



Dear Parents,

Rutherford Recreation Department wants to provide you with some information leading into our tryouts this upcoming weekend.

Travel basketball is a big commitment by both the athlete, the parent/guardian, and our volunteer coaches. Practices will be up to three days a week (including weekends) in November and two days per week with up to two games per week starting in December through the middle of March.

It is important to understand that travel players will be obligated to travel up to 60 minutes out of Rutherford for games and/or tournaments, at times throughout the season. Transportation to/from the games will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

To participate in the travel basketball tryout process, each athlete must:

1. **Register for at least one try out session in Community Pass.** (*visit: [rutherfordrecreation.com](http://rutherfordrecreation.com) for a link to Community Pass*).
2. **Attend at least one tryout** for his/her age group.

The travel tryout schedule can be viewed below:

Date	Time	School/Gym	Division
10/5/2019	9:00-10:00am	Washington	7th Grade Boys
10/5/2019	10:00-11:00am	Washington	8th Grade Boys
10/5/2019	11:00am-12:00pm	Washington	7th Grade Girls
10/5/2019	12:00-1:00pm	Washington	8th Grade Girls
10/5/2019	12:00-1:00pm	Lincoln	6th Grade Girls
10/5/2019	1:00-2:00pm	Lincoln	5th Grade Girls
10/5/2019	2:00-3:00pm	Lincoln	4th Grade Girls
10/5/2019	3:00-4:00pm	Lincoln	6th Grade Boys
10/5/2019	4:00-5:00pm	Lincoln	5th Grade Boys
10/5/2019	5:00-6:00pm	Lincoln	4th Grade Boys
10/6/2019	12:00-1:00pm	Lincoln	4th Grade Boys
10/6/2019	1:00-2:00pm	Lincoln	5th Grade Boys
10/6/2019	2:00-3:00pm	Lincoln	6th Grade Boys
10/6/2019	3:00-4:00pm	Lincoln	6th Grade Girls
10/6/2019	4:00-5:00pm	Lincoln	5th Grade Girls
10/6/2019	5:00-6:00pm	Lincoln	4th Grade Girls
10/10/2019	6:30-7:30pm	Pierrepoint	7th/8th Grade Boys
10/10/2019	7:30-8:30pm	Pierrepoint	7th/8th Grade Girls
10/10/2019	8:30-9:30pm	Pierrepoint	5th/6th Grade Boys

Travel Basketball Tryouts will be conducted by perspective coaching staff, as well as additional resources. The goal of the evaluation process is to be as fair and objective, as possible. At the end of all tryout sessions, recommendations will be made on who makes the team, who may be offered an additional try out option, and who should potentially be cut. All members of the teams will be advised once rosters have been created.

Tryouts will include, but are not limited to, these components:

1. **BASKETBALL SKILL SETS**
2. **TEAM DRILLS:** (i.e.: full-court, half-court, offensive/defensive, passing)
3. **GAME PLAY**
4. **INTANGIBLES:** coachability, attitude, enthusiasm, positive encouragement, competitiveness, listening skills (following instructions the first time), leadership, work ethic, pride in school and team.

Players who make the team will be asked to pay a \$150.00 registration fee. This fee can be paid online via Community Pass, or in person at the Recreation Office @176 Park Avenue.

Any team selections for this year's season will not impact future year's selections. If you child does not make the travel team this season, please encourage them to register for Recreation basketball, and to continue to work on their skills and shoot for the travel team next season.

All athletes should wear comfortable clothing and sneakers.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Recreation Department Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm.

Wishing everyone the best of luck,

Rutherford Recreation Department

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