

FAQs

What is Melrose Travel Basketball?

Melrose Travel Basketball (MTB) is a volunteer organization that will be replacing Middle School Basketball, formerly run by the Melrose Rec Dept. In-Town basketball will continue to be run by the Rec Dept.

Who can participate?

MTB is for players in grades 5-8 as of September 1 of the school year. Players must be Melrose residents or attend Melrose Public Schools to participate.

How many teams will there be?

MTB will typically field two boys teams and two girls teams per grade (red team/white team), so long as the number of players registered for tryouts allows for the formation of two teams per grade and gender.

How many players are on each team?

Each team will have no less than 9 players per team and no more than 12.

How long is the season?

The season starts the first full week in November with practices 2 nights a week. Away games will be on most Saturdays and home games on most Sundays from December thru the middle of March.

What league do the teams play in?

MTB currently participates in two leagues: The [River Valley League](#) for the girls teams and the [Cape Ann League](#) for the boys side of the program. Click the links to view the participating towns for each league.

Are there tryouts?

Yes, tryouts are held in September/October. Players must register to attend.

What if my child can't make tryouts?

We ask that you make the tryouts a priority in order to be placed on a team. If your player can't try out due to a medical issue, a doctor's note stating the reason will be required.

How are teams formed?

Players are assessed during tryouts by independent evaluators unaffiliated with MTB and will be placed on a team. Note that not all players that try out will make a team.

How are uniforms handled?

MTB will provide a link to order a team uniform, for which families are responsible for the cost. All players are expected to wear only approved uniforms and apparel during games and pregame warmups. Individual coaches will coordinate the assignment of jersey numbers

Why is travel basketball only available starting in 5th grade?

While it would be great to start travel basketball at a younger age, we do not have the gym space needed to add any additional teams at this time.

How do I register my child?

Once your child is placed on a team, you will register and submit payment by the designated due date. Players who do not get selected to participate on a travel team are encouraged to participate in the Melrose Recreation Basketball program.