



TOURNAMENT TEAM SELECTION PROCESS | 2018-2019

Important Dates:

Player Registration Deadline | January 11th

Coach Application Deadline | January 11th

Coach Assignment Announcement | January 14th

Coach Ballots Due | January 18th

Team Selection Announcements | January 24th

Consideration Registration Links

[Grade 5&6 Girls](#)

[Grade 5&6 Boys](#)

[Grade 7&8 Boys](#)

Below is an update on ORYA Basketball's Tournament Team selection process, expectations and basic commitment for this year's tournament season. **Players MUST register as an interested player to be considered for the team.** If you miss the deadline to register as an interested player your child will miss being added to the ballot and will not be considered for a team.

Provided there is player interest and coaches at each level, we anticipate there will be one team for each of the following age groups: Grades 5-6 Boys, Grades 5-6 Girls, and Grades 7-8 Boys.

Tournament Teams Overview

ORYA basketball tournament season is an opportunity for ORYA's most skilled players to continue their development, represent their community and experience competitive tournaments. Players receive additional practices with, and against, the finest recreational level basketball players in the district. Not all players will be selected.

There is an additional registration fee for participating on a tournament team. These costs vary based on a number of different factors, but generally range from \$40-60 for the short tournament season. A \$30 deposit will be required after selections are made and players register to confirm their commitment to the team. The rest of the balance will be due once all expenses are calculated.

Since this is a competitive team playing in tournaments where the objectives are to win games playing time may not be even for all players selected to the team.

ORYA Basketball Tournament Team Rules For Participation

1. In order to participate on a tournament team, a player must play a minimum of 50% or more of the regular season ORYA games at the age level of the tournament team. Individual cases will be considered by ORYA Basketball coordinators where this requirement is not met due to extenuating circumstances (injury, health, etc.)
2. The tournament team coach must be approved by the ORYA Basketball coordinator(s) and ORYA. Prospective coaches must submit a completed application to be considered.
3. Tournament team rosters will consist of 10-12 players unless fewer than 10 players register to be considered.

Qualities of a Tournament Team Player

A tournament team player exhibits the following qualities:

- Exemplifies good sportsmanship and team spirit whether winning or losing
- Demonstrates a high and consistent ability to execute the fundamental skills of the game
- Demonstrates commitment to an intensive schedule of practice and games throughout the entire tournament period
- Often skilled at more than one position

Players selected for a tournament team generally have strong athletic ability for their age, show exemplary effort and desire, have maturity and proper attitude, and have shown a keen sense for strategy during tough or tense game situations. They may be exceptionally strong at one key position or they may be a coach's 'flex' player, who can move between positions easily.

Tournament Team Player Selection Ballot Process

A tournament team roster is selected from the pool of eligible regular season basketball players who register to be part of the tournament team selection process. **ONLY Players that register to be part of the ballot process will be considered for a tournament team roster spot.** If you do not register to be considered, your player will not be part of the ballot system and, therefore, not eligible for the tournament team.

Each regular season head & assistant coach will be asked to submit a private ballot with their top 8 choices of registered tournament team players. Once all ballots are collected and tallied, the top 8 players with the most votes will be selected for the team. Additionally, the head coach for each tournament team will select an additional 2 - 4 players of their discretion. Please note that under no circumstance will any player automatically make a tournament team.

Selecting the tournament teams is a difficult task and some players may not be selected. Some players are better at shooting, others at ball handling and others at defense. Every child may react differently to making or not making a team. [THIS ARTICLE](#) may offer some helpful suggestions on what to do if your child isn't selected for a team.

Schedule and Commitment

Tournament teams are expected to be selected and announced no later than January 24th. Periodic, tournament team-only practices will begin shortly thereafter. Once the regular season ends, the tournament teams may increase their practice frequency depending on coach

& facility availability. Each team will participate in multiple tournaments in the area. Games can be any evening during the week or anytime on a Saturday or Sunday. Most tournaments will run through March and potentially into April.

Tournament Team Coach Selection Process

Tournament team coaches will be selected by the ORYA Basketball Coordinators. Candidates will be evaluated based on a formal application process, past and current performance of the coach during the regular season, and the overall coaching and leadership characteristics exhibited. Each coach is still a VOLUNTEER and will be dedicating an extreme amount of time, above and beyond the regular season, to offer a more competitive environment for players selected.

If you have immediate questions, please contact the ORYA office or ORYA Basketball Coordinators or the ORYA office.

