

WAA Travel Basketball Parent Meeting

Monday, Aug 28th

7:30pm



Introductions

- Nick Maciejewski, Boys Basketball Director
- John Rodemeyer, Boys Travel Director
- Angie Heldstab, Girls Basketball Director
- Laura Maciejewski, Girls Travel Director
- Maren Dries, Uniform & Apparel Manager

Mission Statement

WAA Traveling Basketball is dedicated to growing **each player's** enjoyment of basketball by developing skills in practice and applying them at the **appropriate level of competition** based on age and ability. Our primary goal is to run a competitive program where all players **improve, have fun, and return** to play basketball next season.

Expectations

- Gym Use – respect school property & staff (need support from parents to kids)-
NO BOUNCING BALLS IN HALLWAY
- Players can only be at the gym on their practice dates/times
 - We do not have open gyms and all courts are in use by WAA teams
 - Players cannot just hang out at the gym on their off days
- Parent/Player Contract Attestation
- Treat refs with respect – current ref shortage
- Respect what the coaches are doing (no sideline coaching)
- Ensure a positive environment is created for all players

Playing Time

- Grades 4 & 5 – equal playing time
 - *assuming practice attendance, positive attitude, effort, sportsmanship, etc.*
- Grades 6 & up – equal playing time rule does NOT apply

Conflict Resolution

- Conflict will arise from time to time
- The head coach is your first point of contact
 - If the conflict is game related, please wait 24 hours before contacting the coach
 - If there is player to player conflict, please report this to the coach immediately as this usually happens out of the coach's sight and they cannot help if they do not know about it
 - Playing time is coach's discretion, please encourage your child to talk with the coach if playing time is the issue
- If the issue needs to be escalated, please reach out to the appropriate traveling basketball director
 - **Girls Traveling Director:** Laura Maciejewski at girlstravelbasketball@waawoodbury.org
 - **Boys Traveling Director:** John Rodemeyer at boystravelbasketball@waawoodbury.org
- Further escalations will include basketball directors as well as the higher-level WAA board
 - **Girls Director:** Angie Heldstab at girlsbasketball@waawoodbury.org
 - **Boys Director:** Nick Maciejewski at basketballdir@waawoodbury.org

Travel Schedule

- District Jamboree October 28-29
- Kickoff Night - TBD
- WAA Night at Woodbury High School Game
 - Girls – Friday, Jan 26
 - Boys - TBD
- Up to 10 tournaments

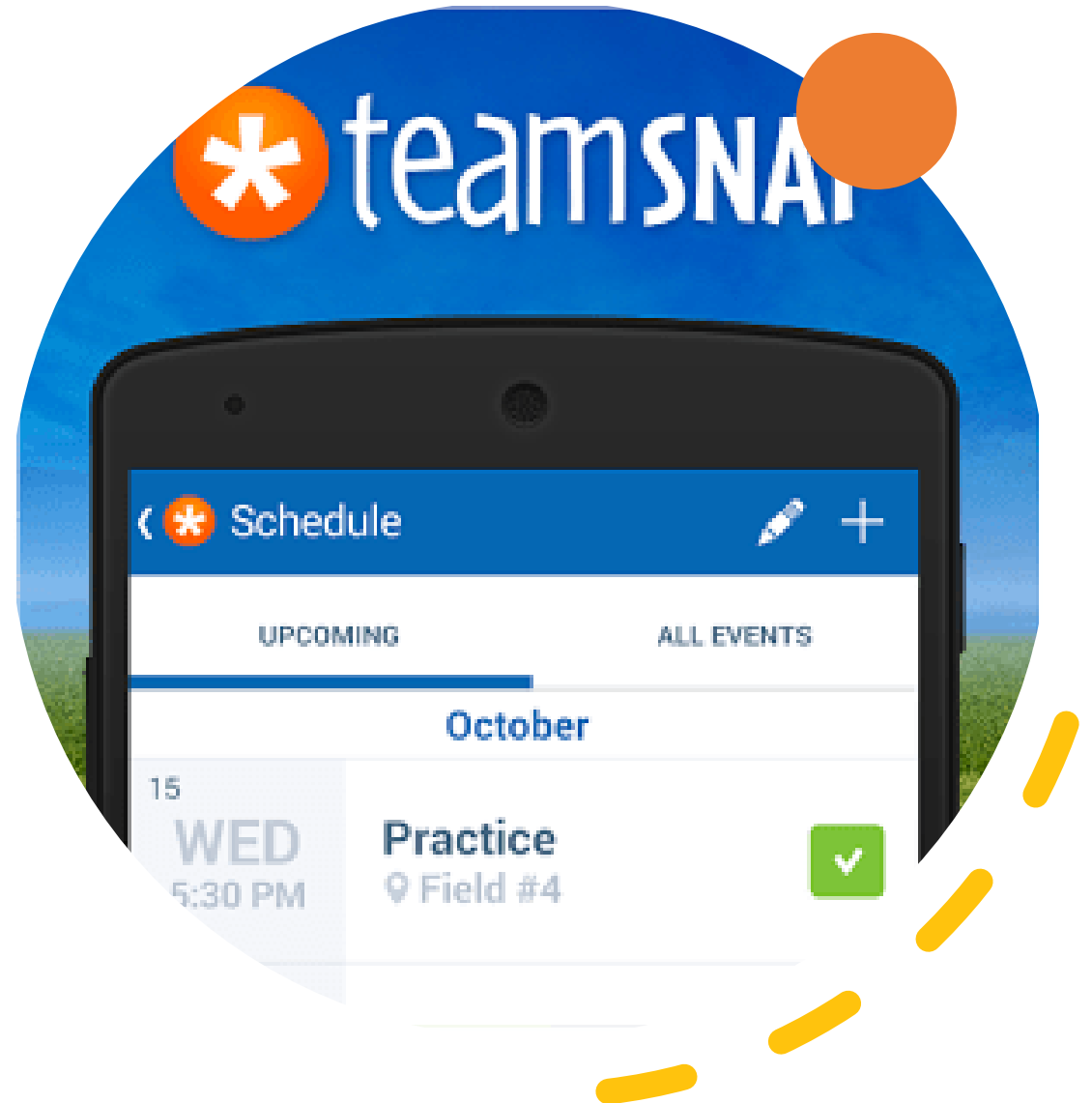
- MYAS Grade State
 - Girls – February 24-25 (all teams participate)
 - Boys – up to individual teams if they want to participate as this conflicts with 833 Spring Break
 - Grades 3rd-6th March 2-3
 - Grade 7th-8th March 9-10

Practices

- Facilities are always challenging to obtain
- The goal for traveling basketball is to have:
 - 2 practices per week
 - 1 Skills Session per month
- Schedulers work hard to get similar times, nights and sites for practice
 - We know that many players have religious events on Wednesdays, but we are unable to avoid using every day we get. Not enough Gym space to use only the days that coaches/families desire.
 - Late practices – We must use what we are given. Typically, older teams practice later.
 - Earlier access is not available due to Kids Club and HS/MS Sports.

TeamSnap

- You will receive an invite to your team's TeamSnap via email
- Download the app and log in so you stay up-to-date with Team information
- Game and practice schedules will be posted in TeamSnap
- Ensure availability is accurately marked in TeamSnap so coaches can plan practices accordingly
- Coaches will communicate by email or TeamSnap



WAA Tournament

- Volunteer Requirement of 4-6 hours or \$300 charge for not fulfilling the obligation ([per player](#)).
- Our Woodbury tournament helps supplement costs for our WAA traveling basketball program which allows us to keep registration at a lower price for families.
 - Boys Woodbury Classic January 27 & 28
 - Girls Royal Rumble February 3 & 4

Tryout Process

- Independent evaluators
- 2 sessions – required that you attend both (some smaller 1 team age groups will have just 1 session)
- Please contact Laura Maciejewski (Girls) or John Rodemeyer (Boys) via email if you have a conflict with tryouts
- Goal is to NOT cut any players from the program, but sometimes for their own development, it's more appropriate to ask a player to be placed in the in-house program
- Teams will be posted on the website within a week after tryouts
- Parents are not allowed to observe tryouts
- Players should bring a water bottle and an indoor basketball appropriate for their age group (see chart on website)
- Potential for earlier tryout dates (in Aug) for the 2024/2025 season

Tryout Skills Assessment

Players will be assessed by independent evaluators over the course of 2 days of tryouts. Day 1 has more focus on skills with built in competition. Day 2 has more focus on game type situations and application of skills. The below chart contains the skills and abilities that players will be evaluated on during their tryouts.

Lay-Ups	Shooting	Ball-Handling	Passing	Defense	Offense	Team Play	Hustle/Aggressive	Listening
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of both hands • Accuracy • Finish in traffic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accuracy • Correct Form • Shot Selection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of either hand • Dribble under pressure • Eyes up • Limits turnovers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sees the floor • Accuracy • Catches the ball • Strength of pass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can guard on the ball • Help position • Ball pressure • Communicates • Doesn't take possessions off 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understands spacing • Pass and cuts • Understands screening • Takes open shots within their range • Shot selection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Player • Passes to the open person • Helps on defense • Encourages teammates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effort at both ends of the floor • Goes after loose balls/rebounds • Never walks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listens to facilitators instructions • Stops play when whistle blows • Asks questions if lacks understanding

Tryouts at Oltman Middle School

GIRLS		
Grade	Date & Time	Ball Size
4th	Wednesday, Sept 13 6:00-7:00 (check-in at 5:45) Friday, Sept 15 6:00-7:00 (check-in at 5:45)	27.5
5th	Monday, Sept 11 6:00-7:15 (check-in at 5:45) Wednesday, Sept 13 7:15-8:30 (check-in at 7:00)	28.5
6th	Monday, Sept 11 7:30-8:45 (check-in at 7:15) Thursday Sept 14 6:00-7:15 (check-in at 5:45)	28.5
7th	Tuesday, Sept 12 6:00-7:15 (check-in at 5:45) Thursday, Sept 14 7:30-8:45 (check-in at 7:15)	28.5
8th	Tuesday, Sept 12 7:30-8:45 (check-in at 7:15) Friday, Sept 15 7:15-8:30 (check-in at 7:00)	28.5

BOYS		
Grade	Date & Time	Ball Size
4th	Monday, Sept 18 6:00-7:00 (check-in at 5:45) Wednesday, Sept 20 6:00-7:00 (check-in at 5:45)	27.5
5th	Monday, Sept 18 7:00-8:15 (check-in at 6:45) Wednesday, Sept 20 7:00-8:15 (check-in at 6:45)	28.5
6th	Tuesday, Sept 19 6:00-7:30 (check-in at 5:45) Thursday, Sept 21 6:00-7:30 (check-in at 5:45)	28.5
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*Registration numbers will determine if we have a 2nd day of tryouts for 8th grade.
More info to come once registration closes Aug 31.

Anticipated Team Count by Grade

Will be finalized after tryouts

Girls

4 th grade	1 team
5 th grade	2 teams
6 th grade	2 teams
7 th grade	2 teams
8 th grade	1 team

Total Teams - 8

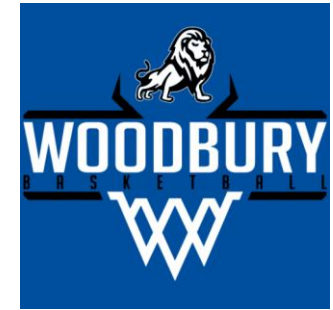
Boys

4 th grade	2 teams
5 th grade	3 teams
6 th grade	3 teams
7 th grade	4 teams
8 th grade	4 teams

Total Teams – 16

Uniforms (Jersey + Shorts + Shooting Shirt)

- This is the last year of our 3-year uniform cycle
- Families order uniforms online. Order deadline: **9/11**
- Sample uniforms will be available to try on Sept 11 from 6:30-8:00 at Oltman Middle School
- We will not have any extras, so it is important that you order the correct size!
- Online ordering process through BSN – link is posted on our Facebook page and on the boys and girls travel website
- Uniforms will be shipped directly to families this year
- If you have questions, please reach out to Maren Dries (basketballuniforms@waawoodbury.org)



<https://bsnteamssports.com/shop/WAABB2022>

Player and Fan Gear

- The store will open Sept 11
- We will send out an email with the link once it opens
- We will also post the link on the WAA Girls and Boys Travel Basketball Pages and post it on our Facebook Page

Refund Policy

- Before Tryouts: full refund, less the \$30 admin fee
- After Tryouts
 - If travel team was made
 - No refund
 - Except in cases of injury
 - If travel team was not made
 - Uniform order is cancelled and refunded
 - Transfer to in-house program with credit back for the difference
 - Otherwise, full refund, less the \$30 admin fee

Help Wanted – Open Board Positions

- Boys Tournament Concessions Coordinator
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- In-House Grade Level Coordinators
- (Pending) K-2 Boys and Girls Basketball Director - shadow this season, take over 2024-2025 season
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Questions?

Please submit your questions in the chat or Q&A feature. Ensure you select all participants.

Final Thoughts

- Thank you!
- We hope you all have a great traveling basketball experience this season!
- For questions or concerns related to the program contact:
 - **Girls:** Laura Maciejewski at girlstravelbasketball@waawoodbury.org
 - **Boys:** John Rodemeyer at boystravelbasketball@waawoodbury.org