Tryouts:

Stillwater Boys Traveling Basketball tryouts for grades 4 through 8 are the last Sunday of September and the first Sunday of October. Please review our home page and calendar for appropriate times for your Son's age group. Please arrive 30 minutes early for your tryout times.

There is a standardized system used to select traveling teams.
1. Players will be evaluated and ranked based upon their performance in a series of drills and scrimmages.
Stillwater Traveling Basketball will organize and conduct these drills and scrimmages. Stillwater Traveling Basketball will select a group of evaluators who will, based upon performance in drills and scrimmages: (i) determine whether each player demonstrates 'travel-ready' proficiency; (2) rank the 'travel-ready' players. Evaluators could include members of the Stillwater Area High School coaching staffs, individuals from outside the program who are deemed to have sufficient knowledge of the game, and individuals from the Stillwater Boys Traveling program. Note that individuals from within Stillwater Boys Traveling program will not be allowed to evaluate players who are in the same grade level as one of their children or another close relative.

2. All potential players must participate in the tryout process to be selected for a position on a team. Approved exceptions (illness/injury/out of town) will ONLY be granted if notification is made to the Traveling Coordinator PRIOR to the scheduled tryout date(s). Such exceptions are granted on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of our Traveling Coordinator. In order for an ill/injured/out of town player to make a traveling team, careful consideration about the player's ability, had he been able to participate, will be used. Information which will be used to determine an injured/ill player's ability will include, but not be limited to: discussions with last year's coaches, discussions with offseason clinicians, and discussions with this year's coaches. Individual tryout/workout sessions may also be used to evaluate a player who is not able to participate in the main tryout session. After the Traveling Coordinator has communicated with the above-mentioned individuals and/or conducted an individual workout, a final decision will be made about the player's ability.
If there is no information regarding an injured player, then the player will not placed on a traveling squad, but will be encouraged to participate in the School or VAA program. Players who participate in tryouts and are placed on a travel team are expected to honor their commitment to participate on that team. It is extremely disruptive to Stillwater Boys traveling Basketball when players indicate their desire to participate on a travel team and subsequently back out of that commitment, as it can potentially leave a team with too few players.

2. Policy for twins/ siblings in the same grade.
The Stillwater Boys Basketball board believes that siblings in the same grade should be treated in the same manner as siblings in different grades. Namely, each sibling is evaluated and treated as an individual. Siblings in the same grade will not automatically be placed on the same team. The Stillwater Boys Traveling Basketball board believes this policy is the fairest to all participants in the travel program.

3. Policy on 'playing up' (Boys 4th-8th grade teams). Players may only 'play up' on a higher grade's A team if the player is ranked amongst the top 5 players at the higher grade level, as

determined by the Evaluators. Players interested in playing up should attend both the tryout session for their own grade, and the session for the higher grade.

4. Upon the completion of tryouts and team selection, team rosters will be posted on the Stillwater Boys Traveling basketball web site as soon as possible. Typically rosters will appear on the website within 5-7 days of the completion of the tryouts.