



Woburn Youth Basketball



Dear participants and parents/Guardians:

Thank you for your interest in the Woburn Youth Basketball Program. Enclosed you will find some information about each of the programs being offered.

We offer two Basketball Programs which are:

- Woburn Youth Basketball Travel Program - For Boys and Girls in Grades 4 – 8
- In-Town Basketball league – For Boys and Girls in Grades 3 – 8 & High School Boys

Our main objective for these programs is to provide a complete basketball program where the players are afforded an opportunity to improve their basketball skills, while practicing and playing in a positive and beneficial atmosphere, regardless of skill level.

There is certainly a different level of commitment between the travel program and the in-town program (see enclosed page for differences). All players that would like to be considered for a travel team must attend 1 out of the 2 scheduled tryout dates for your particular grade(see attached tryout dates) Teams will be selected based on the players performance at tryouts. After teams are formed, payment for the program must be submitted to the Recreation Department. Most Grade Levels only have 1 - 2 Travel teams however depending on the amount of participants at tryouts and the availability of coaches we will try to add additional teams for each grade if possible. Please take note that we allow 4th graders to try out for the 5th grade team we try and keep the team primarily 5th Graders. We always encourage the 4th Graders to tryout so that they can get the experience of a tryout for next season.

Finally, enclosed are the evaluation dates, times and locations for the travel basketball program. We aim for a 10-person roster on each travel team. All of our Travel Teams are disbanded at the end of the season and we highly encourage all children to tryout. A parent must be in attendance at tryouts to fill out the proper paperwork. **No child will be allowed to tryout without the proper paperwork filled out!**

We are confident that your child will have a great experience with the Woburn Youth Basketball Program no matter which team they play for. If at any time you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Recreation Office at (781) 897-5805.

Sincerely,
Rory Lindstrom
Recreation Director



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What basketball program is best for my child?

| Grade | Program Available |
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| Grade 3 Boys | In Town League on Monday Nights |
| Grade 3 Girls | In Town League on Saturday Afternoons |
| Grade 4 Boys | In Town League on Monday Nights and/or Travel Basketball |
| Grade 4 Girls | In Town League on Saturday Afternoons and/or Travel Basketball |
| Grade 5 Boys | In Town League on Friday Nights and/or Travel Basketball |
| Grade 5 Girls | In Town League on Saturday Morning and/or Travel Basketball |
| Grade 6 Boys | In Town League on Friday Nights and/or Travel Basketball |
| Grade 6 Girls | In Town League on Saturday Morning and/or Travel Basketball |
| Grade 7 Boys | In Town League on Wednesday Nights and/or Travel Basketball |
| Grade 7 Girls | In Town League on Saturday Morning and/or Travel Basketball |
| Grade 8 Boys | In Town League on Wednesday Nights and/or Travel Basketball |
| Grade 8 Girls | In Town League on Saturday Morning and/or Travel Basketball |
| High School Boys | In Town League on Thursday Nights |

These are general guidelines and may be changed as the Recreation Department deems necessary.

| League | Travel | In-Town (Does not apply to Saturday Morn Girls Basketball Program) |
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| Team Establishment | - Tryouts are used to place players - Teams will be placed in leagues based on composition after tryouts | - Pre-registration is Necessary - Evaluations are used to make fair and even teams |
| Team Size | - Min. 10/ Max. 11 players per team | - Min 8/ Max. 10 Players per team |
| Practice & Game Commitments | - Typically 2 practices per week before the season - 1 practice per week during season - Average of 2 games per weekend | - Practices for 5 th – 8 th Grade once a week or once every other week depending on coach - 8 Game season plus playoffs typically |
| Playing Time | - Playing time will vary on a game to game basis. Playing time is not equal. | - Playing time is distributed equally to all players each game. |
| Venues/Locations | - Kennedy Middle School/Woburn High School Practice and Home Games - Away Games will depend on team you are playing that weekend | - 5 th – 8 th Grade Kennedy Middle School - 3 rd & 4 th Grade Goodyear Elementary School |
| Officials | - All Games will use a certified IIABO Referee | - Games will be refereed by either IIABO Referees for 5 th – 8 th Grade Boys and or High School Players |
| Other | - Travel Basketball Players can participate in the In-Town Basketball Program for an additional Fee | - Players do not have to be a Travel Basketball player to participate in the In-Town Basketball League. |

The Recreation Department will do its best to place every participant on a team. Team placement will depend heavily on participation numbers for each program. We encourage you to sign up for the programs that you are interested in. We are looking for volunteer coaches to help out with all of the above programs. If you are interested, Please contact the Recreation Department at (781) 897- 5805.



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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the cost for the programs and when should I pay?

Those that would like to just In-Town Basketball can register anytime online at www.woburnrec.com or at the Recreation Office in City Hall.

The Program fee is: 3rd & 4th Grade - **\$45**
5th - 8th Grade Boys - **\$68**
5th & 8th Grade Girls - **\$68**
High School Boys Thursday Nights - **\$68**

Travel Basketball Participants should attend tryouts and if selected for a team will be asked to pay a program fee of \$285 first child, \$260(second child) and that will not be due until the after the teams are established. The Travel Basketball Fee does not allow participation in the In-Town program. You must pay the additional fee of that program. Please do not allow the cost of the program to deter you away from trying out for a Travel Team. Scholarships and payment plans are available.

Who are the coaches for the teams?

The In-Town Leagues will be coached by volunteer parents. This league only runs if we have enough parent coaches so we encourage parents to be a volunteer coach or help coach with another parent.

If you are interested in coaching Travel Basketball, please indicate that when you register your child. Returning coaches are generally given priority for positions. New coaches will be placed as needed after teams are established.

How will the teams be chosen for each league?

In-Town League – Evaluations are held so that we can properly balance the teams to make even as possible teams. Based on the amount of coaches we have we will determine the amount of teams we have at Evaluations.

Travel Leagues – Teams will be picked based on Talent and Skill. The top 10 or 11 players that tryout will make the Travel Team that year. We will make the determination at tryouts whether or not we will be adding a 2nd travel team to a particular grade.

If you have any other questions at all please do not hesitate to contact the Recreation Office!



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Evaluation Dates for Travel Basketball

- 4th/5th Grade Boys** Wednesday October 7th 6:00 - 7:15 Woburn High School
 Wednesday, October 14th 7:15 - 8:30 Woburn High School
- 6th Grade Boys** Thursday, October 8th 7:15 - 8:30 Woburn High School
 Tuesday, October 13th 7:15 - 8:30 Kennedy Middle School
- 7th Grade Boys** Tuesday, October 6th 7:15 - 8:30 Kennedy Middle School
 Thursday, October 15th 7:15 - 8:30 Kennedy Middle School
- 8th Grade Boys** Wednesday, October 7th 7:15 - 8:30 Woburn High School
 Thursday, October 15th 6:00 - 7:15 Kennedy Middle School
- 4th/5th Grade Girls** Thursday, October 8th 6:00 - 7:15 Woburn High School
 Wednesday, October 14th 6:00 - 7:15 Woburn High School
- 6th Grade Girls** Tuesday, October 6th 6:00 - 7:15 Kennedy Middle School
 Tuesday, October 13th 6:00- 7:15 Kennedy Middle School
- 7th Grade Girls** Monday, October 5th 6:00 - 7:15 Kennedy Middle School
 Tuesday, October 13th 6:00 - 7:15 Joyce Middle School
- 8th Grade Girls** Monday, October 5th 7:15 - 8:30 Kennedy Middle School
 Tuesday, October 13th 7:15 - 8:30 Joyce Middle School

****A Parent must be present at the beginning and end of tryouts to fill out registration forms and for the informational meeting regarding the program. No Child will be allowed to tryout without the proper paperwork being filled out.**