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The Branford Youth Basketball League (BYBL) Travel Program provides players with an opportunity to compete at a higher level beyond the recreation league. This program is designed for players who are willing and able to commit to the additional demands of competitive basketball, running from November through March.

Coaches

- Volunteer coaches are selected by a committee of BYBL Board members.
- Coaches in good standing are generally recommended to return the following season.
- Once selected, head coaches may choose their own assistant coach to present for Board approval.

Tryouts & Team Selection

- Tryouts are held each October. Players must attend at least one tryout to be considered.
- Teams are announced by the end of October and registration link will be provided for players to commit.
- Recreation participation is mandatory:
 - Travel players must register for the recreation season before teams are announced.
 - Online registration opens in late August at www.branfordbasketball.com.
 - Per BYBL policy, all travel players must fully participate in the recreation program.

Teams & Structure

- Historically, BYBL fields 10 travel teams (grades 4–8, with one boys' and one girls' team per grade).
- Rosters typically have 10–12 players, determined at the head coach's discretion.
- The league offers support grades 6 to 8 within the BHS Basketball Feeder Program.
- Teams usually practice once per week, beginning in early November.
- Additional practice time in preseason is available to each team equally. Often during season practice reverts to once a week, due to game schedule, recreation program and school teams.

Leagues & Season

BYBL travel teams participate in:

- CBC (Connecticut Basketball Conference): ctbball.org
- FCBL (Fairfield County Basketball League): fcbllhoops.org
- MKBL (Milford Knights Basketball League): milfordknights.com

Season Details:

- League play runs from the first weekend in December through mid-February.
- Games are generally on Saturday afternoons, Sundays, and occasionally Fridays (depending on away schedules).
- Travel games do not conflict with recreation program game times.
- Post-season playoff tournaments typically take place late February–early March.
- Additional non-league games, friendlies, and preseason tournaments may also be scheduled (within the season's approved home/away game limits).

Playing Time & Expectations

- The league does **not guarantee set playing time**.
- BYBL takes pride in ensuring that coaches, parents, and players remain in **good standing** by following all leagues' **Code of Conduct**.
- Players who make the team and consistently attend practices will receive **meaningful minutes** throughout the season.
- As this is a **competitive program**, head coaches will outline their approach and expectations regarding:
 - Code of Conduct
 - Playing time
 - Practice commitment
 - Recreation Participation
 - Regular season games & playoffs
 - Tournament participation
 - Overall team expectations



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Coaches will communicate these during the preseason team/parent meeting as they are team specific.

Travel Program Cost

- **\$300 per player.** This covers:
 - All practices and regular season games
 - League costs (CBC, FCBL, MKBL)
 - Post-season tournaments
 - Branford Kinney/Bradley Tournament
 - Uniform package (shorts, jersey, shooting shirt)
 - Annual tournament stipend provided equally to all teams
 - Not included: Additional tournament entry fees (beyond Branford and the annual stipend). These costs are at the team's discretion and will not be included in the players' travel cost.
 - Travel program cost is required to be paid in full prior to seasons first game and to receive uniform
 - **All Travel Players are required to participate in the recreation program.** Exceptions may be reviewed by the Board in cases where 8th grade player is also on a school team which could result in participation across up to three teams during the regular season.
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Important Notes

- The BYBL Board **annually reviews** all travel and recreation policies and may update them as needed
 - Program costs are reviewed each year and may be adjusted based on operational needs and offerings at the board's discretion
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Contact Us

Questions about the Travel Program?

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