



Haverhill Travel Basketball, INC

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Player Eligibility Policy

Purpose

Haverhill Travel Basketball (HTB) strives to provide athletes with a fair, competitive, and developmentally appropriate playing experience. This policy outlines the eligibility requirements for all players participating in HTB programs, including grade level requirements, residency, and exceptions.

1. General Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in HTB programs, players must:

- All players **MUST** be a resident of Haverhill
 - Players in the **girls** division are also eligible if they attend school in Haverhill.
- Register by the stated deadlines and provide accurate information during registration.
- Submit all required forms and fees by the designated due dates.
- Be in good standing with HTB, having no outstanding disciplinary issues or unresolved obligations.

2. Player Grade Level Policy

HTB is committed to ensuring consistency and fairness in team formation. The following grade-level rules apply:

Grade-Level Requirement

- All players must participate at their current school grade level.
- Players are **not permitted to play up into a higher grade level**, regardless of skill or ability.

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Exception for 3rd Grade Players

- 3rd grade players may try out for a 4th grade team if they wish.
- Preference will always be given to current 4th grade players when forming teams.
- If a 3rd grade player is selected for a 4th grade team, they must continue to play at the 4th grade level the following season, regardless of grade advancement.

Approval of Additional Exceptions

- Any exceptions to this policy must be reviewed by the **Team Selection Committee**.
- A recommendation from the committee must be presented to the **HTB Board of Directors** for a vote of the exception.
- Exceptions will only be granted if approved by a **majority vote of the Board of Directors**.

Rationale

This grade-level policy is designed to:

- Promote fairness and consistency in team selection.
- Ensure players develop alongside peers in the same grade level.
- Create balanced competition across all teams and age groups.

3. Academic & Conduct Eligibility

- Players are expected to maintain **satisfactory academic performance** in school. HTB encourages basketball to be a privilege earned by responsible classroom behavior.
- Players must follow the **HTB Player Code of Conduct**. Violations may result in suspension or removal from the program.

4. Commitment Expectations

- Players are expected to attend scheduled practices, games, and tournaments. Excessive unexcused absences may impact playing time or roster status.
- Players may participate in other sports; however, HTB strongly encourages commitment to the travel basketball season to ensure team consistency.

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5. Injuries & Medical Eligibility

- Any player recovering from an injury must provide medical clearance from a licensed healthcare provider before returning to practices or games.
- HTB reserves the right to withhold playing privileges if a player's health and safety are in question.

6. Acknowledgment

By registering with HTB, all players and parents/guardians acknowledge and agree to abide by this **Player Eligibility Policy**.

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