

# **Fishers HSE Girls Travel Basketball**

## **What is Travel Basketball?**

The Travel League was developed to provide the players with a higher level of competition and development. The teams are entered into a league that consists of dozens of teams from the central Indiana area. The travel season runs from early October to mid-March. Opportunities such as holiday tourneys and other tourneys after the end of the season, may allow the teams to gain more game experiences. Additionally, players may play in the AAU tourneys after the travel season is finished.

## **Time Commitment:**

The time commitment varies with the number of teams and the gym availability. Typically, the teams will practice two (2) times per week and play travel games on a weekday evening and Sundays. Weekday practices are scheduled to begin and end somewhere between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. Days and times depend on gym availability.

## **Team Selection:**

Teams for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade travel teams are chosen during an evaluation in late August or early September. Teams are selected to represent either Fishers or Hamilton Southeastern based upon which High School they would attend if they were incoming Freshmen. Individual skills and attitude will be evaluated. Teams are formed to be competitive. Two teams (A & B) will be formed in each grade if numbers and skill level permit it. More teams may be formed if the numbers and skill level permit. Tryouts for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade travel teams generally take place the week after school starts.

*\*Please note there will be no 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade travel teams for the 2020-2021 season.*

## **Cost:**

Approximate costs are \$235 per season for the travel program. This covers league dues, insurance, league cards, USSFA tourney, officials, custodial fees, etc. Uniforms run \$100. Host schools will also charge a \$5 entry fee to attend the games. Coaches and players are no charge.

## **Refund Policy:**

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Once a player has attended evaluations, been selected to the team and paid the dues at the registration, no refund will be given.

## **Playing Time:**

Playing time is at the coach's discretion based on the commitment of time, energy of the players and the game situation. There is no guarantee of equal playing time, but it is recommended, by the Basketball Board, that if a player attends practice with a good attitude, they should see some playing time each game.

## **Coach Selection:**

Parent coaches and independent coaches are utilized. The basketball board will select coaches based on requests and recommendations. Parent coaches will be selected after the teams have been selected. The board selects the independent coaches based on prior experience and feedback.

## **What is required to become a coach?**

A Travel Coach must be a "Double-Goal" coach. While winning is always a goal, there are other goals just as important when developing young people into adults and basketball players. You must be willing to follow the guidelines set by the Board:

- Must be opened minded and willing to learn. Playing experience is helpful but it is not the most important aspect of coaching. Becoming a good coach takes years of experience and a good deal of time.
- Must be a coach for all the players, not just their family members
- Must manage the parents as well as the players

## **What do I do if I'd like to become a coach?**

Email your contact information to the Travel Commissioner for the appropriate School. If your daughter will attend Fishers High School, contact the Fishers Travel Commissioner, J.D. Trueblood [jdtrueblood@gmail.com](mailto:jdtrueblood@gmail.com). If your daughter will attend Hamilton Southeastern High School, contact the HSE Travel Commissioner, Jaime Jones [jkscolts@yahoo.com](mailto:jkscolts@yahoo.com). Let the Commissioner know the grade you'd wish to coach and if you're interested in being the Head Coach or Assistant Coach. Travel coaches are selected by the respective travel commissioners and varsity head coaches.

A Volunteer form must be filled out every year. Please note that Mudsock Youth Athletics will run a Criminal Background check on all coaches.

## **TRAVEL BASKETBALL EVALUATIONS**

It is VERY IMPORTANT that every player attend the designated evaluation session. Evaluation scores will help to ensure a better playing experience for ALL, as the teams will be divided as fairly as possible based on evaluation scores. Girls must attend the evaluations for the high school district they live in based on their current address. Please check the website for details on dates and locations of tryouts.

There are no additional dates for make-ups.

If you are unable to attend your scheduled time you must notify the travel Commissioner, prior to your scheduled evaluation date. Please arrive 20 minutes prior to your scheduled try-out time for sign-in and registration. No prior travel uniforms or clothing with players' names should be worn during the evaluations.