

Worthington Youth Boosters Boys Travel Basketball 2021-2022

Tryouts:

To be eligible for one of these Worthington Youth Boosters (WYB) Travel Basketball teams, the player must attend a Worthington elementary school, or be a resident in the Worthington School District. Participants are required to attend the one tryout session that will be offered for each grade to be eligible for team selection. There is no charge for tryouts.

3rd Grade Boys Tryouts:

– Sun. Sept. 26 @ Thomas Worthington HS. Registration 6:00-6:30 pm, Tryout 6:30-8:30 pm

4th Grade Boys Tryouts:

– Sun. Sept. 19 @ Thomas Worthington HS. Registration 6:00-6:30 pm, Tryout 6:30-8:30 pm

5th Grade Boys Tryouts:

– Mon. Sept. 20 @ Thomas Worthington HS. Registration 6:30-7:00 pm, Tryout 7:00-9:00 pm

6th Grade Boys Tryouts:

– Mon. Sept. 27 @ Thomas Worthington HS. Registration 6:30-7:00 pm, Tryout 7:00-9:00 pm

Tryout Practice Jerseys:

Each player will be provided a practice jersey to wear during the tryouts. These jerseys have numbers on both sides to help with the tryout evaluations.

What to Bring to Tryouts:

All players should bring the following:

- Mask that must be worn to enter and exit the gym, and while not active with basketball during the tryout.
- Their own water bottle that should last the entire tryout.
- 28.5 intermediate basketball

Unable to Attend Session for your Grade:

If you are unable to make the tryout for your grade, please contact WYB Basketball Director, Bruce Gerber, as soon as possible so we can look at alternatives.

Spectators at Tryouts:

We believe it is better for your child if parents and other spectators do not attend tryouts. It is okay to bring your child into the registration to make sure they get where they need to go. You are required to wear a mask to enter the school and leave it on the entire time while in the building. You will be expected to leave when the tryout session begins. Please arrive about 5-10 minutes before the tryout session ends and wait in your car to pick up your child.

Tryout Registration:

Online registration at <https://worthingtonboosters.org/basketball/travel-basketball/> is required.

Coaches:

Coaches in our program are volunteers. Coaches may or may not be parents of a player on a team. If you are interested in helping out the WYB Travel Basketball program in any capacity, please contact Bruce Gerber for more details. We are always looking for good coaches and willing volunteers for our program.

League:

3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade WYB Travel Basketball teams are planning on participating in the Central Ohio Basketball Association (COBA) basketball league. For more information on COBA, visit www.centralohiobasketball.com.

Fees:

Fees are based on how many players are in the program and how many teams are formed. Fees per player will be approximately \$350-\$375 and can be paid in 3 installments, but payment of the first installment will be required before a player is permitted to play in any scrimmages or games. The fee includes gym rental for games and practices, two licensed officials per home game, the COBA league fee, team equipment, and team/player liability insurance. Uniforms are not included in the fee and are ordered through a third party website costing approximately \$50-\$75.

Practices:

Depending on gym availability, each team will have two practices during the week sometime between 6:00 and 9:00 pm. Practices will begin in late October and conclude in the middle of February. Additional practices can be scheduled at the discretion of the coach.

Games:

Each team will play in the COBA preview just prior to Thanksgiving, 8 or 9 home games, 8 or 9 away games, and a COBA league tournament in the middle of February. Most games will be played on Saturday and Sunday, but there could be occasional weeknight games. League games will be held from late November to early February with a two week break during the Christmas holiday. Most away games will be within a 30 minute drive. More away games can be scheduled at the discretion of the coach.

Tournaments:

Each team will participate in the season ending COBA tournament, which is covered by the player fees. Teams may participate in more tournaments at the discretion of the coach, but the players on the team would be responsible for any additional fees. Coaches will get the approval of the parents before committing to additional tournaments.

Playing Time:

The philosophy on playing time at the Travel Basketball level is that it will not be even for a player for each game. Coaches will be expected to play each player at least a quarter of every game, with some players receiving more playing time in one game and less playing time in another game. Every attempt will be made to provide playing time of 50% over the season for the league games. It is important that all players receive an appropriate amount of playing time to ensure their development as a basketball player.

Expectations:

We encourage young athletes to participate in all sports in which they desire. However, the expectation is that a WYB Travel Basketball player will make basketball their top athletic priority during the basketball season and make every effort to attend all practices and games.

Selection Process:

The players will be evaluated by members of WYB, potential coaches of respective teams, and coaches of the varsity programs at Thomas Worthington and Worthington Kilbourne High Schools. Players will be evaluated on their individual fundamental dribbling, passing, shooting, rebounding, and defensive skills. Players will also be evaluated in how they fit into a team concept. The evaluators will meet and form teams based on all evaluation criteria available. The number of teams in each grade will depend on how many travel caliber teams can be formed, but our desire is to have 2 or 3 teams in each grade consisting of at least 8 and no more than 10 players per team.

Notification Process:

Players who are chosen for the team will receive an e-mail message as soon as possible after tryouts have been completed. The player will have 24 hours to accept the roster invitation. If the player does not accept the offer, it will be rescinded and the roster spot will be offered to another player. All players who are not chosen for a travel team will receive an e-mail message referring them to other basketball opportunities.

Goals:

The WYB Travel Basketball program will provide a positive experience for every player while building self-esteem and confidence. Players will be encouraged to be good teammates, show sportsmanship, and work hard at all times. Fundamental skill development will be emphasized, especially in the practice setting. While players will be exposed to a more competitive level of basketball, we are not a win at all costs program. Our goal is to spark an interest in basketball for each player so much so that they will want to work on their fundamental skills in the off-season, and continue their playing careers into middle school and high school.

Contact Info:

Please contact WYB Basketball Director, Bruce Gerber, if you have any questions about the Travel Basketball program. E-Mail: wybbasketball@gmail.com.

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