



## PBC Travel Program Overview

The PBC is a long-time member of the [Fairfield County Basketball League](#) “FCBL”

### League Overview

- Grades Covered: Boys and girls in grades 5–8
- Region: Primarily Fairfield County, CT, with teams from surrounding areas
- Type: Competitive travel basketball league

### Scale & Structure

- Over 325 teams participate across 4 counties
- Features 42 playoff brackets, ensuring balanced competition
- Separate brackets for boys and girls, with divisions by grade and skill level

### Season Format

- Regular season games followed by an end-of-season tournament
- Emphasis on sportsmanship, development, and community engagement
- Coaches meetings and scheduling tools to streamline logistics

### Scheduling & Updates

- Website provides real-time updates, game schedules, and bracket info
- Includes resources for coaches, parents, and players

### Community Focus

- Town-based teams foster local pride and camaraderie
- Encourages youth development both on and off the court

## Tryout FAQ

- Q: **When are tryouts scheduled?**
  - Tryouts will take place starting the **week of September 29<sup>th</sup>** and will run thru the following week
  - Schedules will be posted on [Pomperaug Basketball Community](#) website by September 25<sup>th</sup>
- Q: **How many tryouts will be scheduled per grade level?**
  - Each grade level with more than 10 players registered will have two tryouts
- Q: **Should my player attend both scheduled tryouts?**
  - Yes, all players are encouraged to attend both sessions
- Q: **How long are tryouts?**
  - Each tryout will be 90 minutes with 15 minutes built-in for periodic water-breaks
- Q: **Who runs tryouts for the PBC**
  - Independent PBC Board members, not current coaches, run tryouts
- Q: **Who may be present in the gym for tryouts?**
  - Prospective players, evaluators, and PBC Board members, only, are permitted in the gym for tryouts
  - Parents will not be permitted to attend tryouts, unless a prospective player has a medical condition requiring same
- Q: **Who evaluates and selects the travel rosters?**
  - A committee of independent PBC Board members, current and/or Legacy members
  - Assigned travel coaches may not be present in the gym of tryouts and have no input on roster selection
- Q: **What is the tryout format?**
  - Board members will outline expectations with players and parents in separate discussions; players before and parents following
- Q: **What does the PBC look for when selecting travel players?**
  - In general, the PBC is looking for prospective players to exhibit the following:
    - **Respect** – player respects teammates, coaches at all times
    - **Skill** – player exhibits requisite basketball skills (dribble, pass, shoot)
    - **Teamwork** – player exhibits a commitment to the team concept and is a positive contributor
    - **Attention to detail** – player arrives prepared, follows instructions and does not detract from the experience of others
- **What are the minimum roster sizes for each grade level?**
  - 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades – 12 players
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – 11 players
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – 10 players
- **What happens if my player is not selected for a PBC travel roster?**
  - Your player will be automatically assigned to the In-House program and invited to attend a separate evaluation in early to mid-November