration. Key criteria that shall be considered includes:
  - a) Experience of coaching basketball and coaching other youth athletics.
  - b) The coach's plans and goals for the players for the upcoming season.
  - c) The coach's philosophy on coaching basketball, players, communication and organization skills.
  - d) Past evaluations from parents/players will be included as part of the selection process.
3. If deemed necessary, the Interview committee will interview candidates to further assess qualifications. The interview committee will make a recommendation for approval to the BYB Girls Committee. The BYB Girls Committee shall approve the recommendation by majority vote. In the event BYB Girls Committee does not approve the interview committee's recommendation, the BYB Girls Committee shall determine the appropriate next steps in hiring that coach on a case by case basis.

#### **F. ALL COACHES**

1. In House coaches *are strongly encouraged to have at least 1 assistant coach*
2. Traveling (full season and lite) *are required to have at least 1 assistant coach*, prior to practices beginning
3. All coaches (head and assistants) are required to complete a background check (paid for by BYB) and the MN concussion certification process (online, and free) and be approved by the BYB Girls Committee. All of these actions MUST be completed prior to receiving your ball bag and before practice begins. This applies to any individual that will be on the team bench or interacting with players during games or practices.
4. All coaches are expected to use the team management software/application provided.

#### **G. TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION**

1. For traveling basketball teams, eight (8) to eleven (11) tournaments are recommended for the season. Annually, the BYB Girls Committee will predetermine a minimum number of tournaments and tournament venues that BYB Girls Committee will sponsor for play.
2. Travel lite teams will have two (2) tournaments plus the Blaine Tournament that will be predetermined and sponsored for each travel lite team by BYB. In-House and Travel lite teams do not participate in MYAS State.
3. Individual teams are eligible to select additional tournaments at their discretion and are responsible for the associated expenses.
4. Fourth grade teams and/or "C" level teams are encouraged to explore metro leagues or MYAS 1 day tournaments with C brackets to match their skill levels if needed. This also applies to our Travel Lite teams.

#### **H. PLAYING TIME (TRAVELING)**

1. BYB realizes that all team participants share the same expenses as part of the traveling program. BYB Girls Committee playing time policy seeks to balance the priority of developing all players with the opportunity for our coaches to coach strategically as well as reward effort and performance. We accomplish this by setting a playing time floor for all players in our league. At the 4th and 5th grade levels, coaches are required to play their players a minimum of approximately 50% of game minutes over the course of a tournament weekend (not individual game). Note this does not necessarily result in equal playing time. Depending on the number of players per team, playing time may not be equal across the team. At the 6th, 7th and 8th grade levels, the playing time floor is reduced to 40%. (see 2 below)

2. Coaches shall have the flexibility on playing time based on, but not limited to, the following considerations: situation, attitude, sportsmanship, practice attendance, etc. Coaches are encouraged to provide the player and parents/guardians feedback and a discussion if playing time will fall below the minimum stated above.
3. Parents or guardians that feel that their player is not receiving adequate playing time should first speak with the coach, away from the tournament on another day, as opposed to immediately addressing the issue with the coach during the heat of emotions. If the issue is not satisfactorily resolved, the parent should then contact the appropriate BYB Girls Committee member (historically Girls Traveling Director) for mediation.

#### **I. PLAYING TIME (IN HOUSE)**

1. BYB expects all players to receive generally equal playing time. Coaches shall have the flexibility on playing time based on the following considerations: attitude, sportsmanship, and practice attendance. The coach will give the player and parents a verbal warning if their attitude, sportsmanship and/or practice attendance will begin to affect playing time.
2. Parents that feel that their player is not receiving adequate playing time should first speak with the coach, away from the game on another day, as opposed to immediately addressing the issue with the coach during the heat of emotions. If the issue is not satisfactorily resolved, the parent should then contact the appropriate BYB Board member (historically Girls In-house Director) for mediation.

#### **J. FUNDRAISING**

1. BYB program fundraising
  - a) To offset program expenses, BYB may utilize fundraising strategies to maintain affordability of playing in the program.
  - b) Fundraising strategies are determined annually based on the annual budget.
2. Individual Team fundraising >\$500
  - a) For any fund raising activities that generate more than \$500 in revenue per event for any BYB Team, the BYB Board of Directors needs to be notified in advance of the fundraising activity for approval to conduct the fundraising activity.

#### **K. VOLUNTEERING**

1. BYB runs on volunteers and all traveling families and travel lite families are required to volunteer at the Blaine home tournament. Specific time commitments and volunteer assignments will be communicated prior to the tournament. Families are required to volunteer at our Blaine home tournament in order to ensure we can have a successful tournament.
2. The BYB home tournament is a significant fundraising event. Accordingly, parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of the players involved shall be required to donate their time working at the tournaments. Work may include set-up, admissions, concessions, score keeping, time keeping, and general clean-up.
3. BYB may host additional tournaments or events which could be significant fundraising events that will need additional volunteer hours. Specific time commitments and volunteer assignments will be communicated prior to the event.
4. BYB may consider other volunteer commitments (or fees in lieu of) to keep the overall program fees at an affordable level

#### **L. COACHING CHANGES**

1. If it becomes necessary for a head or assistant coach to be removed from a coaching position, the BYB Girls Committee shall determine the appropriate next steps in appointing a replacement coach on a case by case basis.
2. If it becomes necessary for an assistant coach to assume the role of a head coaching responsibility due to conflicts, moving, etc. the Girls Traveling or Girls In House Director shall make such a recommendation to the overall BYB Board of Directors. Consistent with the coach selection process, the BYB board shall approve the recommendation by majority vote. In the event BYB does not approve the recommendation, the BYB Girls Committee shall determine the appropriate next steps in appointing a replacement head coach on a case by case basis.

#### **M. FACILITY USE**

1. BYB will be responsible for securing gym time and paying for any gym rental due in providing practice time for BYB teams. It is expected that all players, coaches and parents will treat the facilities with the utmost respect. BYB expects coaches and players to leave all facilities in as good (or better) condition after their use. Any

damage to the facility may fall back on the players or coaches that caused the damage from a financial or criminal position, if proven.

#### **N. BOARD FINANCIAL POLICIES**

1. A budget shall be approved annually by majority vote of the BYB Girls Committee. This shall include the determination of player fees, tournament fees, allowable expenses, fundraising programs, etc.
2. The BYB Girls Treasurer shall be in charge of financial record keeping, reporting, and cash deposits and cash disbursements.
  - a) Record keeping and reporting. On a monthly basis and reported at each BYB Girls Committee meeting, financial statements and bank reconciliation shall be presented. Other reports shall be available upon request.
  - b) Cash Deposits. As soon as practical, deposits of checks and/or cash shall be made.
  - c) Cash Disbursements
    - (1) All vendor payments that are in accordance with the annual budget shall require the dual approval of the treasurer and appropriate Board Member sponsoring the expense (e.g. in-house director for in-house trophies) before the Treasurer issues payment. Expenditures that are outside the annual budget shall be subject to a majority vote of the BYB Girls Committee.
    - (2) The roles of Treasurer and Girls Director on the Board shall be issued debit cards. Upon use of the debit card in performance of their roles, each shall notify the Treasurer as soon as practical and forward appropriate documentation. Expenditures that are outside the annual budget shall be subject to a majority vote of the BYB Girls Committee.
3. The BYB Treasurer shall ensure annual Form 990 reporting requirements are complied with in a timely manner.
4. The BYB Treasurer shall set appropriate procedures and controls for all cash and/or credit card transactions (e.g. tournament gate or registration fee).

#### **O. OFFSEASON TEAMS & PLAYERS**

1. BYB would like to support teams that would like to continue playing in the offseason. BYB coaches and players are encouraged to participate in spring, summer, and/or fall teams.
2. BYB may offer spring, summer or fall teams sanctioned by the youth program or high school booster program. These teams will be for Blaine Youth Basketball players only.
3. Spring, Summer or Fall teams not sanctioned by the youth or high school program will not be provided financial support from BYB.
  - a) Coaches are encouraged to invite Blaine players to participate, but may use players from other jurisdictions at the coach's discretion.
  - b) Each team will be responsible for paying for their own gym time, insurance, tournament fees, uniforms and all other out of pocket expenses. If all players are Blaine players, Blaine uniforms can be worn with board approval.
  - c) Spring coaches with all Blaine players that did not coach during the regular season must be approved and pass a background check.
  - d) The coach may use BYB equipment (e.g. balls) upon the written approval of BYB.

#### **P. PLAYERS**

1. Players agree to abide by the Players Code of Conduct. Players that violate these rules may be required to forfeit their game play for the next game. Habitual infractions by any player may result in the player's dismissal from the team. Each player will be expected to sign the Players Code of Conduct.

#### **Q. COACHES**

1. Coaches will treat all players equally with no preferential treatment to any one player. Coaches will not be physically or verbally abusive to any player. Concerns about coach behavior should be raised to the Girls Travel Director or In-House Director, whichever is applicable, for investigation. Coaches that are found to be in violation shall be subject to immediate consequences, which could include termination or other action, as determined by BYB Girls Committee. BYB desires that all players be afforded the opportunity to succeed in a non-hostile environment. Each coach will be expected to sign a Coaches Code of Conduct.

#### **R. PARENTS AND/OR GUARDIANS**

1. Any parent or guardian of a BYB player may be asked to leave the game by a member of the BYB Board of Directors, if that parent is being unruly to officials, coaches, players, or other team member parents. If that parent refuses to leave the premises, wherever the tournament is being conducted, the player of the violating parent or guardian will not be allowed to play in the next scheduled tournament. Should this happen a second time, the player will be asked not to return by the BYB Girls Committee for the remainder of the season. Each parent or guardian will be expected to sign the Parents Code of Conduct.

#### **S. HARASSMENT – ZERO TOLERANCE**

1. BYB strongly disapproves of and does not tolerate any type of harassment including, but not limited to: verbal abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse, or sexual violence. All Board members, coaches, spectators, parents, and players share the responsibility to ensure success in this objective.
2. It is a violation of this policy for any BYB Board member, agent, coach, spectator, parent and/or player to harass any other such respectively noted person. Should investigation of alleged harassment produce evidence of harassment, appropriate actions are to be taken, up to and including expulsion from BYB activities.
3. The following are examples of conduct that may be considered harassment:
  - a) Use of offensive or demeaning terms.
  - b) Objectionable physical proximity or physical contact.
  - c) Unwelcome suggestions regarding (or invitations to) social engagements.
  - d) Any conduct or communication, expressed or implied, that has the purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with a player's status on his/her team; or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment.
  - e) Deliberate or careless expression of jokes or remarks of any type in the presence of others who may find such jokes or remarks offensive.
  - f) Deliberate or careless distribution of materials (such as cartoons, articles, pictures, etc.) that are not necessary for the game of basketball and that others may find offensive.
  - g) Providing rides to players without prior approval from a parent or guardian.
4. Any BYB Board member, agent, coach, spectator, parent or player who feels he or she is being subjected to any form of harassment should contact the BYB Girls Director. If you are not comfortable approaching the BYB Girls Director, you may contact the Girls Travel or In-House Director. The Girls Director or designee shall immediately investigate the complaint and appropriate actions will be taken. If the investigation produces evidence that a minor was maltreated, the appropriate authorities will be contacted.
5. No retaliation of any kind will occur because you have reported an incident of suspected harassment. BYB neither intends to use this policy to pry into the affairs of its affiliates nor regulate the consensual social interactions and/or relationships of such persons.

### **III. PLAYER PROCEDURES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **A. PRESEASON SKILL NIGHTS, TRYOUTS AND TEAM ASSIGNMENTS (GRADES 4-8)**

1. A preseason skills night will be held for all players in grades 4-8 that will consist of a predetermined number of sessions (typically 1-2 skill sessions) and a tryout for those registered for traveling (typically 1-2 tryout sessions). Evaluators, sessions and player rankings are all led by the Blaine Girls Varsity program's coaching staff. Sessions will be run camp/clinic style. The objective of skill sessions is to teach fundamentals and help ensure the players understand the drills that will be used for tryouts. The objective for tryouts is to get a good look at all players in a variety of drills, mini games and full court play in order to allow the evaluators to rank players across each grade.
2. During tryout sessions, evaluators will be assigned to groups (grades) and they will complete evaluations for each player based on the following criteria:
  - a) Shooting: various drills will be used to gauge the shooting form and ability of each player.
  - b) Ball handling: various drills will be used to gauge the ball handling skills of each player.
  - c) Offensive game skills: various game situations will be used to gauge the offensive skills for each player, including ball handling, shooting, rebounding, passing / catching, movement without the basketball, intensity, effort and more.

- d) Defensive game skills: various game situations will be used to gauge the defensive skills for each player, including defensive positioning, team defense concepts, rebounding, decision making, intensity, effort and more.
  - e) Intangibles: evaluators will be looking for various intangibles throughout the drills and game situations, including basketball intelligence (instincts, recognition, team play), athleticism (speed, strength, balance, coordination), efficiency and effectiveness of movements, communication, coachability and gym demeanor (focus, hustle, work ethic, body language and sportsmanship)
  - f) Rankings across all tryout sessions are submitted to the Blaine Girls Varsity Head Coach. The Blaine Girls Varsity Head Coach does all add ups of tryout forms and provides a ranked player list by jersey # to the BYB Girls Traveling Committee. After the last tryout session, the BYB Traveling Committee shall set a date to meet with each coach to form traveling teams, in accordance with the BYB Girls Policy.
3. Registration: Prior to participating in the preseason session, players must be fully registered. As part of their registration process, new players to the program may be required to include a copy of their report card, player ID or school letter to allow for BYB validation of both grade level and jurisdiction eligibility.
  4. Excused absence: In the event a player is unable to participate in the skill sessions and the formal tryout(s) due to injury or illness, the BYB Girls Committee will review past season tryout placement/team and look for knowledgeable coach input about the excused player. The BYB Girls Committee must approve placement of the excused player, but all available information will be used.
- B. TEAM ROSTERS (TRAVELING)** – the BYB Girls Committee has aligned on naming our traveling teams in the following manner. First team = “White”, second team = “Blue”, third team = “Carolina”. These names do NOT indicate a traveling level (A, B, C) – the head coach for each team will determine what the appropriate traveling level is for their team. Our ranking process DOES put the strongest and most travel ready players on “White”, then “Blue”, then “Carolina”.
1. “White” Traveling team roster offers (team of 8 to 10 players, as determined by BYB Girls Committee)
    - a) Players: Top six scoring players will receive automatic offers. For teams of 8 players or less, the top 5 evaluated players receive an automatic offer (instead of the top 6). The coaches will not have any influence, nor will the top six picks be predetermined whatsoever by the coaches in lieu of the independent evaluator rankings. Every player has the ability to qualify for these top six by their own skill level and performance at evaluated tryouts.
    - b) Coaches: “White” head coach will be selected based on player rankings. If the approved head coach is a parent, their player needs to rank in the top 12 for the coach to be eligible to be the “White” team head coach. In the event their player does not rank in the top 12, then if the next approved coach, determined by the BYB board in the coach selection process, has a player in the top 12 rankings will be named head coach. The other coach will have the decision to be the head coach of our “Blue” team. If no approved head coaches have a player in the top 12, the BYB Board shall determine the appropriate next steps in hiring a coach on a case by case basis.
    - c) Coaches: Assigned head coaches will select the balance of their team from players that are ranked 7-12. Consultation with personnel running the tryout sessions is encouraged.
  2. “Blue” Traveling team roster offers (team of 8 to 10 players , as determined by BYB Girls Committee)
    - a) Players: Balance of players in top 12 that were not selected for the “White” team will automatically be placed on the “Blue” team.
    - b) Coaches: If the approved head coach is a parent, their player needs to rank in the top 22 for the coach to be eligible to be the “Blue” team head coach. In the event their player does not rank in the top 22, then if the next approved coach, determined by the BYB board in the coach selection process, has a player in the top 22 rankings will be named head coach. The other coach will have the decision to be the head coach of our “Carolina” team if another team is formed. If no approved head coaches have a player in the top 22, the BYB Board shall determine the appropriate next steps in hiring a coach on a case by case basis.
    - c) Coaches: Head coach selects the balance of the team from players that scored 13-22. Consultation with personnel running the tryout sessions is encouraged.
  3. Additional Traveling teams will be considered based on skills and depth. The BYB Girls Committee will make this determination. A third team “Carolina” will be developed in a consistent manner to the above processes for

both players and coaches. Should a fourth team become an option, we would develop a “Navy” team in the same manner.

- a) Player selection follows the same process as above (balance of top 22 placed on next team)
- b) Head Coach selection follows the same process as above
- c) Head coach selects the balance of the team from players that scored 23-35. Consultation with personnel running the tryout sessions is encouraged.

### **C. OTHER TRAVELING ROSTER CONSIDERATIONS**

1. *Traveling team rosters will be posted on the BYB website as soon as practical after the last session.* The website will be used for posted rosters and email communication will be used to share anticipated posting time. Although we expect most players to accept their traveling roster offer, there may be exceptions. Players that do not receive a traveling offer OR decide not to accept a traveling roster offer will be placed on an in-house team (if one is available for that grade).
2. The head coach is eligible to propose a player selection from outside the set roster guidelines. The proposal must be approved by the BYB Girls Traveling Committee (consisting of Girls Director, Girls Assistant Director, Girls Traveling Director and Girls HS Varsity Coach). An example would be where a player was not able to tryout due to an injury, or illness.
3. Also note a player declining a “White” level traveling roster spot may request to be moved to the “Blue” level or lower traveling team. Accordingly, a player declining a “Blue” level traveling roster spot may request to be moved to the “Carolina” level or lower traveling; and so on. BYB strongly encourages players to play at the level they were selected – to help ensure stronger players are participating at the level most appropriate for their abilities. Parents may request that their daughter is ‘moved down’ 1 level (e.g. twin siblings to play on the same team for scheduling, etc), however, the BYB Girls Traveling Committee will need to approve this request.
4. For team rosters that are determined to be 8 or less players, the Girls Traveling Committee will automatically place only the top 5 players from evaluations on that team, and the remaining players will be coach selections. This applies to all teams formed (White, Blue, Carolina) across our grades.
5. Head coaches for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams will have input on their roster size, with the following limits (8 is minimum roster size and 10 is maximum roster size). The BYB Girls Traveling Committee (consisting of Girls President, Girls Vice President, Girls Traveling Director and Girls HS Varsity Coach) owns the decision on final roster sizes.
6. In the event of a player not accepting a traveling roster offer, the head coach and BYB Girls Traveling Committee (consisting of Girls President, Girls Vice President, Girls Traveling Director and Girls HS Varsity Coach) will work together to determine applicable roster amendments. For example, if a player does not accept their traveling roster offer, the head coach may select another player from the original eligible players based on scoring. This, in turn, may impact the next level team, whereby the same procedure shall be followed.

### **D. TEAM ROSTERS (IN HOUSE)**

1. After traveling teams are established, the BYB Girls In-House Director will form In-House teams.
  - a) The purpose of our in house program is to provide an atmosphere of both learning and enjoyment for the game of basketball
  - b) There are no formal tryouts for our in house program, however, the intention is to have balanced and competitive teams
  - c) We will try to keep kids from the same school grouped together; buddy requests are accepted during registration, however, these may be limited if it breaks apart kids from the same school OR results in what is believed to be unbalanced teams
  - d) The BYB Girls In-House Director has final say on team assignments
  - e) All Players can only be rostered on one team in the league at a time.
2. Any exception to the above referenced team placement policies shall be handled in the following manner:
  - a) The requesting party must submit in writing a formal request to any member of the BYB Traveling Committee. In addition, the requesting party may be asked to meet with the BYB Traveling Committee to discuss their request and options.
  - b) The approval of any exception shall require approval from the BYB Traveling Committee.

### **E. TRAVEL LITE PROCESS & TEAM ASSIGNMENTS**

1. In House Coaches will be asked to supply a list of players from their team that they feel could benefit from and perform in a travel lite team. The Girls Traveling Director will then look at overall numbers and determine how many teams we can form with these selected players. Typically, this would be 1-2 teams.
2. The Girls Traveling Director will send a communication to parents for these selected players, inviting them to participate in a Blaine Travel Lite team tryout. A separate registration will need to be completed for each player.
3. The travel lite tryout process is an informal tryout to attempt to assure players are truly travel ready, and to attempt to make equal teams if multiple travel lite teams are formed.
4. The Girls Traveling Director will also handle coach selection and ensure the travel lite teams are added to practice schedules and tournament entries (through the Girls Tournament Director)
5. Note: our intention is to focus on 3<sup>rd</sup> grade travel lite teams, which would play in a handful of 4<sup>th</sup> grade traveling tournaments. If there are qualified and interested 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade In House players, we will look to coordinate a travel lite team at that level as well.
6. This program is intended for In House players that are ready for, and interested in, traveling next season
7. *Travel Lite families will be required to volunteer for our Blaine home tournament, in order to ensure we can host a successful tournament.*

#### **F. K-1 FUNDAMENTALS**

1. BYB will have a formal leader/coach for these sessions, and additional assistants to ensure all participants get the attention they need to improve
2. The purpose of the K-1 program is to focus on fun and fundamentals. The format will be a camp/clinic style with mini games. The clinics will introduce basic fundamentals such as dribbling, passing, correct form shooting, defense, etc. The mini games will be designed to reinforce the fundamentals practiced. These sessions will be played on a 8-foot basketball hoop to allow the kids to build confidence and also to allow them to develop correctly. Players should finish the season with an increased knowledge/ability in the fundamentals of the game of basketball and be excited to continue their experience into next year

#### **G. PLAYER MOVEMENT (TRAVELING & IN HOUSE)**

1. "Traveling" playing up – "top 3 rule"
  - a) To qualify for playing up, a player must finish as one of the top three players at the advanced grade level (thus, it only applies for the White (top) traveling team). *Qualifying does not guarantee player movement.* Special circumstances may warrant BYB to limit player movement. Loss of a team or displacement of a capable player at that level (that would result from a player playing up) are among the considerations the BYB Girls Traveling Committee will consider before approving or denying.
  - b) If players fail to make the top 3 (after choosing to try to play up), *they will have to be a coaches selection at their own grade level. These players are not automatically in the top 6 at their grade level.* This is intended to ensure that the parent/player choice to play up is given due consideration.
  - c) Players from a grade below may be considered as an exception to the "top 3 rule" in order to fill out a roster for a grade level above. Player skills and ability to succeed at level will be considered, and any exceptions are subject to BYB Traveling Committee (consisting of Girls President, Girls Vice President, Girls Traveling Director and Girls HS Varsity Coach) approval.
2. "In House" playing up rule
  - a) An in house player will be allowed to play up a level as long as that does not displace a player at the grade above OR does not create unbalanced/numbered teams that would impact other players. Requests for playing up a grade at the in house level should be made to the BYB Girls Committee.
3. After rosters are set, players may not be added or moved from team to team without approval by BYB. This applies to Traveling and In House rosters/players.
4. Requesting for a player to be moved to another team (parent or coach request)
  - a) Must contact the BYB Girls Committee and request a change.
  - b) The Girls Traveling or in House Director will contact the coaches that are affected to get their input. The findings will then be reviewed with the BYB Girls Committee. The Girls Traveling or In House Director will then inform the affected coaches and the requesting parents on whether the requested move will be allowed.
  - c) If another player is affected, the Girls Traveling or In House Director will contact the parents of the affected player to get their input. The findings will then be reviewed with the BYB Girls Committee.

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