

Dear 4th/5th Grade Parents,

The Great Valley Basketball League (GVBL) sponsors tournament teams for boys and girls starting in 4th grade. The GVBL Tournament Team Program was established to provide a more competitive and stronger level of basketball than our rec program. The commitment to practice is greater and the development of the players is accelerated. The primary objective for the tournament team will be to train and develop the players on a higher level, providing an opportunity for them to excel in a more competitive, yet fun environment.

The 4th and 5th grade tryout schedule for the 2021 - 2022 season is highlighted below:

The Great Valley Middle School:

4th Grade BOYS

Sat, Sept 18th 2:00p-3:00p
Sat Oct 2 9:00a-10:00a

4th Grade GIRLS

Sat, Sept 18th 10:15a-11:15a
Sat Oct 2 10:15a-11:15a

5th Grade BOYS

Sat, Sept 18 11:30a-12:30p
Sat Sept 25 2:00p-3:00p

5th Grade GIRLS

Sat, Sept 18 12:45p-1:45p
Sat Sept 25 11:30a-12:30p

All GVBL tournament team program players must...

- 1) live within the Great Valley School District boundaries**
- 2) practice and play in the GVBL recreational league.**

There is no charge to participate in tryouts and we encourage players to attend BOTH sessions. Contact information will be collected during check-in for tryouts. Players are not allowed to 'play up' a grade level.

Tournament team players are expected to play outside of the traditional basketball season (November - March). Most teams will practice and participate in fall and spring leagues and/or tournaments, along with a winter league. Participation requires a strong commitment from players and parents. Along with this, our tournament team program allows kids to continue playing other sports. We do not ask kids to pick basketball as their only sport.

We have successfully run 20 years of tournament teams that have developed players, broadened friendships and created a lot of great memories. If you and your child are interested in learning more about travel teams, please visit the tournament section of the GVCO website and review our [Policies and Philosophies](#). We ask that you take the time to research and learn more about our tournament teams.

The GVBL tournament program is led and managed by Keith Walsh, GVBL Founder and Tournament Director, Todd Fredrick, Gary Taiariol, Matt McDaniel, Mike Woodard, Len Matty and Mike Chain. If you have any questions in advance of these tryouts, please feel free to contact Todd Fredrick (wtoddfredrick@gmail.com) who will share your question with the committee and provide a response.

Thank you for your interest,
GVBL Tournament Team Committee