Reading Youth Basketball
2015-2016 Season

Dear Participants and Parents/Guardians:

Thank you for your interest in the Reading Youth Basketball Program. Enclosed you will find some information about each of the programs being offered. This will be my 14th year working with the Reading Youth Basketball Program. Jenna Fiorente will be working closely with me and our coaching staff. Jenna is the Program Coordinator for the Recreation Division and this will be her 4th year working with the Reading Youth Basketball Program.

There are two (2) programs that 6th – 8th graders are eligible for:

Reading Youth Basketball Travel Program
In-Town Middle School Basketball League

Our main objective for these programs is to provide a complete basketball program where the players are afforded an opportunity to improve their basketball skills, while practicing and playing in a positive and beneficial atmosphere, regardless of skill level.

There is certainly a different level of commitment between the Travel Program and the In-Town program (see enclosed page for differences). All players that would like to be considered for a Travel team must pre-register ($5 evaluation fee) and show up on the appropriate evaluation day (TBD). The evaluation fee is non-refundable. Teams will be selected and placed in Divisions appropriate for that specific level of play. After teams are formed, payment for the program must be submitted to the Recreation Division. We make every effort to place each player that desires to play in the Travel Basketball Program on a team; however, it depends on the number of participants and the available coaches.

The evaluation times, dates, and locations for the Travel Basketball League are listed on page 4. You may also visit our website for details. We aim for a 12-person roster on each Travel team. A reminder that all Travel basketball registrants must participate in an evaluation ($5 fee) to establish which team/program they have been selected for.

We are confident that your child will have a great experience with the Reading Youth Basketball Program no matter which team they play for. If at any time you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (781) 942-9075.

Sincerely,
John A. Feudo
Community Services Director

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What basketball program is best for my child?

GRADE	PROGRAM AVAILABLE
Grade 6	Travel Basketball and/or In-Town Middle School Basketball
Grade 7	Travel Basketball and/or In-Town Middle School Basketball
Grade 8	Travel Basketball and/or In-Town Middle School Basketball

These are general guidelines and may be changed as the Recreation Division deems necessary.

League	IN-TOWN	TRAVEL
Team Establishment	- No tryouts required. - Pre-registration is necessary. - Teams are selected randomly.	- Tryouts are used to place players. - Teams will be placed in leagues based on composition after tryouts.
Team Size	- Min. 8/Max. 15 players per team.	- Min. 10/Max. 12 players per team.
Practice and Game Commitments	- No formal practices - Drills/Contests will be run - 1 on-court official for game play - Open Gym Concept - Commitment is 1 hour per week.	- Typically two practices per week with an average of one/two games per weekend. - Commitment is 4-6 hours per week.
Playing Time	- Playing time is distributed equally to all players each game.	- Playing time will vary on a game-to-game basis with ¼ as a minimum.
Venues/Locations	- RMHS Field House.	- Home games are played at the Coolidge Middle School/Parker Middle School. - Approximately half of the games will be away.
Officials	- Game play will be refereed by high school aged officials.	- All games will use certified IIABO referees.
Other	- Players do not have to be a Travel Basketball player to participate in the In-Town Middle School program.	- Travel Basketball players can participate in the In-Town Basketball program for an additional fee.

The Recreation Division will do its best to place every participant on a team. Team placement will depend heavily on participation numbers for each program. We encourage you to sign up for the programs that you are interested in. We are looking for volunteer coaches to help out with all of the above programs. If you are interested, please contact the Recreation Division at (781) 942-9075.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Will there be different divisions in Travel Basketball?

Teams will be placed in divisions based upon skill level after teams/coaches have been assigned.

What if I am not sure which team I should be evaluated for?

Every player should come to the evaluation day in October at the established time. Teams are selected after the evaluation day.

What is the cost for the programs and when should I pay?

Those that would like to play just In-Town Middle School Basketball can register at any time online or at the Recreation Division at Town Hall. The program fee of $70 must be submitted upon registration.

Travel Basketball participants should register online prior to tryouts, in which they must pay a $5 evaluation fee. The entire program fee of $299 first child, $275 (second child) is not due until after the teams are established. The Recreation Division will collect the Travel Basketball fee per player after teams have been established. The Travel Basketball fee does not allow participation in the Sunday In-Town Program. You must pay the additional fee of that program.

Who are the coaches for the teams?

The In-Town Middle School teams will be coached by volunteer parents whenever possible. High School staff will be used if volunteers are not found.

If you are interested in coaching Travel Basketball, please indicate that when you register your child. Returning coaches are generally given priority for positions. New coaches will be placed as needed after teams are established.

How will the teams be divided up for the In-Town Program?

Teams for the In-Town Program will be divided up by grade level and gender but it will depend on how many participants register to dictate grade distribution.

Reading Youth Basketball Travel Evaluations 2015-2016 Season

GIRLS PROGRAM

Wednesday, October 14th and Thursday, October 15th

LEVEL	TIME	PLACE
6th Grade	5:30PM – 6:15PM	RMHS Field House
7th Grade	6:15PM – 7:00PM	RMHS Field House
8th Grade	7:00PM – 7:45PM	RMHS Field House
Players should arrive 15 minutes prior to evaluation time to check-in.		

BOYS PROGRAM

Tuesday, October 20th and Wednesday, October 21st

LEVEL	TIME	PLACE
6th Grade	5:30PM – 6:15PM	RMHS Field House
7th Grade	6:15PM – 7:00PM	RMHS Field House
8th Grade	7:00PM – 7:45PM	RMHS Field House
Players should arrive 15 minutes prior to evaluation time to check-in.		

***Please Note:** During the Fall season, the Field House acts as an indoor practice facility for all High School teams when weather forces them inside. Evaluations may be moved to another school if weather forces our High School teams indoors. Please check our website at www.readingrec.com for any changes in location on the day of the evaluation. We will also send notification to those that are registered via email.