

Tournament Team FAQs -

Listed below are some of the commonly asked questions about the GVBL Tournament Teams:

1. Do I need to play in the GVBL league to participate in the GVBL Tournament Team program?

* YES. GVBL Tournament Team members must have been registered as a player in the current GVBL year.

2. Can a player play in multiple age divisions or 'play-up' a grade?

* No. Players will play within their age and grade level.

3. Where will games and practices be held and how many times per week?

* Tournament games will typically be played in local or regional facilities including schools and community centers based on scheduling by the Tournament host. If participating in the ICBA League, games will include a mix of home (typically at GVSD) and away games. Practices will generally be held at GVBL or in a GVSD facility. Practice will be at least once per week and may be more frequent during the peak of the Tournament season. Tournaments are typically weekend events however some Tournaments include a mix of weeknight and weekend games.

4. What is the financial commitment?

* The initial fee is typically \$300 which covers uniforms, practice time, equipment such as game balls and first aid, as well as entry fees for participation in 4 Tournaments. Additional Tournaments or League fees will be on a "pay as you go" basis with costs based on registration fees and player participation. Costs may range from \$300-500 for Tournaments depending on the number of Tournaments played and League play.

5. Are Tournament Team coaches paid?

* No. GVBL Tournament Team coaches are not paid. Some of the GVBL Tournament Teams do hire and pay a professional coach for specific skill development. These are discussed with parents in advance and provide players with a unique opportunity to improve their basketball skills.

6. Can I get a refund if my son cannot attend practice?

* No. The costs for practice are shared equally across all players selected for the team. These costs are included in the up-front fee and are not refundable.

7. Is playing time equal for all players?

* No. It is important that parents and players understand that while coaches will work to develop all players in practices/games, playing time in games may not be equal for all players. Playing time will vary based on game situations and other factors such as player's skills, abilities and attitudes. The amount of playing time during games is within the sole discretion of the coaching staff of the team.

8. What is the Tournament Team season?

* The typical Tournament Team season is at peak during the winter basketball season through late spring. Tournaments are highly concentrated in late February, March and April and start to trail off as summer approaches. Tournament participation will vary based on player availability. Each Tournament Team coach will communicate additional summer and fall Tournament options, again based on coach and player availability.

9. How can my child get on the GVBL Tournament Team? Is there a tryout? Who determines what kids make team?

* GVBL is a developmental league with Tournament Teams created from within the league. Coaches evaluate players during season and advise parents on whether child is ready for this level of play through individual invitation. Try-Outs are used, particularly at the 4th grade level, to evaluate players and determine final rosters. Tournament Teams range from 4th-9th grade. Tournament Team rosters are determined by coaches with oversight by the Tournament Team Committee. Teams may consist of 12-18 players depending on the number of players and coaches available at each grade level.

10. What is the time commitment for the Tournament Team?

* Participating on a GVBL Tournament Team is a significant commitment. Competitive basketball requires a commitment of both the player and parents. Please take the time to read the Tournament Team Documentation to be sure you are willing to make the commitment. Because rosters are small, teams are disrupted if players can't make the necessary commitment. Attendance at practice and games is important as is conditioning and skill development at home. Tournaments typically involve travel and consist of multiple games over a weekend with occasional games during the week.

11. What if I have a conflict?

* Coaches understand conflicts will occur, particularly at this age. Communication of conflicts, in advance, is requested so that coaches can ensure there are enough players to participate in games or practice. It's important that the player respects the impact to the team communication of conflicts will avoid team disappointment or forfeit of games.

12. Do I need to demonstrate proof of age?

* Yes. Proof of age, in the form of a government issued Birth Certificate, is required for most Tournaments. Some Tournaments may also require proof of the player's' school grade. Requirements vary by Tournament and will be coordinated by Coaches and team parents.

13. Will there be an "A" and "B" team?

* Typically, there is one program and one team which learns and practices together. Specific tournament rosters may be divided into "A" and "B" teams depending on the level of play anticipated at each Tournament. Team rosters may also be divided into "A" and "B" teams for League play. Regardless of the Tournament or League roster approach, the coaches will work with all players equally on fundamentals and instruction, skills training, offensive and defensive sets and overall team philosophy.