

# Dublin Youth Athletics

## Travel Basketball Charter

### 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls and Boys

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- **Purpose** - The purpose of the DYA Travel Basketball Program is to further the development of basketball players in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades. The Program will collaborate with middle school and high school programs to ensure consistent core values, skills development, and training regimes. Players will demonstrate:
    - basketball skills and abilities above an average recreational league player
    - strong basketball acumen
    - continued desire to advance basketball skills, training and passion for game
    - desire to participate in a competitive environment
1. **Eligibility** - All Travel Basketball players must reside within the limits of the Dublin City School District or within the City of Dublin, or attend Dublin City Schools to be eligible for Travel League and Tournament participation.
  2. **Number of Players per Team** - Each team will set a goal of eight (8) players, however consideration will be made based on number of players in each grade and gender. Teams may elect to consolidate practices, however games will be played utilizing eight (8) players. The intent of an eight player team is to increase playing time and increase coaching and development that occurs during practice and games.
  3. **Number of Teams to be Selected** - For Girls in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades and Boys in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades, dependent upon the talent level trying out, there may be one or more teams selected per gender and grade. If the talent level is deemed to be significant enough to warrant more than one team in any of the respective genders and/or grades, then an "A" Team, a "B" Team and possibly a "C" Team will be selected. If there are not enough players to form a team to align with a high school program, the coaches may have the discretion to combine players from multiple middle school/high school. The intent is not to exclude individuals who would otherwise have qualified for a travel team, simply because there isn't enough players to form a team.
  4. **Player Selections for Travel Teams** - Tryouts for both genders in each grade will be conducted in the fall, just prior to the beginning of each new basketball season. Tryouts will be open to any and all players registered and eligible to play in the DYA Recreation Leagues. During registration, each child will designate

his/her middle school they will be enrolled in for that school year. This will allow the evaluation committee to determine the potential of middle school participants in advance of tryouts. Tryouts then may be conducted separately for each elementary/middle/high school depending on the number of registered individuals. If there are not enough participants for a given middle school, then high school will be the next criteria.

If only one (1) team is to be chosen for any specific gender and grade, then the top ten (10) players will be identified at the tryouts by the evaluation / selection committee and placed on that team.

If two (2) teams are being selected for a specific gender and grade, the top eight (8) evaluated players will be placed on the "A" Team and the next eight (8) highest rated players will be placed on the "B" Team.

If a third Team is to be selected, then the next eight (8) highest rated players will be placed on the "C" Team.

Three (3) alternate players for each gender in each grade will be ranked and identified by the evaluation / selection committee. In the event that one of the players selected to be on any of the teams chooses either not to participate or becomes injured sometime during the season and if the Head Coach wishes to replace him/her, then one of these alternates will be offered a position on that team. However, if the need for a replacement player occurs after the Recreation League Teams have already been formed, then the player being invited to fill an open position on a Travel Team must first fulfill his/her obligation to practice and play with their Recreation League Team whenever such a conflict arises.

5. **Tryouts Evaluation / Selection Committee** - The Committee will be comprised of four (4) to six (6) people, each of whom does not have a child in the grade level and gender that they will be evaluating. The Committee should ideally include former coaches with previous travel league experience and will be mixed with others who have a good knowledge of the game of basketball and possess the ability to evaluate youth basketball talent. It is the intent of the DYA Travel Basketball league to include High School and Middle School coaches as part of the evaluation process.
6. **Coaching Selections** - Any individual familiar with the DYA Travel Basketball Program may apply for the position of Head Coach. All individuals interested in being a Head Coach must complete a DYA Coaching Application Form online to be submitted it to the Director of Travel Basketball within three (3) days of the last tryout date. Potential Head Coaches will be interviewed and selected by the Director of Travel Basketball. If deemed necessary and at the discretion of the Director of Travel Basketball, a Head Coaches Interview Committee made up of DYA Board Members along with the DYA Athletic Director will be assembled to assist in finalizing the selections of the Head Coaches. Head Coaches will be selected based upon their basketball knowledge, previous coaching and/or

playing experiences and their ability to devote enough time and energy to the Program.

7. **Uniforms** - All Travel Team players must purchase a uniform consisting of game shorts and game jersey. Shooting shirts will be provided by DYA.
8. **Practices** - All Travel Teams will be offered the opportunity to practice weeknights up to twice a week from late October to the end of their post-season tournaments in March. They will work out for approximately 1½ hours in each session. Parents should be aware that some practices may start as late as 8:00 p.m. on weeknights. Efforts will be made to have practices held at one of the Dublin City High School gymnasium. However, if availability is limited, preference will be given to 6<sup>th</sup> grade team, then 5<sup>th</sup> and so on. It is possible that due to school activities at the high schools that practices could be held at Dublin City Middle/Elementary Schools or non-school facility.
9. **Number of Regular Season Games** – All Travel Teams will play a schedule that will consist of between fourteen (14) to sixteen (16) regular season league games. The Boys and Girls will play in the Central Ohio Basketball Association (COBA) Leagues. League games are to take a priority over any tournament games, except the DYA Holiday Tournament games, should a conflict arise.
10. **Playing Time** - Playing time for any and all players is not guaranteed to be evenly distributed. Playing time will be earned by the individual players and determined by the Head Coach given the following parameters:
  - a. Provided that an individual player does not have any disciplinary issue, he/she will be offered the opportunity to play a minimum of 25% of the standard regulation game time. For example, if a team plays four (4) six-minute quarters in their games, then each player should be offered the chance to play 6.0 minutes of that game. Games extended by overtime periods would have no bearing upon additional minimum playing time.
  - b. Any player who misses a practice during the week preceding the weekend games will forfeit the minimum playing time requirements for that week.
  - c. Any player who violates a written team rule during the week preceding the weekend games will forfeit the minimum playing time requirements for that week.
  - d. If repeatable missed practices or violation of team rules occur, the designated coach can recommend the player be moved to another team.
  - e. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Minimum playing time 50%, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Minimum playing time of 35% and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Minimum playing time of 25%
12. **Tournaments** – All of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls and Boys Travel Teams will automatically be entered in the DYA Holiday Tournament. As space allows and entries are sufficient for form 4<sup>th</sup> grade divisions, there may also be divisions for 4<sup>th</sup> grade teams. Both parents of all players on ALL Travel Teams (including the

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teams) will be required to work pre-defined shifts during the DYA Holiday Tournament.

In addition to the DYA Holiday Tournament, the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls and Boys Travel Teams will also be allowed to participate in one (1) “in regular-season” or “post-season” tournament and will have their entry fees for this one (1) tournament paid by the DYA organization. If there is no DYA Holiday Tournament division for any Boys or Girls Team, a second “regular season” or “post-season” tournament is an option and the entry fees for that tournament will be paid by the DYA organization.

League fees paid for all teams by the DYA organization include the fee for the league’s tournament.

13. **End of Season** - The Travel Basketball Season will end at the conclusion of the regular season and/or the post season tournaments.