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- The PTBA Travel program is designed to offer those children with above average talent an opportunity to compete at a higher level of competitive play against other travel programs in and outside of our area.
- Players will be selected based on a tryout or series of tryouts. Tryout evaluators will be recommended by the Travel Coordinator and approved by the PTBA board. Tryout evaluators will consist of individuals deemed qualified to judge/evaluate basketball talent.
- Attending a tryout is mandatory. However, in the event of an extreme situation where the child cannot attend a scheduled tryout, the following course of action will be taken:
  - Parent or guardian must notify the Travel Coordinator prior to the scheduled tryout and inform the specific reason why the child cannot attend the tryout.
  - Travel Coordinator will present the child name and reason for missing the tryout to the PTBA board.
  - The PTBA board will evaluate the situation and render a decision such as granting a make-up tryout, direct placement on a travel team, or ineligible for placement on a travel team.
- Selected players will play at his or her grade level, no playing up.
- All persons interested in being a travel team coach will be required to complete an “Application for Manager” form on an annual basis.
- Coaches will be named after the tryouts are completed.
- The Travel Coordinator will make coaching recommendations to the PTBA board. The PTBA board will make final decision on all head coach positions.
- The Travel Coordinator has a responsibility to the Travel program first and will seek out potential coaches who can offer the greatest benefit to the development of the players and the program. If a coach cannot demonstrate the ability to make the players and the program better, the Travel Coordinator has the authority to seek a new coach for the remainder of the current season. In the event that a travel coach is to be removed in mid-season, the PTBA board must approve the coaching change.
- A coach can be dismissed during the season for behavior that is deemed inappropriate, abusive, or counter productive to the learning process.
- Seniority will not be given preference. Coaching is a privilege, not a right based on past involvement.

- Coaches will be required to attend the monthly PTBA meetings. Failure to attend the monthly meetings could jeopardize their position as a coach for the following season.
- Coaches must conduct themselves in an appropriate manner as a representative of PTBA and the Penn Trafford community.
- Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and will instruct their players to act in an appropriate manner as a representative of PTBA and the Penn Trafford community.
- The coach's main responsibility will be to teach a winning behavior while applying the fundamentals of basketball. While winning will be the first order of business for the Travel program, winning at the expense of good sportsmanship will not be tolerated.
- Travel players are not eligible to participate on In-House teams.
- The In-House program is purposely designed to offer a different style of play than the Travel program. The In-House program is more about recreation and teaching the fundamentals of basketball.
- Playing time is NOT guaranteed. Playing time will depend largely on the quality of talent on the team and the competition being played.
- Travel team rosters will consist of 8 to 10 players. All selections over 10 players on a given team must be approved by the Travel Coordinator.
- Level B travel teams will be considered by the Travel Coordinator only if:
  - there is enough talent to field a competitive team
  - enough available gym time
  - available coaches
  - no negative impact on the In-House or Level A travel team
- The Travel Coordinator will consult with the tryout evaluators to determine if there is adequate talent to field a competitive Level B team. The PTBA Board and the Travel Coordinator will together assess the available gym time, coaches, and the impact on the In-House program. If all the criteria are met, then the PTBA Board will render a decision.
- At most, only one Level B travel team per grade level will be sanctioned as a PTBA Level B travel team and allowed to represent the PTBA organization.
- Talent will not be divided or diluted between Level A and Level B travel teams unless a particular grade level does not have separate A and B leagues.
- Per each grade, the Level A Travel team will act as the A Tournament Team.
- If Level B Travel teams exist they will act as the B Tournament Team.

- At the end of the In-House season, the individual grade coordinators may choose to put together an In-House “C” Tournament Team. The Travel Coordinator will only be responsible for the A and B Tournament Teams. All other Tournament Teams (C) will be the responsibility of the Team Coach and/or the In-House Coordinator.
- All complaints should be directed to the Travel Coordinator. It will be the Travel Coordinator’s responsibility to handle issues within the Travel Program. The Travel Coordinator will seek the assistance of the PTBA Board in the case that any complaint cannot be dealt with.
- At the end of the season, each coach’s actions and coaching ability (in total) will be assessed and evaluated by the Travel Coordinator.
- Good team unity cannot develop as long as conflict is present on the team. Any parents in conflict with a coach should not involve other parents and most importantly other children in the conflict.

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