



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1) Q. How are the teams selected?

A. The boys and girls that are selected for the program are those that the coaches (if determined) and the Board of Directors feel will allow the program to field the most competitive teams. This does not mean that the teams are always composed of the players with the best basketball skills; as you cannot be competitive with all guards and no height.

New tryouts are conducted every year and a player selected the previous season is not guaranteed a roster spot in subsequent seasons.

2) Q. Do the coaches (if determined) have a say in who makes the teams?

A. Yes. The coaches have a significant role in determining who makes the team(s). The Board will only intercede if there is a drastic difference between the Board and the coach's evaluation of a player's ability. It is a difficult task to determine who should make the program. We collectively do the best we can and try to be as fair as possible. It is impossible to be right all of the time, but we feel our process gives us the best chance of being correct.

3) Q. How are the Red (A) and White (B) Teams determined?

A. The Red (A) team's coach submits a list of his desired team and their positions to the Board for approval. The White (B) team's coach does the same after the composition of the Red team is determined.

4) Q. Why is there an A (Red) & B (White) team and not two equal teams?

A. In order to achieve our objective of competing with the best traveling teams in the area, the Board felt going to an A and B team program affords the best chance of achieving this goal. It should be noted that in most years, both teams are very competitive in the traveling circuit and very often our White team is better than several competing program's A team.

5) Q. What type of time commitment is required?

A. Beginning in early October and running until late February or early March, 3rd through 6th grade teams will practice on average twice a week and 7th & 8th grade teams will practice on average 1.5 times per week. Practice times and location will vary depending upon gym availability. The majority of the teams will practice out of Supreme Courts (the home of the Rockets) in Aurora, Illinois. Each boy's team (4th-8th) will play between 45 and 50 games depending on how well they do in tournaments. The 3rd

grade boys and 4th grade girl's program will play between 30 and 35 games. During football and soccer's fall seasons, we would expect those sport's activities to prevail when in conflict with basketball. During the basketball season (after the football and soccer season), we expect basketball activities to take precedent. Players are expected to only play for the Rockets program and not to play for another traveling program at the same time. **Players can play for their junior high school team and the Rockets program at the same time.** Most of the tournaments and away games are in the immediate Chicagoland area (within one hour of Naperville).

6) Q. How much does the program cost and what is included?

A. For the 4th through the 8th grade boys and 5th through 8th grade girls, the participation fee is \$995.00. The participation fee for 3rd grade boys and the 4th grade girls program is \$895.00. Included in this fee is: practice and game facilities, referee costs for home games, tournament fees, team picture, t-shirt and participation plaque. Team uniforms will be additional and are estimated at \$85-\$120. A \$500 non-refundable deposit and the full uniform payment will be due upon making the team/program (week of August 19th) with the balance due on or before November 1st. Payment plans are available upon request. For out of town tournaments, parents will be responsible for the cost of transportation, lodging and food.

7) Q. How many players are selected for each team?

A. Teams are composed of a minimum of 8 players to a maximum of 10 players. The following are our general guidelines by grade:

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>TARGET # OF PLAYERS</u>
3 rd	10
4 th	10
5 th	10
6 th	9
7 th	8
8 th	8

The Board of Directors reserves the right to vary the number of players on a particular team based on individual circumstances.