



Tryouts/Team Selection and Playing Time Guidelines

The Sharon Basketball Association (SBA) is an independent, volunteer organization dedicated to the boys and girls of Sharon, Massachusetts and is focused on the development, management, and administration of the Sharon Travel Basketball Program. The SBA advocates for the development and growth of basketball in the Town of Sharon. Through our program and efforts we seek to promote athletic excellence, good sportsmanship and citizenship, respect for others and self, fair play, and a balance between individual achievement and cooperative teamwork, all within the context of competitive basketball.

Towards those ends, the SBA has set the following guidelines regarding tryouts/team selection and playing time for boys/girls in the program:

Tryouts/Team Selection

At least one tryout is mandatory for all players (though exceptions can be made on a case by case basis if a player cannot tryout due to injury, illness, or other valid reason). Attending both tryout sessions is strongly encouraged. All players MUST register for tryouts.

Tryouts are held over a two day period and consist of approximately 3 hours of drills and scrimmaging. Players are evaluated by both 1) head coaches from the previous season and 2) evaluators who are NOT affiliated with the grade trying out. The tryout is usually coordinated and managed by head coaches from the previous season. An SBA board member(s) will normally run tryouts for 4th grade boys/girls.

Players are evaluated on their overall basketball ability including shooting, rebounding, defense, passing, and ball handling. Intangibles such as hustle, leadership, communication, attitude, sportsmanship, and overall understanding of the game will also be considered.

Each team will have between 10 and 13 players; however, team sizes will not be uniform for all teams as roster size depends upon many factors. There is a chance that players will not make a travel team. In such cases, players will be encouraged to play in Sharon's recreational basketball program as well as seek out other opportunities to improve their skills.

Team selections for each grade will be made by a Selection Committee comprised of the previous year's head coaches and the independent evaluators. A member of the SBA's Board of Directors will oversee the team selection process to ensure that evaluators and coaches collaborate appropriately.

UNDER ABSOLUTELY NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE PLAYERS CHOSEN FOR ANY TEAM UNTIL TRYOUTS ARE CONDUCTED AND ALL PLAYERS ARE EVALUATED.

Team selection is based on the following criteria:

- Historical performance on travel teams.
- Formal tryout with evaluations by independent evaluators and head coaches.
- Any other relevant information known about a player that would assist the committee in assessing that player's skill level.

- Any known conflicts that will impede a player's ability to substantially commit to his/her travel team during the course of the season.

Playing Time Guidelines

- Each player will play in both halves of every game.
- Travel basketball is more competitive than Recreational basketball. In Recreational basketball, best efforts are made to ensure that playing time is divided equally amongst all players regardless of skill. Travel basketball inherently includes a greater focus on playing competitively. As such, playing time will generally vary amongst players on a team. However, it is expected that in games that are not close, playing time will be apportioned more evenly.
- A coach can use playing time to emphasize the importance of practice attendance, behavior, following team rules, punctuality, etc.