

Hudson Kiwanis Boys' Travel Basketball

Tryout Information

The Hudson Kiwanis Travel Basketball Program will offer your child an opportunity to play basketball in a competitive league and tournament play. The season consists of league play and three or more tournament opportunities. The season typically runs from October through February consisting of two weeknight practices and 2-3 league games per weekend. Tournament play includes three or more games per weekend.

Hudson travel basketball requires participants to try out for a team. **Your athlete must attend both evening tryout dates to be eligible for travel basketball. Please note that tryouts are either at Hudson Middle School or Hudson High School, so please double check the schedule.**

Grade Level	Dates	Location	Check In Time	Tryout Time Slot
3 rd	Sept. 22 nd	HMS	5:30 p.m.	6:00-7:30 p.m.
3 rd	Sept. 23 rd	HMS	5:30 p.m.	6:00-7:30 p.m.
4 th	Sept. 29 th	HHS Aux Gym	5:30 p.m.	6:00-7:30 p.m.
4 th	Sept. 30 th	HMS	5:30 p.m.	6:00-7:30 p.m.
5 th	Sept. 22 nd	HMS	7:00 p.m.	7:30-9:00 p.m.
5 th	Sept. 23 rd	HMS	7:00 p.m.	7:30-9:00 p.m.
6 th	Sept. 29 th	HHS Aux Gym	7:00 p.m.	7:30-9:00 p.m.
6 th	Sept. 30 th	HMS	7:00 p.m.	7:30-9:00 p.m.

Each Athlete Must Bring:

1. water bottle – no sharing permitted
2. basketball (28.5)
3. basketball/court shoes
 - Please note that personal items (street shoes, bags and cell phones) will not be permitted in the gym during tryouts and stored in the Hudson Middle School hallway.
 - Food and alternative drinks (sports drinks, juice, etc.) are not allowed in the gym at any time.
 - Players should always carry their basketball shoes in and change before tryouts

Evaluation Details:

1. The Hudson Travel Basketball Directors will be on hand for the tryout process but will **NOT** be involved with the evaluation of individual performances during the tryout sessions. Evaluators provided by the high school basketball coaching staff will be responsible for scoring each athlete on skills and abilities in individual, small group and team settings. Our drills are designed to test multiple skills at once to get the most out of the evaluation process. Prior year's coaches submitted detailed post-season evaluations that will be built into each players' evaluation score.
 - The basketball committee and volunteers will run the execution of the "sign in" and ensure that tryouts run smoothly but will have **NO SAY** in player evaluations.
2. **Participation in both tryout days is mandatory to be considered for team placement.**

- We understand that some athletes due to injury, illness, or other hardship may not be able to make the scheduled tryout dates. If this applies to you, you must touch base with any of the directors **BEFORE** the conclusion of tryouts to make additional arrangements.
 - In the case of injury and not being able to participate in any tryouts, an athlete can be granted a supplemental tryout that will include evaluations by the existing team coaches, the Hudson Basketball Committee, and potentially staff from the Hudson High School or Hudson Middle School programs. It will be up to the coaches and the panel to decide if the player will be granted an ADDITIONAL roster spot. An ADDITIONAL roster spot is not guaranteed.
- A. The Committee and the boys' high school coaches will work to compile the results and organize the teams accordingly. Where talent and numbers dictate, our goal is to have two teams at each age group. For 3rd grade teams will be evenly divided (depending on numbers). For 4th, 5th, and 6th grade the GOAL is to have one Blue ("A") team and one White ("B") team. *Roster sizes and the number of teams will be determined by the Hudson High School Varsity coaching staff.*
 3. Previous year coaches are not involved in the selection or evaluation process (their input is taken into account with detailed post-season evaluations) and coaches will not be selected for each team until teams are finalized.
 4. Team rosters for the 2026-2027 season will be posted on the [Hudson Kiwanis website](#) by the end of the day on **Saturday following the last tryouts.**
 5. Practices and skill clinics will begin the week of Monday October 12th. We understand that fall sports are still wrapping up then and should remain a priority, however, strongly encourage attendance if able. Once fall seasons end basketball should be the priority sport over any off-season for other sports.
 6. Since players can only participate in travel and not travel and rec, we ask coaches to utilize fair and appropriate, but not necessarily equal playing time. We want all players to be allowed the chance to develop and fully believe that practice time is just as valuable as game time. However, if a player is missing practices or games, exhibiting attitude problems, etc. we allow the coaches to adjust playing time accordingly.
 7. League play will begin in early December and continue through the end of January. We are planning to continue participating in the Greater Cleveland Basketball League that usually has double-headers on either Saturday or Sunday, but sometimes less and sometimes more (no more than 2 games in 1 day though). Leagues are based outside of Hudson and will require travel of up to an hour (hoping to limit it to 10-30 minutes).
 8. Tournament play will begin with a preseason tournament in early November and will pick back-up again for the month of February. Specific details around which tournaments will be available at a later date. Coaches may also decide to participate in additional tournaments over the holidays at their own discretion. Tournaments are usually up to an hour away from Hudson.
 9. If selected for a Hudson Travel Basketball team, players will need to submit an additional registration with an additional fee. This information will be available after the selection process, but the additional fee last year was \$250 per player (in addition to the fee paid upon registration with HCER). These additional fees help pay for additional gym space, uniforms, leagues and tournaments.
 10. If your son does not make a team, he still has the opportunity to participate in the HCER Basketball Program. Players selected for travel will be removed from the HCER basketball program, but everyone else will automatically be included. Please contact the HCER office for more details

There may be many other questions, please feel free to contact any of us.

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