



TENAFLY YOUTH BASKETBALL

Dear Tenafly Youth Basketball Players and Parents,

Welcome to the 2009-2010 Tenafly Youth Basketball season! We look forward to another fun and exciting session. Each year, we strive to improve the experience for all of the participants, the players, parents and coaches, and this year is no exception. Last season, over 550 children played on 60 teams, with approximately 110 of the players participating on the 10 travel teams.

Once again, we will offer a structured in-town ("Rec") league with the following divisions:

Junior Boys Junior Girls (3rd and 4th grade)

Inter Boys Inter Girls (5th and 6th grade)

Senior Boys Senior Girls (7th and 8th grade)

The deadline for registration for our in-town league was October 14, 2009. We will be conducting evaluations in early November for rec and travel basketball. To streamline all of the children through the evenings, we ask that you come to the evaluations/tryouts already registered. Walk-ins will be subject to a wait AND must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Our website is always updated where you can check periodically for in-town and travel schedules, travel team results and the schedules for evaluations and travel team tryouts. Schedule changes sometimes occur, so please check the website to confirm your time. Our website is www.tenaflyyouthbasketball.org or you can contact us at info@tenaflyyouthbasketball.org.

The objective of the evaluation process is to achieve competitive balance amongst our in-town teams. This is of paramount importance to TYB and we review our methods annually in order to achieve this goal. Each division will have distinct evaluation sessions, in which players will be asked to perform a few basic drills in order to assess that player's mastery of basketball fundamentals. Division directors will then utilize this information, along with evaluations from the prior season, to help assemble as balanced a division as possible.

The tentative dates and times for each division's evaluations are listed on our website and are indicated below. Due to limited gym time, there are no alternate dates. Please arrive promptly at the time indicated in order to enable the process to proceed efficiently. **For TRAVEL** An orientation meeting with parents will be held outside the gymnasium during each session. We will also display the various sizes of the travel optional merchandise so you can order your child the correct sizes. We will take the optional merchandise orders after travel teams are established.

***PLEASE NOTE: Boys and girls in grades 3 through 6 who try out for a travel team SHOULD NOT attend the Rec league evaluation; their evaluations from the travel tryouts will suffice. However, all 7th and 8th graders MUST attend the Rec league evaluation, whether or not they try out for a travel team. The 7th and 8th grade travel teams are under the direction of Tenafly Recreation not TYB, and they will hold a separate tryout for those teams.**

REC LEAGUE EVALUATIONS: TENAFLY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, November 9th

6:00pm-7:30pm Junior Boys (3rd and 4th grade)

7:00pm-8:30pm Inter Boys (5th and 6th grade)

Wednesday, November 11th

6:00 pm-7:30 pm Junior Girls (3rd and 4th grade)

7:00 pm-8:30 pm Inter Girls (5th and 6th grade)

Thursday, November 12th

6:00 pm-7:00 pm Senior Girls (7th and 8th grade)

7:00 pm-8:00 pm Senior Boys (7th and 8th grade)

To be announced

Rec League Coaches meeting

7:00 pm Tenafly Middle School Cafeteria

TRAVEL TEAM TRYOUTS

For children desiring a more competitive basketball experience, we participate, along with other towns in Bergen County, in boys and girls travel basketball leagues. In order to be considered for a travel team, players must attend one of the sessions indicated below. Although there is a make-up or "call back" night scheduled, it is strongly advised that players attend the primary tryout session scheduled for their team; this provides the best means for evaluation and comparison of players. Players will be evaluated in an objective manner, utilizing numbers rather than names to identify each participant.

The results of the tryouts, as well as coach selection, will be posted on our website, by *player number*, on **Sunday, November 22nd**. Seventh and 8th Graders interested in travel basketball should contact the Tenafly Recreation Department.

TRAVEL TRYOUT SCHEDULE: TENAFLY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Tuesday, November 10th

6:00-7:30 pm 3rd Grade Girls

6:00-7:30 pm 4th Grade Girls

7:00-8:30 pm 5th Grade Girls

7:30-9:00pm 6th Grade Girls

Tuesday, November 17th

6:00-7:30 pm 3rd Grade Boys

6:30-8:00 pm 4th Grade Boys

7:30-9:00 pm 5th Grade Boys

Wednesday, November 18th

6:00-7:00 pm 3rd Grade Girls CALL BACKS
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7:00-9:00 pm 6th Grade Boys (Tryouts)

Thursday, November 19th

6:00-8:00 pm Call Backs

In addition, during the winter, we will offer a basketball clinic for our future players, the first and second grade boys and girls. Please check our website, www.tenaflyyouthbasketball.org, periodically for clinic registration or contact us at info@tenaflyyouthbasketball.org.
On behalf of Tenafly Youth Basketball we thank you for your cooperation and look forward to a great season.

Sincerely,

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