



TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURE

I. OBJECTIVE

- A. Provide all children of North Reading in grades two through eight a fair chance to participate in the NRYB program, travel and in-town.
- B. Encourage parity for all in-town teams so that a positive experience is possible for all players.
- C. Ensure fair and reasonable guidelines for team selections.

II. TEAM SELECTIONS FOR TRAVEL AND IN-TOWN

A. General

1. Invite all eligible players at a specific grade level to participate in an evaluation.
2. The Boys and Girls Directors, with input from directors, coaches, the Board and independent evaluators, will establish tryout procedures.
3. All children will be numbered at tryouts.
4. All participants will be rated on skill drills and scrimmages.
5. Travel teams will be selected first. The remaining players will enter the in-town team selection process that will be scheduled at a later date.

B. Travel Tryouts

1. Travel team Head Coaches are expected to be nominated by the first Board meeting prior to the start of the season so that they can be part of the team selection process.
2. An individual may head coach only one travel team but can be an assistant coach on one other team.
3. There will be a maximum of two Assistant Coaches per travel team. Any exceptions must be brought before the Board for approval.
4. It must be made clear to the Board at the time of nomination that an individual will be coaching more than one travel team.
5. Attendance at one travel tryout is mandatory. An exception must be approved by the Program Director and/or Division Director.
6. Evaluators will be used in addition to coaches when selecting the travel team. Athletic ability is not the sole criteria for team selection.
7. Any evaluations are to be used as guidelines. They will not be the sole determinant for selection.
8. The Program Director and/or Age Director may offer substantial input on travel team selection.
9. Final team selections are made by the Boys/Girls Director/, in consultation with the Head Coach and, when appropriate or necessary, the President.
10. Notification of travel team selection will be made by the Head Coach.
11. Participation in other activities that substantially conflict with travel basketball will constitute a valid reason for not being selected to a travel team.



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II. TEAM SELECTIONS FOR TRAVEL AND IN-TOWN (CONT.)

C. In-town Tryouts

1. Every child who registers before the division limit is reached will be placed on a team.
2. Attendance at a tryout is strongly recommended, but not required.
3. The Boys and Girls Program Director will run a draft for each division. The Program Director may defer to the Age Director. If the Program or Age Director is unavailable, an individual will be designated by the President.
4. Division Coaches and/or other individuals will assist in the player evaluations at tryouts.
5. Each Director should receive information from past coaches. This is to help ensure that all teams are balanced.
6. Coaches with no children in the program should get assistance from the Director and other coaches about players' ability.
7. Directors and coordinators will attempt to even out the number of players from each grade.
8. Division Directors shall oversee the assignment of coaches.
9. Late sign-ups will be assigned to a team by the Division Director.

III. TRAVEL TEAMS

A. Player Definitions

1. Full player - plays in all games. Does not play in-town.
2. Alternate player - expected to play in 50% of travel games. Practices with travel team. Will also play and practice on an in-town team. Any available alternate must be used for a travel game before the use of a practice player. Will pay full travel fee.
3. Practice player - may practice with travel team. Not expected to play in travel games except in emergency. Alternates must be used first. Plays and practices in-town. In-town team will be priority. Does not pay travel fee.

B. Team Composition

1. Must have at least six full-time players.
2. There is no maximum number of players per team.
3. There must be a minimum of 10 players, if available, at each game through a combination of full-time, alternate or practice players.
4. There is no requirement to have alternate or practice players.



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III. TRAVEL TEAMS (CONT.)

C. Playing in an Older Division

A player may play in an older division until reaching grade 5. Thereafter, the player will play in his/her own grade unless a travel team is not offered at the player's grade level in which case he/she can be considered for an older division.

D. Travel Team Criteria

There will be one travel tryout that includes all eligible players from which both "A" and "B" teams will be selected. A coach for each travel team must be identified within one week of the tryout or the team will not be formed.

For an "A" travel team to be considered for grade divisions five through eight, the following criteria must be met:

1. A minimum of 10 registered players must attend a travel tryout. If less than 10 players are in attendance, a travel team will not be formed. If a player is unable to attend, it is up to the discretion of the Boys or Girls Director if that player is eligible to be considered for a separate tryout.
2. No players from a lower age group are eligible to play on a travel team unless a travel team is not offered at their grade level in which case they may be considered for an older division.
3. If the respective grade division is not able to support a minimum of four in-town teams minus "A" team players, it will be up to the discretion of the Boys or Girls Director, in consultation with the Age Director and President, if these players will be required to play in-town basketball in addition to travel basketball.
4. If a player is selected for an "A" team, he/she is not eligible to play on a "B" team. If he/she declines the invitation to play for an "A" team, he/she may not play for a "B" team.

For a "B" travel team to be considered for grade divisions five through eight, the following criteria must be met:

1. There must be a minimum of 30 registered players in a respective age division in order for that division to have a travel team. If there are less than 30 players registered, then a "B" travel team will not be formed.
2. A minimum of 20 registered players must attend a travel tryout. If less than 20 players are in attendance, a "B" travel team will not be formed.
3. No players from a lower age group are eligible to play on a travel team unless a travel team is not offered at their grade level in which case they may be considered for an older division.
4. "B" team players are required to play on in-town teams at their age level.

IV. IN-TOWN TEAMS

A. Playing in an Older Division

1. A player may play in an older division with the approval of the Program and/or Division Director. This may occur at any grade level.