

2025 WBBA Travel Tryout Guide



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Travel Tryout Overview

In this guide you will find helpful information regarding what to do before tryouts, what happens during tryouts, and what to expect when the process is complete.

Before Tryouts

Be sure to register. The deadline for Travel Tryout registration is August 31.

Late and walk-up registrations will not be accepted.

Dates

3rd Grade tryout dates are September 21 and 24. Teams will be formed September 26. Not all players will be invited back for the second day of tryouts.

To accommodate the large number of registrants in 4th-8th grade, there will be three tryout days. Travel tryouts for grades 4th-8th will be conducted on September 7, 9, 10 and 14. All registrants will participate in the first Sunday session. The top 40 in each grade from the first Sunday will advance directly to the second Sunday. The mid-week sessions will provide the remaining players with an opportunity to be evaluated a second time with the top players advancing to the following Sunday. 4th-5th grades will participate on the 9th and 6th-8th grades on the 10th. Time slots per grade are posted on the WBBA Travel page.

What to Expect

Players will run through a variety of basketball drills, along with 3-on-3, and some 5-on-5 scrimmaging, ball handling and passing.

Independent evaluators conduct the main tryout sessions. The evaluators (many of them former college players) have a deep understanding of the game and of successful players and teams. The program's goal is to be fair and impartial by placing players based on ability, attitude, and athleticism - measured as objectively as possible by those with basketball knowledge.

Depending on the number of registrants at each grade level, there likely will be cuts. Players who are cut are able to play on a House (3rd, 4th, and 5th grade) or Southwest (6th, 7th, and 8th grade) team. Grades 4-8 may have anywhere from 4-6 teams per grade depending on the number of registrants.

Tryouts can be a stressful time for both players and parents. Our best advice is to tell your son to try his hardest while remaining relaxed, and most importantly – to have fun.

Injury/Illness Policy

If a player is unable to participate due to illness or injury the parent/guardian of the player must contact the Travel Directors before the first tryout session: traveldirector@wayzatabasketball.org and traveldirector2@wayzatabasketball.org.

Players who have registered for tryouts and are not able to participate will be excused upon submitting a doctor's note describing the player's limitations. The placement of players who are unable to participate will be determined by the Travel Program Committee on a case-by-case basis.

Tryouts – During

Tryout Day

The player should arrive 15-20 minutes prior to the first session to check in, receive a numbered pinnie, and to be sized for a uniform.

Unlike in past seasons, you will not need to bring a printout of your Skyward face sheet to tryouts. This documentation will now be provided within the registration process. **Players will not be permitted to tryout if appropriate documentation has not been provided.**

All players should wear shorts, t-shirts, and basketball shoes. Players should not wear uniforms from previous years or t-shirts with their names on them. There will be an area to warm up prior to each session.

Tryouts are closed to parents and all adults except for the evaluators; spectators are a distraction to them and to the kids. The WBBA thanks you for your cooperation with this policy.

Player Evaluation

Independent evaluators will score your son based on how he performs in individual skills, drills and team scrimmage situations. Players will participate in a set of drills (ball handling, shooting, etc.) designed to assess their skill level as well 3-on-3 play. They will also divide into groups for 5-on-5 scrimmaging, allowing the evaluators to view players in a game-like setting.

For 3rd grade, all players will participate the first evaluation session. A smaller group of players will be invited back for the second session.

For 4th-8th grades the top 40 ranked players after the first Sunday will automatically advance to the second Sunday. The players who are outside the top 40 will return mid-week for an additional evaluation. Following that tryout, the top players needed to fill out the teams will advance to the second Sunday. The second Sunday is to determine final team placement, and no further cuts will be made.

The top 40 is determined primarily by the evaluations from the first tryout day. However other factors are considered, such as team placement and coach evaluations from previous seasons.

Players will be assessed on numerous factors, including ball handling, court vision, decision-

making, shooting/scoring, off the ball movement, defense, and rebounding. Intangibles like effort, attitude, coachability, and sportsmanship will also be assessed.

Your son will receive a numerical score as a result of both individual skills and scrimmages, weighted more toward the latter. These scores are the primary factor used in making team selections.

Tryouts – After

Team Formation

The Travel Program Committee will use the scores from the evaluations and the evaluators' input as the main data point to form rosters. Coach evaluations from the prior season are also used as a data point, though primary emphasis is placed on the current year evaluation. Teams will be composed of either nine or ten players.

Roster Communication

Team rosters can be found on the WBBA Travel page no later than one week after the final tryouts.

Questions

Questions or concerns should be directed to the Travel Program Directors. Please do not raise questions directly to coaches or evaluators. (traveldirector@wayzatabasketball.org and traveldirector2@wayzatabasketball.org)

We understand that the outcome of tryouts might not always be what the parent or the player had hoped for. Team selections, however, will be made in accordance with WBBA tryout policies and are final.

What if my son is not selected for a travel team?

Players who are not selected to play travel basketball are encouraged to play in either the House or Southwest 6-8 program. Refer to the House/Southwest 6-8 program pages for details about team formation. You will receive a full refund of the Travel Registration fee. It will be credited back to your account approximately five business days from the date you are notified that they did not make the team. The tryout fee however, is non-refundable. You will also need to register as soon as possible for the House or Southwest 6-8 program, if your son chooses to go that route.

Travel Roster Positions

If your player turns down a travel team position, he will not be allowed to transfer to House or Southwest. Earning a spot on the WBBA Travel team is a privilege that unfortunately not everyone is awarded.

Thank you for being involved in our basketball community!