

Article V) Massena Basketball Association Traveling Team

Section A) Structure:

1. The travel teams will be arranged as follows:
 - Grade 5 & 6 Boys Grade 7 & 8 Boys Grade 9 & 10 Boys
Grade 11 & 12 Boys
 - Grade 5 & 6 Girls Grade 7 & 8 Girls Grade 9 & 10 Girls
Grade 11 & 12 Girls
2. Minimum: 10 players --- Maximum: 13 players.

Section B) Coach Selection:

All Coaches must receive a nomination from the Vice-Commissioner of Travel Teams at a Board Meeting, and be voted in by receiving a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

All Coaches and Players shall conduct themselves in a manner that will not bring any disrespect to the Massena Basketball organization or any person involved in the organization.

Section C) Eligibility:

1. 4th, 5th and 6th grade players must sign up through the House League. Players will designate their desire to try out for the Traveling Teams prior to the House League draft. Players selected for the Traveling Teams will not be eligible to participate in the House League. This will ensure our youth:
 - Do not get overwhelmed with basketball every night of the week.
 - Provide a consistent basket height for the Travel Teams (10 foot) and House League (9 foot) players.
 - Improve the strength of the House League because other players will have more opportunities to handle the ball.
2. Player's eligibility will be determined by their current grade enrollment level.

3. For some tournaments, player's eligibility will be determined by age.

Section D) Promotion to Next Grade Level:

1. The following guidelines will be used if a player wishes to play on the next grade level:
 - A. Players in grade 2 and 3 will **not** be allowed to play on the 4th, 5th & 6th grade **Travel** team under **any** circumstances.
 - B. 4th Graders may try out and play on the 5th & 6th grade traveling team if they turn the age of 9 by December 1st of that playing season. (This rule is being changed to match up with the recent grade changes in the House League)
 - C. 6th Graders may try out and play on the 7th and 8th grade traveling team if they turn the age of 12 by December 1st of that playing season.
 - D. 7th through 10th Graders may be promoted to the next level.

Section E) Financial Obligations:

1. The board of directors will determine the yearly fee, which is to be paid by each individual player to the Massena Basketball Association.
2. Individual travel costs as well as hotel fees will need to be covered by the player.
3. No child will be denied an opportunity to play on a travel team due to financial hardship. Scholarships may be available upon approval of the board of directors.
4. Head Coach's hotel room will be provided for trips more than 60 miles. (one way)
5. Coaches will receive a maximum per diem for travel meals of \$25.00/day. If a coach is traveling during the time they normally eat a specific meal, they will be allowed \$5.00 for breakfast, \$5.00 for lunch, and \$15.00 for dinner.

Section F) Player Forms:

Coaches may have each player complete the following forms:

- Health History Form with Consent Authorization
- Player Information Sheet with Birth Certificate Attached
- Rules and Guidelines
- Other necessary forms

Section G Tournaments:

1. It is recommended that teams attend no more than 3 overnight tournaments. The Deputy Commissioner for Travel Teams must approve the schedule of tournaments for each traveling team (rev.10-21-06)
2. **Home Tournament:** Participation in our home Frank West Tournament (typically held the first weekend in March) will be mandatory for the 4-5-6th and 7-8th Boys and the 7-8th Girls Travel Teams

Section H Special Cases:

Special Cases regarding Article V, can be considered and acted upon by the Deputy Commissioner.