

Big Lake Youth Basketball Association Traveling Team Formation Policy

1.0 Purpose

This policy establishes the guidelines for the formation of the Big Lake Youth Basketball Association (BLYBA) traveling team rosters for grades 4 through 8.

2.0 Revision History

Revision	Description	Affected Section	Date
A	Release	All pages	08/27/11

3.0 Policy

It is the policy of the BLYBA to create the appropriate number of traveling teams based on the number of participants for grades 4 through 8. The participants will be placed on a team based on their basketball skills.

- 3.1 Only participants that reside or attend school in the Big Lake Independent School District are eligible to play on a traveling team.
 - 3.1.1 Players from another school district may apply to play on a BLYBA traveling team. However, the player must follow the guidelines set by the Minnesota Youth Athletic Services (MYAS) to be eligible. The Board of Directors has the final decision on whether the player will be allowed to participate.
- 3.2 Participants can play on a team one grade level up from their current grade. The Board of Directors will review requests to play up a grade level on a case by case basis.
- 3.3 Participants cannot play on more than one BLYBA traveling team simultaneously.
- 3.4 The teams in grades 4 through 8 will be separated by ability (top players on the first team, next ability players on the second team, etc.).
 - 3.4.1 If there are more than 3 teams at a grade level, only the first two teams will be separated by ability. The remaining teams will be created as equal ability teams.
- 3.5 An evaluation process will be used during the fall/winter basketball season (October through March) to rate each player's skill level and to determine team selection.
 - 3.5.1 The number of registered participants in a grade will determine if the evaluation process is required. The Board of Directors has the final decision on whether an evaluation is required for a grade level.

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- 3.6 If there are more than 2 teams for a grade level, players in grades 4 through 8 that **do not** participate in either evaluation **cannot** be selected for the first or second team (unless a valid medical reason precluded such participation). Other than valid medical reasons or a death in the family, no other exceptions will be recognized.
- 3.6.1 If a valid medical reason (signed by Doctor) prevented a player from participating in either of the evaluation dates, the coach must obtain permission from the Board of Directors before such player can be placed on the team. Permission will not be granted unless the request is accompanied by a written explanation for the proposed selection which contains the reasonable and valid reasons why the player should be allowed to join the team. The Board of Directors may or may not approve the request.
- 3.7 If there are more than 2 teams for a grade level, players in grades 4 through 8 that participate in just one of their evaluation sessions can only be selected to the first or second team as a coach's choice. To qualify as a coach's choice, the player's evaluation score must be in the top 15 scores to be a coach's choice for the first team; and in the top 25 scores to be a coach's choice for the second team.
- 3.7.1 Coaches are allowed to pick 40% of the roster (for a 10 player team that equals 4 choices; for an 8 or 9 player team that equals 3 choices, etc.).
- 3.8 All teams are final once they are posted. Team rosters will be posted on the BLYBA website.
- 3.8.1 If a player wishes to change teams (drop down), a written request must be submitted to the Board of Directors before either team has played their first tournament. The Board of Directors may or may not approve the request.
- 3.9 For grades 4 through 8, if siblings of the same grade and gender are evaluating, the players will be placed on the teams that best match their skill level. This means they may be placed on two different teams.
- 3.9.1 Parents can request to have the player from the higher team move to the lower team so both siblings can play on the same team.
- 3.10 The Board of Directors will determine the number of teams per grade and the number of players per team. The Board of Directors may request input from the coaches when making these decisions.
- 3.10.1 The number of teams per grade and the number of players per team will be communicated to the parents/participants before the end of the second evaluation.
- 3.11 When the number of participants allow, the Board of Directors will try to place ten (10) players on both the first and second teams for each grade.
- 3.12 During the spring/summer basketball season, (April through September), grades 4 through 8 Boys and Girls traveling teams will be selected by the head coach and an evaluation is not required.

4.0 Definitions

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4.1 None

5.0 Supporting Policies, Procedures, Forms

5.1 MYAS Guidelines for players participating on a traveling team outside their own Association.