

2017-2018 West Orange Recreation Department Travel Basketball Tryout Information Sheet

The Recreation Department's Travel Basketball program is open to boys and girls in grades 3 through 8. This program is a competitive team that competes in leagues against other communities. As this is an All Star level program attendance at tryouts is required and if selected for the team, a full commitment is expected from all participants. For more information and answers to some frequently asked questions, please see the FAQ sheet on the Recreation Department web site.

BASKETBALL INFORMATION MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH 7:00 PM KATZ COMMUNITY CENTER

This meeting will feature representatives from the Mountain Top League (in house) and the Recreation Department (travel) who will be on hand to provide an overview of the program they offer and answer any questions.

TRYOUT SCHEDULE

All candidates must register for tryouts through Community Pass. Registration can be done at www.westorange.org/rec. No on-site registration will be permitted. If a candidate is not on the tryout list, they must present proof of registration such as a registration receipt in order to be admitted into the tryout. All candidates must attend a minimum of one tryout session.

Boys Tryouts

All Tryouts at Roosevelt Middle School

Monday, October 16th

6:15 pm – 7:30 pm 3rd/4th Grade Boys
7:45 pm – 9:00 pm 5th/6th Grade Boys

Tuesday, October 17th

6:15 pm – 7:30 pm 5th/6th Grade Boys
7:45 pm – 9:00 pm 7th/8th Grade Boys

Wednesday, October 18th

6:15 pm – 7:30 pm 5th/6th Grade Boys
7:45 pm – 9:00 pm 7th/8th Grade Boys

Thursday, October 19th

6:15 pm – 7:15 pm 3rd/4th Grade Boys
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm 5th/6th Grade Boys
8:45 pm – 9:45 pm 7th/8th Grade Boys

Girls Tryouts

All Tryouts at Liberty Middle School

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6:15 pm – 7:30 pm 3rd/4th Grade Girls
7:45 pm – 9:00 pm 5th/6th Grade Girls

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West Orange Travel Basketball Winter Season Frequently Asked Questions

- **What are the procedures required to tryout?**

Interested student athletes must register in advance through Community Pass (<https://register.communitypass.net/westorangetownship>). Candidates then must attend a minimum of one tryout however it is strongly encouraged that they attend all sessions. In some instances, players who make the first cut will be asked to attend a mandatory boot camp style evaluation session. No personal basketballs are permitted in the gym during any tryout.
- **What if I am injured or ill and cannot attend tryouts?**

Players who are injured and/or ill must register for the tryouts. After registering for the tryouts, they must contact the Recreation Department in writing to inform them that they are injured/ill and unable to attend the tryouts. Only individuals who satisfy both requirements will be considered for a supplemental tryout. Players who do not register or notify the Recreation Department in writing prior to the tryout will not be considered for the team. It is recommended that injured players attend the tryout even if they cannot participate.
- **Where and when do travel basketball teams play?**

During the winter season, the 3rd/4th Grade teams compete in the Wayne PAL League. All games are played at the Wayne PAL on the weekends. The 5th through 8th Grade teams play in the Suburban League against other local Recreation Department sponsored teams. In the winter, teams will play approximately 10-12 games
- **When does the team practice?**

Practices are scheduled based upon the coaching staff's and facility availability. All practices are held in West Orange.
- **Are there any playing time requirements?**

There are no playing time requirements. The coaching staff determines playing time based upon coachability, talent, ability, enthusiasm and attendance.
- **What is the expected commitment level for the travel basketball program?**

Student-athletes are expected to fully commit to this program and attend all practices and games. The travel basketball program is expected to take first priority over other sports and programs during the season.
- **What is the policy regarding playing up?**

It is a long standing Recreation Department policy that student-athletes participating in the Travel Basketball program play with their own class/grade in school. For example, 5th graders play with 5th graders, 6th graders play with 6th graders, etc. The only exception to this policy is if there is an insufficient number of players from a grade. Players from a lower grade may then, based upon coach recommendation, be asked to play up. Parental and/or coach requests for players to play above their grade level will not be considered.
- **I have been selected for the team, what comes next?**

Student-athletes who are selected for the team will be required to complete the registration process and pay the registration fee. The registration fee includes a uniform that the Recreation Department provides to all players. It must be returned at the conclusion of the season. There are no hidden or secondary costs.
- **When are uniforms distributed?**

The coaching staff of the team will coordinate a uniform distribution date with the Recreation Department. If you are unable to attend on that date, please contact the Recreation Department at 973-325-4150 to set up an appointment to receive your uniform. Appointments are only accepted once the initial distribution date has passed. Uniforms will only be distributed to players who have completed the registration process.
- **What if I have a question that is not listed here?**

Please contact the Recreation Department at 973-325-4150 or recreation@westorange.org.