



Nonnewaug Youth Travel Basketball Program

NYB offers an exciting opportunity for our players to compete at the highest level in youth basketball. Along with our In-house recreation basketball program, which is tailored for all grades (K – 8th) and skill levels, NYB also offers a competitive Travel program for players that are passionate about basketball, match a certain skill level and are eager to compete against other towns.

Why Travel Basketball? The travel basketball program is not for every player. If your son/daughter has a passion for basketball and wants to develop their basketball skills and teamwork abilities in a highly competitive environment, then NYB travel basketball is a great opportunity. The NYB program and philosophy is about skill development of our regions players and allows our teams to compete against other towns at the highest level.

Travel Basketball Teams: NYBs goal is to offer “grade level” travel teams for boys and girls starting in 5th grade through 8th grade. Given the size of our region (Bethlehem and Woodbury residents will only be considered for NYB travel teams), there will be times where we combine grade levels to form a team (5th/6th and 7th/8th). Travel teams will be placed in either one of two leagues: The FCBL- Fairfield Co Basketball League or the Northwest League. The Fairfield Co Basketball League is a “grade level only” league where the Northwest League combines grade levels (5th/6th and 7th/8th) **Registration starts in Late August and early September!** There is an added cost to being part of the travel program including an extra cost for travel uniforms.

Tryouts: All players wanting to be considered for a travel team MUST attend a tryout, which is conducted and run by NYB. Tryouts and placement on a travel team are based on skill level and ability for that given time/grade level. Please note that all players who tryout that are not selected will be automatically placed on an In-House Rec Team. Players must play and try out for the travel team in their grade level only, unless deemed by NYB to be in the best interest of the player or the program.

Teams and Practice Schedules: The number of travel teams is determined by the number of players who register and can demonstrate the level of skills needed to compete at the travel level in the designated league assigned by NYB. The NYB does not want to make a travel team and place players on a team just to field a team. ***There will be instances where NYB may not field a travel team for a specific grade!*** NYB wants players to be able to match a certain skill level to be able to compete, be successful and have fun. Travel team practices are longer than In-house Rec practices at an hour and a half each, two times per week and begin in early November. NYB has a process in place to evaluate and assign the right coach for each grade level team.

Game Schedules: Travel games start in early December and run through March. Games are traditionally held on the weekends, with sometimes multiple games on a weekend, both home and away. In addition to league games, teams may also enter tournaments throughout the year (i.e., Christmas break), depending on coaches and parents' decisions as well as NYB approval.