

# Love Basketball? Come one, come all – Grade 4-8 – Boys and Girls... Play for your town!

## Tryout for the 2022-2023 Avon Travel Basketball Season!



**ABOUT:** For more than 20 years, the Avon Travel Basketball programs for girls and boys has provided an opportunity for **Avon residents in Grades 4-8 to play a competitive level of basketball against other travel teams from area towns.** Teams compete in either the Connecticut Girls Basketball League (CGBL), Connecticut Boys Travel Basketball League (CBTBL), or North Central Connecticut (NCC) League. These are long standing competitive leagues where we play area towns such as Farmington, Newington, Simsbury, Southington, and West Hartford.

**REGISTRATION:** Please register online via **Avon Travel Basketball website by Sept 26 - [www.avontravelbasketball.org](http://www.avontravelbasketball.org).** Go to the **RED “Player Registration”** tab on the right; if you are a new family, register as a Parent/Guardian first, then add registration for your player(s).

### **PAPERWORK:**

- On the league website, go to the “**Handouts**” tab, print and fill out the [Travel Player and Parent Code of Conduct and Waiver](#); **bring completed forms to participate in OpenGym/Tryouts**
- Birth certificates and proof of residency will be collected once teams are selected

### **COMMITMENT:**

- **Two practices** per week in Avon school gyms and/or AOF
  - Optional beginning the week of October 10<sup>th</sup> to allow players to complete Fall sports commitments
  - Mandatory beginning the first week of November
- **Games** typically run from mid-November thru February with playoffs in early March (excluding holidays – Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years) with **1-2 games per weekend** – often away on Saturday, and home (AHS or TBS) on Sunday.

### **WHAT’S NEXT:**

- **Open Gyms:** September 27-29 (TBS and AHS)
- **Mandatory Team Tryouts:** Oct 3, 4, 6 (TBS and AHS – one session for each grade/program); tryouts are always conducted by independent evaluators; 2022-23 team rosters will be posted within a week of tryouts
- Exact dates and times for open gyms and tryouts will be emailed to all who register and posted to our Facebook group

### **COMMUNITY:**

- In addition to playing basketball, we strive to create a sense of community by engaging with our families in fun activities off-the-court. Examples include:
  - Travel basketball nights at Avon High School games
  - Men’s/Women’s UConn basketball game experiences
  - Community service projects
  - End-of-year banquet to celebrate the season and honor our graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- **Note:** Avon Travel Basketball partners with Avon Recreation and Parks Youth Basketball League. We encourage you to register and if your child makes the travel team, Avon Recreation will give you 100% refund up until October 21.

### **FEES:**

- Tryouts and open gyms are free of charge
- Those offered a spot on one of our teams will be responsible for:
  - **Travel team fee of \$350 for the full season**, which includes practice jerseys and shooter shirts - thanks to our Sponsors
  - **Uniform fees** <\$100 (game jersey, game shorts) with optional sweatshirt (+ ~\$50); returning players are offered the option to re-use their uniform from the prior year

### **COACHING:**

- All of our teams are coached by volunteers, many of whom return each year. Anyone wishing to coach should fill out an application which can be found under Handouts on the league website (link above under Registration)

**CONTACTS:** To submit a coaching application or for more information prior to the season, please email:

- Girls Travel League President, Justin Srb ([jsrb@live.com](mailto:jsrb@live.com))
- Boys Travel League Coordinator, Mick Stinchon ([michaelstinchon@gmail.com](mailto:michaelstinchon@gmail.com))

### **STAY INFORMED:**

- Please join our private Facebook group (Avon CT Travel Basketball) to get all the latest announcements
- Register (see above) to get added to our email distribution lists for important communications on open gyms, tryouts, etc.