

4th, 5th and 6th Grade Travel Team Try-out Registration

The Bloom Carroll Basketball Association sponsors travel teams for both 4th, 5th and 6th grade boys and girls. These teams play in area leagues with other teams from around Fairfield County and the adjoining counties. The leagues offer a more competitive challenge for the player to better develop basketball skills. Therefore, BCBA recommends that only the more serious players try out for the travel teams.

The competitive nature of the leagues requires a greater commitment from the player and his/her parents than the recreational leagues, both for time and fees. As such, each player must commit to a **minimum** of two weekly practices of 1 1/2 hours to 2 hours each. Games will be played on the weekends. Players will need to provide their own transportation to the practices and game sites. Player attendance at all practices and games is required, except for pre-approved absences. Parents will be expected to help organize and work at different jobs during homes games. There will be an additional fee for travel teams players to defray the additional league fees. Failure of a player or his/her parents to meet these team obligations could mean removal of that player from the team.

Selection of players for the teams will be competitive. The BCBA board would like to provide the travel team experience to all interested players, and not cut any players. However, the leagues limit the number of teams that can participate. The BCBA board has attempted to add teams to the leagues, but there are no openings for additional teams in the leagues. Cut players will be added to recreational team's rosters.

There will be one boy's squad, which will play on Saturdays at Fisher Catholic High School in Lancaster. There will be one girl's team consisting of a varsity squad and a junior varsity squad. The girl's team will travel to different schools for either Saturday or Sunday games, or both days on occasion. The girls will be split into a varsity squad and a junior varsity squad. Each squad will play its own game; league rules limit the playing time for players being used for both varsity and junior varsity squads.

Due to the competitive nature of the travel leagues, playing time will not be equal. Better players will receive more playing time. Parents and players are expected to respect their coaches' judgment in these determinations. However, all coaches will strive to provide all players equal instruction during practices to more fully develop each player's skills.

BCBA will strive to make the player selection as objective as possible. As with any selection process, different people will have different opinions. A selection panel of three people, one of which will be the head coach of the team, will make the player selections. Try outs will be **closed** to minimize parental influences in order to make the process as objective as possible. **ALL SELECTIONS OF THE SELECTION PANEL WILL BE FINAL.**

****TRYOUTS WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 30, 31, & November 2, 2006****

ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 23, 2006.

I hereby state that I have read and understand the above conditions of play for players on the travel teams. By registering to try out for a travel team, I agree to abide by the conditions above.

player signature

date

parent/ legal guardian signature

date

IMPORTANT:

Players interested in playing on a travel team must also submit the BCBA PLAYER RELEASE AND PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE form.

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