

SAYBA TRAVEL Information

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Fees for 2011-2012 are:

- 4th Grade \$150
- 5th Grade \$175
- 6th Grade \$185
- 7th Grade \$195
- 8th Grade \$205

- Fees due June 1, 2011.
- All players who participated in the SAYBA Travel Program in the previous year will be assessed a late fee of \$25 if not postmarked by the deadline.
- Checks may be post-dated to September 1, 2011.
- Family maximum of \$300—all registrations must be returned together.
- Scholarships available for participants who demonstrate financial need.
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Any players registering after September 17 are not guaranteed to be placed on a team. Teams with 10 players on it will be considered “full” and additional players will not be added after September 17.

Included in Fees:

Uniforms:

- 4th grade fee includes a jersey and shorts and also registration for the inhouse program. **4th graders will return uniforms at the end of the season to be used by next year's 4th grade players.**
- Players receive new uniforms in 5th and 7th grades.

Tournament registrations at each level:

- 4 tournaments at 4th grade
- 5 tournaments at 5th grade
- 6 tournaments at 6th grade
- 7 tournaments at 7th grade
- 8 tournaments at 8th grade.
 - If teams choose to participate in additional tournaments, the players and parents are responsible for the tournament fee.

TRAVEL SEASON

The season consists of practices and tournaments. The season is determined by the coaches and parents depending on when the first and last tournaments are scheduled. Generally the seasons begin the last half of October and may run until March. There are normally two, one to two hour, practices per week based on coaches discretion and gym availability.

TEAM INFORMATION

- At 7th and 8th grade will go through evaluations to create skill-based teams. Teams at 7th and 8th grade will be limited to 10 players. Players will have a

minimum of 8 players. Players may be cut at this level. (For example, if 23 players attend try outs, 3 players will be cut thereby forming 2 teams of 10 players. If 27 players attend tryouts, three ability grouped teams of 9 players will be formed.) Players who are not registered, paid and at tryouts (doctor's note required if missing tryouts) will not be placed on a team.

- Coaches of teams at grades 4,5, and 6 with more than 10 players (all were registered prior to September 17) will meet with the SAYBA board to develop a plan for the grade level for the season. Ideas might include, but are not limited to, registering for additional tournaments (teams will be allowed one additional tournament for each player over 10 with no limit to the number of tournaments in the 2011-12 season), taking limited players to each tournament, and other ideas as agreed upon by the board and coaches.

- At all grade levels, the minimum number of players per team will be 8.

TEAM COMPOSITION

- Grade 4
 - If the number of players is more than the number that would make up one team, all 4th grade players are evaluated by a group of evaluators and divided into multiple teams with a goal of having equal teams. These teams will remain together through sixth grade.
- Grades 5 and 6
 - Teams formed in 4th grade will remain through 5th and 6th grade. Any changes in teams due to players entering or leaving the program throughout these years will be assigned according to the number of kids making up each team and/or the skill level of multiple players entering or leaving the program. All such player placement will be made by the SAYBA Board with coach input. If a significant number of players is added or drops, an evaluation may be held to redivide teams.
- 7th and 8th Grade
 - The 7th and 8th grade SAYBA programs are designed to align participants with others of similar skill level and to allow those players to compete at a level that is commensurate with the skill set of the team. As such, player evaluations will be held for 7th and 8th grade teams in the fall of every year. The evaluations sessions are designed to assess the skill level of each individual in a controlled environment and within the criteria as set out below. **NOTE: Evaluations are entirely dependent upon enrollment levels-minimum requirements typically are in the range of 16 total players forming two teams of 8.** Coaches and the Board can decide on a grade level and gender basis whether or not to go through the evaluation process due to enrollment shortages.

7th and 8th Grade Player Evaluation Process:

If there are enough players to form multiple teams based on skill level a player evaluation will be held.

- All players who have signed up will be informed of the time, date, and location which the evaluation will be held. These evaluations are generally held on a weekend in late September or early October.
- All players in 7th and 8th grade who attend an evaluation session will not be eligible for a refund of player fees.
- All players are expected to be at the evaluation. Any players not attending the evaluation are most likely not placed on the top skill level team. The SAYBA Board will make any final decisions in this case.
- Players not able to attend evaluations due to injuries shall provide a doctor's note. These players will be placed on a team by the board. Methods of doing this may include using previous coach evaluations, gathering information on player's skills, having the player demonstrate skills, or other factors as determined appropriate for the situation by the board.
- Evaluators from outside the SAYBA organization will observe the players as they participate in drills and a scrimmage and take notes on individual players skill level. The evaluators only know the players by a number which was assigned to each participant, meaning the evaluators are "blind" to the players name. The preferred evaluators are those associated with the Sartell Basketball programs.
- The players will be run through a series of drills and scrimmages by members of the SAYBA organization. Skills to be assessed include shooting, ball handling, rebounding and general game awareness. The evaluation process will consist of both drills and scrimmaging.
- The evaluation will be closed to parents and coaches.
- The written evaluations completed by the players' previous year's coach will be available to the evaluators to provide input as needed to validate what is being seen at the live evaluation.
- Once the evaluation session has ended, the evaluators will rank the players so that they can be divided up into multiple teams.
- Using these rankings the evaluators and the SAYBA President (or his/her representative if there is a potential conflict of interest) create teams. For those players which the evaluation process could not clearly define which team they should be on ("bubble players") then the SAYBA Player Evaluation rankings completed by the previous year's coaches will be used more extensively.
- Once the proposed teams are created they are presented to the SAYBA Board for approval. The Board should review each step during this team creation process to make sure that the process was done fairly and each player was treated equally.
- Results of the evaluation will be shared with the players on each team by their coaches or the SAYBA President.
- Players who are not registered and paid by the evaluation night will not be placed on a team.