



# ANDOVER

**TRAVELING BOYS BASKETBALL**



Parent Meeting 2025-26

October 9th, 2025



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- Non-voting member – Jeremy Hable (Boys Varsity Head Coach)

More on the board later...



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# Coach Hable

- Andover High School Boys Varsity Head Coach



## Season Overview

- The season runs mid-October to mid-March
- 3rd grade teams participate in 6 tournaments
- 4th-8th grade teams participate in 10 tournaments
- Teams will have 2 practices a week most weeks for 1.5 hours each
- Tournament schedule for teams is already set
- Majority of tournaments are 1 day tournaments and located within the metro area (each team will usually play either Saturday or Sunday)
- Tournament game schedules are published 1-3 weeks in advance
- 5th & 6th grade teams have 1 out of town tournament
- Most 7th & 8th grade teams have 2 out of town tournaments
- Most tournaments do not have a gate/admission fee



# About Travel Basketball

- Community-based teams, not club or open teams like AAU
- We are a member of Minnesota Youth Basketball Alliance (MYBA)
- MYBA is the travel basketball arm of Minnesota Youth Athletic Services
- MYAS
  - The organizing group for travel basketball in Minnesota
  - Provides tournament registrations
  - Team and association guidelines for competitive consistency
  - Offers online tools for rostering, scheduling and results
  - Organizes the state tournament at the end of the season



# Expectations

- Attend practices, be on time for the start and end of practice
- Be committed to your team and the season
- Notify the coach if your player won't be attending a practice or game
- Have the right equipment - practice jersey, uniform, shoes, water bottle, correct size basketball
- Be willing to learn, work hard, compete and want to get better
- Realize our teams won't win every game - and that's OK
- Growth comes from both losing and winning
- Each coach will have their own set of expectations
- Parents - cheer
- Coaches - coach
- Referees - officiate
- Represent ATBB and the Andover community with class
- Follow the Code of Conduct



# Parent & Player Code of Conduct

All parents and players agreed to abide by the Parent and Player Code of Conduct at the time of registration. The code of conduct can be found on our website.

In summary:

- Players: Respect coaches, teammates, referees, and opponents
- Parents: Encourage and support players positively
- Zero tolerance for harassment, arguing with officials, or poor sportsmanship
- Violations may result in disciplinary action by the board

Out of town tournaments:

- We get group rates on hotels and they can be difficult to obtain
- Players and parents must follow hotel rules and treat hotel property and staff with respect
- We want players and parents to have fun, but do it responsibly or we could lose out on hotel options in the future



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## How to Handle Issues

1. Wait 24 hours before contacting a coach with an issue
2. Contact the coach directly and respectfully to discuss the concern
3. If unresolved, escalate to the board





## Facilities

- Practice Sites:
  - Oak View Middle School
  - Andover Elementary
  - Rum River Elementary
  - Andover Community Center
  - Anoka Ramsey Community College
- Scheduling Overview - We adjust weekly to make the best use of the available courts and aim to balance practice times based on ages, court sizes and special circumstances such as concerts etc.
- Youth Groups - We respect the importance of youth groups and make every effort to reduce conflicts, but due to various youth group program schedules and limited gym space, some overlap will occur.



## Facilities

- Gym space is limited - we collaborate with Andover Athletic Association In-House BB, Andover Girls Traveling BB, facility site monitors and various other community programs to use the local courts available efficiently.
- Respect facilities and staff:
  - Do not drop off more than 10 minutes before scheduled start time
  - No dribbling or throwing of basketballs in the hallways
  - No players allowed in a gym without a coach
  - Wait in the hall until the team practicing before you is finished
  - Complete and exit gym at the scheduled end time
  - Teams should clean up after themselves



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# Andover Tournament

- Our largest fundraiser - hosting this event allows us to keep our player registration costs down
- It takes a lot of work from the entire association, but is only one weekend
- Dates for 2026: January 24-25th
- Each family must volunteer during the tournament
- Each family must complete 2 shifts that are approximately 3.5 hours each
- Roles: concessions and gym managers
- An online signup will be posted prior to the tournament after the game schedule is published so you can choose shifts that aren't during your player's games
- This is our only available option for fulfilling volunteer hours



## 4th Annual Shoot-a-thon

- All ATBB players participate in the Shoot-A-Thon fundraiser
- Each player will raise a minimum of \$50 each
- A link for donations will be emailed to each player by Monday
- The Shoot-A-Thon will take place the same evening as team pictures at Andover High School.
- Players will complete the Shoot-A-Thon after their team pictures
- Prizes for winners
- Proceeds from the fundraiser will be spent on player training
  - 2024-25 WINNERS
    - 8 Gold: most donations - \$1,420
    - Wyatt Williams: most donations - \$855
    - Will Serakos and Wyatt Williams: most shots - 44/50



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# Important Dates

- November 2nd - picture day and Shoot-a-thon
- November 8-9th or 15-16th - first tournament for most teams
- January 23rd - Youth night at Andover Boys Varsity game
- January 24-25th - Andover Tournament
- March 7-8th or 14-15th - State tournament (last tournament for most teams)
- March 15, 2026 - 8th Grade Banquet (tentative date)



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# Communication

- Make sure you receive the ATBB newsletter
- Ensure your player's coach has email addresses and phone numbers for all parents/guardians
- Utilize the SportsEngine app
  - Coaches/team managers should be adding practices and games to the team schedule here
  - Families should indicate their attendance plans in the app
  - Sync the calendar from SportsEngine to your phone
- Check the website periodically and follow us on Facebook



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## Board Information

- Our board is made up entirely of volunteers
- Board roles are on 2-year terms
- Several of our board members have players who are aging out of the program or have terms that are up at the end of the season
- 6 Positions likely open for next season
- Currently we are in need of 1-2 people that are interested in the Tournament Director position that would be willing to assist with the tournament this year to learn the role
- Ideally looking for parents who have younger kids in the program that can be on the board for multiple years
- Opportunity to help out the association and receive a few perks
- 8th grade parents - we also need an organizer for the 8th grade banquet



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## Wrap Up

- Team Store reopens on Friday, 10/10
  - Open through 10/26
  - Delivery by first week of December
  - Link on website - [atbb.org](http://atbb.org)
  - Last store date of the season is 1/9 - 1/18
- ETS is running a special promotion for ATBB Players - grab a flier for more information
- Thank you for attending tonight!
- Find your player's coach