



HTB Tryout Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide a fair, transparent, and consistent process for evaluating athletes during HTB tryouts. Our goal is to ensure players are placed on teams where they can best develop, compete, and enjoy the game of basketball.

Guiding Principles

1. **Fairness & Objectivity** – Every athlete will be evaluated using the same criteria and process.
Development First – Placement decisions prioritize player growth, not only immediate team success.
2. **Transparency** – Athletes and families will understand how tryouts are conducted and how decisions are made.

Tryout Format

- **Multiple Sessions:** When possible, tryouts will consist of more than one session to allow athletes multiple opportunities to be evaluated.
- **Skill Stations & Game Play:** Athletes will be evaluated in both structured drills and live game play to demonstrate their abilities.
- **Standardized Evaluation Forms:** All evaluators will use a consistent scoring system to assess athletes.

Skills Evaluated

Evaluators will assess players on the following:

- **Fundamentals:** Dribbling, passing, shooting, and finishing.
Defense: On-ball defense, help defense, effort, and positioning.
- **Basketball IQ:** Court awareness, decision-making, and understanding of the game.
- **Athletic Ability:** Speed, agility, quickness, strength, and conditioning.
- **Attitude & Effort:** Work ethic, coachability, and teamwork.

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Evaluators

- **No Self-Evaluation:** Coaches may not evaluate athletes within their own grade level.
- **Cross-Level Evaluations:** Coaches are permitted to evaluate athletes from other grade levels.
- **External Evaluators:** Whenever possible, HTB will use independent evaluators (non-parents and/or non-coaches) to provide additional objectivity.

Selection & Placement

- Evaluation scores and notes will be compiled by the HTB Team Selection Committee.
- Final placement decisions will be made by the committee, using evaluator feedback as the primary basis.
- HTB reserves the right to consider additional factors such as roster balance and team needs.
- Team rosters are subject to change until the first season game of the year. After the first game of the season, rosters are final and any changes requests will need to go through the MVBL or RVBL board for approval first, then to the HTB's Team Selection Committee for approval.

Communication

- Players and families will be informed of team placements within a reasonable time after the final tryout session by either the Girls or Boys Director respectively.
- For those players that are not selected to a team the Girls or Boys Director respectively will reach out via email to inform the parent. The directors will provide additional information on other programs within the area for the player to develop skills and tryout again next year.
- Additionally over the course of the following few weeks from team selection emails being sent out, rosters are subject to change, and players that were not assigned to a team may receive a request to join.
- Feedback may be provided upon request, with the focus on areas for growth and development.

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