



## Boys Travel Basketball Frequently Asked Questions



HSE Boys Travel Basketball

### ➤ **What is the travel program?**

The travel program offers an opportunity for a player to receive additional practice, coaching and game play outside the Rec program. The travel program is a separate set of basketball teams which compete with schools from our high school conference and surrounding area. This program is designed to accelerate a player's basketball fundamentals and expose players to a higher level of competition. A player must try-out to make a travel team and based upon the number of players selected typically there will be an "A" and a "B" squad. The teams will play in two leagues during the season, Indy Hoops league and Fieldhouse/IBA with games predominately on Saturday and Sunday. The travel teams will also have the opportunity to participate in tournaments, typically in Fishers or a surrounding area.

### ➤ **Which travel programs will my son play on, HSE or FHS?**

The school boundaries for the current school year determine which travel program your son will participate. If your permanent residence resides within the Fishers High school (FHS) boundary, then your son will participate in the FHS travel program. If you reside in the Hamilton Southeastern High School (HSE) boundary, then your son will participate in the HSE travel program.

### ➤ **Does the travel team take the place of the intermediate school team?**

The intermediate school teams and the travel teams are mutually exclusive of one another. Your son may play for either of the two teams or both of them. The decision is totally up to the player and his parents. The travel program supports the intermediate school teams and will schedule its practices and games around the intermediate school schedule. There are no 5<sup>th</sup> grade school teams; they begin in the sixth grade.

### ➤ **How much does it cost to participate?**

The cost to participate is approximately \$350.00 per player plus the cost of a uniform. Uniform cost is approximately \$70.00. Costs may vary from year to year. The additional cost of Travel is a function of a longer season with more practices and more games.

### ➤ **What type of time commitment can we expect for Travel Basketball?**

There is a difference between Rec and Travel Basketball. Typically in the Rec League your son will have one 60 minute practice and one game per week. Travel Basketball is set up for the boys to have 1 or 2 practices per week and then play two games each weekend (Saturday and Sunday afternoon). When making a travel team it is committing to this practice and game schedule. The Rec Program lasts for about 16 weeks and the Travel season is about 22 weeks long. In the Rec program all games are played at a Fishers/ HSE school gym. In travel, the games are played either at the Fieldhouse in Fishers or at an area High School. You may have to drive as far as Avon during the course of the travel season but typically you would only have a few long trips per season.

### ➤ **My son is not competitive and I just want him to play a lot. Should he play on the travel team or in the recreational league?**

We always encourage boys to go out for the travel basketball team if they like competition and enjoy challenging practices. However, we do like to point out that travel basketball is significantly different than the recreational league. In addition to individual development, coaches are attempting to place the most competitive teams on the floor. There is definitely more emphasis placed on winning each game than in the recreational league. Often times, that means one boy may play more minutes per game than another boy. Equal playing time is not the top priority as is the case in the recreational league. With that being said, it is a developmental program and each boy will receive adequate playing time over the course of a season. Parents and players must consider if they want to play in this type of a format.

➤ **Does my son need to all three days of the travel camp?**

Every player needs to attend the camp in order to participate in the travel program. Attending all three days of the camp is highly recommended.

➤ **Should I sign my son up for the recreational league if he is planning to play on a travel team?**

Yes. If your son makes a travel team, the money you paid towards the recreational league will be applied towards the travel fee. If your son does not get selected for the travel team, then he should participate in the recreational league evaluations which occur subsequent to the travel evaluations.

➤ **How are coaches selected for the travel teams?**

At the parent meeting and the camp/evaluations, coaching applications will be made available. Anyone interested in coaching their son's travel team will complete a coaching application and submit it at the time of the travel camp. Coaches will be selected by the Boys Travel Committee after the boys have been assigned to teams. The selections will be made from the Coaching Applications submitted on your son's team.

➤ **What will be discussed at the Parent Meeting? Is it important to attend?**

Yes, it is very important for all parents to attend. The High School Coach along with representatives from SPORTS will be there to explain the Travel Program, communicate important dates, and answer any questions. If it is simply not possible for you to attend, be sure to ask another parent to attend on your behalf and pick up the information that will be distributed. Attending the parent meeting does not result in a commitment by you and your son to participate. It is for informational purposes only.