

Richfield Girls Basketball Association

RGBA Tryout Policy

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Policy Statement: *All interested traveling players must participate in tryouts every year. RGBA strives to make the tryout process as impartial as possible. During tryouts, a minimum of two evaluators, one from outside the RGBA program, will evaluate each player in the areas of shooting, dribbling, speed/agility and defense.*

Definitions: All players must participate in tryouts for skill evaluations every year at their grade level. Before a player can try out, their minimum/preliminary non-refundable registration fee of \$100, must be paid and their electronic registration must be on file. RGBA traveling teams are formed based on MYAS grade regulations.

Rationale: This policy describes RGBA's position on tryouts and team placement for the traveling basketball program. The RGBA Board and the coaches at that age level will approve final decisions. Appropriate level of play is essential for each girl to compete and learn as much as possible at each age level.

Procedures:

Tryout Attendance Players are required to attend the full tryout process. Illness, injury, or extraordinary personal circumstances may cause players to request an exemption from tryouts. Requests to miss tryouts must be made prior to the start of tryouts.

The RGBA Board will review the request for exemption and determine the appropriate course of action based on the best interest of the program. Anyone choosing not to participate in tryouts will be placed on rosters at the discretion of the Team Selection Committee and in the best interests of the program.

Tryout Process:

The tryout process will be closed to all but the players, evaluators, RGBA board members and coaches. No parents are allowed to be present during tryouts.* This approach is necessary to make the tryouts as impartial as possible and to avoid conflicts during the tryout and team formation process.

Girls will be trying out for their grade level. In the rare occurrence where a player has the ability to play up a grade, the following requirements will need to be met.

- During try out evaluations, if your player is identified as one who could play up a grade level and logistically it would work, the traveling director will reach out to you after tryouts to discuss the possibility.

- Players can only play up 1 grade level.
- Violations to this policy may result in dismissal from the program without refund.

After player evaluations are completed, the RGBA Board members will form a Team Selection Committee. The Team Selection Committee will strive to place all players that try out for traveling basketball on a team, although in some cases, there may be players cut. All teams will have a goal of having no more than a 12-player roster.

1. The following player situations will be given priority for placement on a RGBA team:
 - a. All players attending school within the Richfield High School boundaries. This applies to those players living within the Richfield boundaries and those attending through open enrollment.
 - b. All players living within the Richfield boundaries, including those who go to school outside the Richfield boundaries.
 - c. All players who have participated in at least two consecutive seasons on a RGBA team.

Anyone not satisfying the requirements of A, B, and C above are encouraged to register as it is RGBA policy to make every effort to place all who register on a team; however, should the registration numbers make cuts necessary, those satisfying the criteria above must be placed on teams first and the remaining openings would be filled by those registrants from outside the association based on evaluation scores and coach selection.

RGBA recognizes that it has an obligation to our players and to our opponents to form teams with skill levels commensurate to age and competitive ability. Therefore, different tiered teams at all age levels may be formed based on tryout evaluations. The highest tier level team (A,B, or C) at each age level will include at least 8 of the top 12 players determined through the tryout scores. The remaining players shall be selected by the team coach from the remaining pool of eligible players, taking into account years of experience, tryout evaluations, and participation in RGBA clinics.

Playing Up

RGBA exists to provide opportunities for girls to perform at the best of their ability and the board recognizes that there may be athletes with exceptional ability who are best served by playing 1 grade up for more competitive experience. Determination for allowing a player to play 1 grade up will be done by the RGBA board based on a number of factors.

1. For a player to be eligible to play 1 grade up, she must score in the top 5 for skills evaluation at the higher-grade level based on the results of the tryouts for that age group.

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2. The move up of the player will not affect team formation at the player's grade or the higher grade. RGBA will make this determination.
 3. The RGBA Board must approve all exceptions. The RGBA Board also reserves the right to request a player to move up to a higher age level to fill out rosters in order to maintain the best interests of the program.

*coaches that are also parents assist in the tryout process, but not involved in team formation discussion at completion of tryouts when own child is involved.