



# WAA TRAVELING BASKETBALL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **Q: WHAT GRADE DOES MY SON HAVE TO BE IN TO PLAY TRAVELING BASKETBALL?**

**A:** WAA Boys Traveling Basketball is for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade boys.

## **Q: WHEN DOES REGISTRATION OPEN AND HOW DO I REGISTER MY SON?**

**A:** Registration opens in early June. To register, go to [waawoodbury.org](http://waawoodbury.org) and click the large “Register” button. You will need to create a Ngin account if you do not already have one for your family.

## **Q: WHEN ARE TRYOUTS AND HOW DO THEY WORK?**

**A:** Tryouts take place in mid-to-late September. A parent letter will be sent in early September with details and the WAA Boys Traveling Basketball web page will also be updated. An independent facilitator leads the tryouts, with evaluations completed by independent individuals or past coaches who are not related to the players being evaluated.

## **Q: MY SON IS REALLY GOOD. CAN HE PLAY UP A GRADE?**

**A:** Players may tryout for a higher grade level, but they still must tryout for their own grade. A player must rank in the top 5 of the higher grade at tryouts to play up.

## **Q: WHEN DO PRACTICES BEGIN AND HOW OFTEN DO THE TEAMS PRACTICE?**

**A:** Practices start in mid-October and take place twice a week. Every effort is made for younger players (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade) to have the earlier practice times available. Older players may practice until 9:30 or 10pm.

## **Q: DO TEAMS HAVE GAMES OTHER THAN TOURNAMENTS?**

**A:** Teams only compete in tournaments during the weekend (Fri-Sat-Sun) from November through mid-March. Younger grades compete in up to 11 tournaments (4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) and other grades compete in up to 12 tournaments.

## **Q: WHO WILL COACH MY SON’S TEAM AND HOW IS PLAYING TIME DETERMINED?**

**A:** WAA believes in parent coaches, when possible, who will focus on skill development, making it fun, and being respectful. Players in 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade receive a minimum of 50% playing time, with older grades having “reasonable” playing time determined by the coach.