

Pine-Richland Youth Basketball 2021-22 Travel Team Guidelines

Program Objective

The objective of the traveling/tournament team is to provide a developmental program for advanced players in a more competitive environment than the in-house program. The travel/tournament teams will compete against the best teams and players from other school districts in the area.

Commitment

Players and parents must be able to make a **MAJOR COMMITMENT** to traveling team practices, games and tournaments. Players are expected to be at all practices, games and tournaments. Any player that cannot make this type of commitment should not tryout.

Schedule

The travel/tournament season begins in early December and will end in late February or early March. There is a Greater North Hills Basketball League, several tournaments and additional individual games with local teams outside of the North Hills League. Teams will play approximately 20-25 games during the season. Most teams will have one practice and one game per week depending on the schedule.

Tryout and Player Selection Process

- ❑ Tryouts for the travel/tournament team will be held in late October or early November. All players must be registered in the PRYB program and live in the PR School District.
- ❑ The player selection process will include evaluations that will be completed by an independent evaluation committee during the tryouts. The independent evaluation committee will consist of coaches from other travel/tournament teams. The coaches that will coach the team being selected will not be a part of the independent evaluation committee. This process will bring the highest level of objectivity to the selection of the teams.
- ❑ **The target number of players per team has been set at ten or less in order to maximize playing time and developmental opportunities in games/practices.**

Playing Time

Travel/Tournament team game time is very difficult to manage due to the fact that most games are played with 6 minute quarters or a total of 24 minutes per game. Playing time for each player may vary based on game situations and talent level. **It is important that parents and players understand that while coaches will work to develop all players in practices/games, playing time in games may not be equal for all players.**

Expenses (In addition to PRYB registration)

Traveling team expenses will vary by team depending on the number of tournaments entered and if the team chooses to buy uniforms. Average costs are:

- ❑ Uniforms: \$60.00 per player.
- ❑ Greater North Hills Travel Basketball League: \$80.00
- ❑ Tournaments: Most tournaments average about \$35.00 per player
- ❑ Pine-Richland School District facility fees: \$75.00-\$100.00
- ❑ **A typical season including tournaments will cost each player about \$250.00-\$300.00.**