

NORTH READING YOUTH BASKETBALL
TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURE

1. OBJECTIVE

- A. Provide all children a fair chance to participate in the NRYB program, travel and in-town.
- B. Try to have parity for all in-town teams.
- C. Establish guidelines for team selections.

II. TEAM SELECTIONS FOR TRAVEL AND IN-TOWN

A. General Procedure

- 1. Invite everyone at a specific grade level or below to participate in a tryout or clinic
- 2. Travel coaches, in-town coaches, directors, and coordinators will establish a tryout procedure
- 3. All children will be numbered at tryouts
- 4. All participants will be rated on skill drills and scrimmages
- 5. Travel teams will be selected first. The remaining players will enter the in-town team selection process which will be scheduled at a later date.

B. Travel Tryouts

- 1. Travel team Head Coaches are expected to be nominated at the first or second board meeting so that they can be part of the team selection process
- 2. There will be a maximum of 2 Assistant Coaches per travel team. Any exceptions must be brought before the Board for approval.
- 3. It must be made clear to the Board at the time of nomination that an individual will be coaching more than one travel team
- 4. Attendance at one travel tryout is mandatory. An exception must be approved by the Program Director and/or Division Director.
- 5. Evaluators will be used in addition to coaches when selecting the travel team. Athletic ability is not the sole criteria for team selection.
- 6. Any evaluations are to be used as guidelines. They will not be the sole determinant for selection.
- 7. The Program Director and/or Age Director may offer substantial input on travel team selection.
- 8. Final team selections are made by the Head Coach.
- 9. Notification of travel team selection will be made by the Head Coach.
- 10. Participation in other activities which substantially conflict with travel basketball will constitute a valid reason for not being selected to a travel team.

C. In-town Tryouts

- 1. Every child who registers before the division limit is reached will be placed

- on a team.
2. Attendance at a tryout is strongly recommended, but not required.
 3. The Boys and Girls Program Director will run a draft for each division. The Program Director may defer to the Age Director. If the Program or Age Director is unavailable, an individual will be designated by the President.
 4. Division Coaches and/or other individuals will assist in the player evaluations at tryouts.
 5. Each Director should receive information from past coaches. This is to help ensure that all teams are balanced.
 6. Coaches with no children in the program should get assistance from the Director and other coaches about players' ability.
 7. Directors and coordinators will attempt to even out the number of players from each grade.
 8. Division Directors shall oversee the assignment of coaches.
 9. Late sign-ups will be assigned to a team by the Division Director.

III. TRAVEL TEAMS

A. Player Definitions

1. Full player – plays in all games. Does not play in-town.
2. Alternate – expected to play in 50% of travel games. Practices with travel team.
Will also play and practice on an in-town team.
Any available alternate must be used for a travel game before the use of a practice player.
Will pay full travel fee.
3. Practice player – may practice with travel team. Not expected to play in travel games except in emergency. Alternates must be used first.
Plays and practices in-town.
In-town team will be priority.
Does not pay travel fee.

B. Team Composition

1. Must have at least 8 full-time players.
2. There is no maximum number of players per team.
3. There must be a minimum of 10 players, if available, at each game through a combination of full-time, alternate or practice players.
4. There is no requirement to have alternate or practice players.

C. Playing in an Older Division

1. A player may play in an older division until reaching grade 5. Thereafter, the player will play in their own grade.

IV. IN-TOWN TEAMS

A. Playing in an Older Division

1. A player may play in an older division with the approval of the Program and/or Division Director. This may occur at any grade level.