



**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION
TRAVEL BASKETBALL FAQ
2022 – 2023 SEASON**

Inter-County Basketball Association (ICBA) Program Overview (*Travel Basketball*)

- Mandatory Tryout Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2022
(*Time assignments will be emailed the week prior to tryout-outs*)
- League Dates: Friday, December 16 – Friday, December 23, holiday break, resume Tuesday, January 3 – February 19. Playoffs through March 19
- Ages 8 - 13 (age as of Aug 1)
- Location: Various Springfield School District Gymnasiums
- Fee: \$210 Resident Only
- Registration Deadline: Monday, October 3 at 11:59 pm
- All players must try out. Players must pre-register, no night of walk-in players will be admitted. Rosters are limited to a maximum of 10 players per age group.

This is a competitive league. Tryouts are required to participate. Not all those who attend tryouts will make the team. ** Schedule will vary based on time and location. If you are interested in coaching, you must contact Parks & Rec. Each team is required to have a Head Coach AND an Assistant Coach.

Q: Is Travel Basketball right for my child?

A: Travel Basketball is for competitive and experienced players. If your child is a beginner, it is recommended they try Recreation Basketball instead.

Q: Is Travel Basketball the only basketball option in Springfield Township?

A: No! Travel Basketball is for competitive play. The Township also offers Recreation Basketball which focuses on skill development in a fun, relaxed atmosphere.

Q: How many players are on a Travel Basketball roster?

A: A maximum of 10 players are on each roster.

Q: Will my child be able to register if a team has less than 10 players per roster?

A: Yes. Each roster will have ten spaces. Teams with less than ten players at the time of try-outs will accept additional players until the roster reaches ten players on a rolling basis. Players may be added (*up to 10 players*) until jersey orders are placed by Township staff.

Q: How many teams will Springfield Township enter in the Inter-County Basketball Association (ICBA)?

A: Springfield will roster ONE team per age group (boys and girls). Springfield will have a boys and girls team in the following grades/ages: 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and, 8th.

Q: How do I know which grade or age group my child will play in?

A: August 1st, shall be the determining date for the age of the basketball players. Eligibility to participate is based first on the age determining date.

Example: 8 and Under/3rd grade - born on or after - August 1st and in the 3rd grade.

Q: What if my child cannot make try-outs?

A: Try-outs are mandatory to secure a place on the roster when more than ten players are registered for an age group. Although it is unfortunate, some players will miss try-outs due to COVID, illness, soccer practice, scheduling conflicts, etc. Teams with less than ten players at the time of try-outs will accept additional players until the roster reaches ten players. Players may be added to the roster up until jersey orders are placed by Township staff.

Q: When will I know what team my child is on?

A: Parents and guardians will receive an email with team assignments no later than one week prior to the first meeting date. Should a player not make a team, they will be invited to play Recreation Basketball. The Rec program will begin in the late-fall / early-winter season. All players who sign up for Rec make a team, there are no cuts.

Q: Can I request specific practice and game times?

A: No. Practice and games are assigned based on gym availability. We cannot guarantee when your child will have practices or games. If you know your child is already committed to another activity on a specific night, maybe Travel Basketball is not the correct program to register for. Players are expected to make Travel Basketball the priority.

Q: My child plays in CYO and has a scheduling conflict, can I please request a specific try-out and practice time?

A: No. Travel is a priority due to the competitive nature. If a player cannot make try-outs or practice, they will not be eligible to play.

Q: Several of my players have an extra-curricular schedule conflict, can my game be rescheduled?

A: No. Travel is a priority. Games will not be rescheduled to accommodate extra-curricular activities.

Q: How can residents and non-residents register for Parks and Recreation sports leagues?

A: Currently registrations are accepted online via RecDesk. Please visit our website at <https://springfieldmontco.recdesk.com/Community/Home>. You will need to set up an account and then can browse our programs to register. Payment must be made at the time of registration in order for the registration to be complete. For specific questions, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 215-836-7600, Monday through Fridays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Springfield travel teams play in the Inter-County Basketball Association (ICBA) which has residency restrictions. Specific residency details can be found here: <https://icbabasketball.demosphere-secure.com/icba-rules>

Q: What is included with the price of registration?

A: The Springfield Township Travel Basketball League consists of competitive basketball with instruction from volunteer coaches. The program will include team try-outs, practices, and games. Each child will receive a game jersey and shorts.

Q: When and where will practice and games be held?

A: Players will practice on various days of the week in one of the Springfield School Gymnasiums.

Q: What size is the court?

A: Players will practice on both half court and full court. Games are played on full court.

Q: Can my child request to play with a friend or specific coach?

A: No. Players will try-out for the team selected during registration. A coach will be assigned after try-outs.

Q: What should my child bring to practice and games?

A: Players are instructed to wear sneakers, and bring water to every practice and game. Balls and jerseys will be provided.

Q: How do I sign up as a volunteer coach? Do I need clearances?

A: All head coaches and assistant coaches can indicate their interest in volunteering during the registration process. All volunteers are required by the state of Pennsylvania to acquire a Child Abuse Clearance and Criminal History Clearance. These clearances are free and valid for 5 years.

PA Child Abuse Clearance: www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS

This clearance is free for volunteers to complete and will be valid for 5 years. Allow ½ hour to complete. The PA Child Abuse Clearance will ask for a Keystone ID. This is a username YOU create.

PA State Criminal History Clearance: <https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>

This clearance is free for volunteers to complete and will be valid for 5 years.