

Subject line: Player Eligibility Changes

MBA families,

The winter community based traveling basketball season is intended to provide players with the opportunity to play with their classmates. Unlike the spring AAU season, the winter community traveling season does not allow for teams to be comprised of players across communities or to be non-association formed teams. (Open/all-star and independent teams are not allowed to participate in winter MYAS/MYBA or association traveling tournaments.) To preserve the integrity of community association basketball, MYAS/MYBA has made changes to the team composition policies, effective for the 2022-2023 season. These changes were made to make it more difficult for players to join a team for which they are not eligible. As a member of MYBA, these changes apply to Mahtomedi Basketball Association (MBA).

The primary change is that a player's home association (the association that they must play for) is NOW defined as the association that is aligned to the school that they attend (versus their home address). The 4-8th grade schools aligned to MBA are OHA, Mahtomedi Middle School and St. Jude's. Players no longer have an option to play for the association that their home residence is aligned to if they do not attend a school in that school district. There is an exception for players who attend a private school; they are permitted to play for their school team or for the association where their school is located or for the association aligned to their home residence.

- If your child attends OHA, Mahtomedi Middle School then MBA is their home association and they will play for MBA
- If your child attends St. Jude's, then they can play for a St. Jude's team or for MBA or for the association aligned to the player's address of residence (if they live outside of Mahtomedi's school district boundaries)
- If your child attends a private school (besides St. Jude's), but your child lives in the Mahtomedi school district geographic boundaries, then he/she can play for MBA or for the association to which his/her school is geographically aligned or for their school's team

After reviewing the school and home address of MBA's last-year 3rd-7th grade players, we do not believe this change would preclude any of our last-year players from playing for MBA next year (assuming that their school and/or home address does not change). If you are unsure if the change would impact your child, please contact Todd Feustel, Andy Chilson, or Molly Bethke to discuss.