



# Tewksbury Girls Basketball League

## Travel Basketball Program Overview

Players who want a more competitive atmosphere may decide to enroll in our travel program. Travel basketball is individually grade based, with all players playing with others only in their current grade (no exceptions). As the name implies, Travel basketball involves half of the games to be played in other member towns of the River Valley Girls Basketball League. This league stretches from southern New Hampshire, through the Middlesex and Essex counties and out to the North Shore. Games are typically played on weekends, with 2 games played in a given weekend being common. Some towns do have mid-week games due to limited gym space, but only a few towns do this.

In addition to the games, the commitment for Travel requires attendance at two 90-minute practices per week. In 4<sup>th</sup> grade and 5<sup>th</sup> grade, play time is important for all players to develop, however for all travel, play time is not guaranteed. Coaches may offer more court time to those working hard and showing commitment to attend all sessions.

Uniforms are \$90, and are purchased for new players, the cost will be added to their registrations. For all other grades, the coach will send an email asking if players need a new pair of shorts or new jersey, or both. Typically, the pricing for only shorts or only shirts is half the cost of the full uniform. Players will be asked for their top and second number choice, but number selections must be assigned by the director to ensure there is no overlap per grade. (*Uniform numbers can not include the digits 6,7,8 or 9*).

Players are encouraged to order Warmups and shooting shirts. Warmup Jackets and Pants, as well as shooting shirts are offered for purchase through TGBL vendor web site that is made available every fall, and delivery typically (though not always) will be in time for Christmas. These warmups usually include free embroidering with the players name and uniform number.

Players should own and bring to practices, a good leather (indoor) basketball.

- For 4<sup>th</sup> grade only, Size 27.5 ball is used.
- For all other grades, size 28.5 is used.

A travel preparation clinic is offered most years at low cost for players to receive instruction on dribbling, shooting, and other skills building needed for travel. Times and locations will be posted before those sessions, which typically happen in the mid-to-late winter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out by email to: [travel@tgbl.org](mailto:travel@tgbl.org)