

FSK Jr. Eagles Basketball

Travel Policy and Procedures

1. Purpose

To establish a process to fairly evaluate, select and manage travel basketball teams, while also striving to offer an advanced development program. Our travel teams will work in close coordination with Francis Scott Key High School basketball coaches in order to serve as a feeder program.

2. Player Eligibility

- a. *League Eligibility:* We have selected the Mid-Maryland League (MML) for our travel teams. As such, our players must meet all of the eligibility requirements of the MML.
- b. *Geographic Eligibility:* The MML requires that FSK travel players must reside in the Northwest Middle School district. Home schooled and private schooled players are eligible, if their primary residence is within the Northwest Middle School district.
- c. *Age Eligibility:* Tryouts are open to all players in grades 6 through 8, regardless of their birthdate. Players in grade 5 may only tryout with approval and vote from the FSK Jr Eagles Executive Board.
- d. *GPA Eligibility:* Players must maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA), as defined by MML, and produce copies of recent report cards upon demand.

3. Evaluations and Selections

- a. *Selection Committee:* Whenever possible, a 5-person committee shall be established to monitor player evaluations and to determine fair selections. The selection committee shall consist of:
 - FSK High School Coach – preferably the Head Coach of the appropriate High School team (boys or girls); otherwise, a High School assistant may be designated
 - Travel Head Coach – selected and voted upon by the FSK Jr Eagles Board
 - Two (2) FSK Jr Eagles Representatives – these are selected and voted upon by the F91SK Jr Eagles board members

- One (1) FSK Jr Eagles Executive Board Member – this person will serve as a tie breaking vote, in the event of a split vote amongst the other four members
- b. *Conflicts of Interest:* Parents of players being evaluated shall not typically serve as evaluators. Exceptions will be granted for the Head Coach of the travel team, although this person may not vote on their own child (leaving four remaining votes by the other evaluators on the committee).
- c. *Evaluation Model:* Whenever possible, the evaluations will follow the rubric that has been set by the FSK High School programs (boys and girls).
- d. *Closed Evaluations:* Parents will not be allowed to participate or view the evaluations. The gyms will be closed to only the players, evaluators and those running the drills.
- e. *Team Size:* Evaluators shall strive to create teams of 8 to 10 players. Selecting less than 8 or more than 10 requires approval and vote from the FSK Jr Eagles Executive Board.
- f. *Late Additions:* In the event of an exceptional case, the FSK Jr Eagles Executive Board may vote to grant an evaluation under the supervision of the coaching staff.

4. Travel Team Management

- a. *Head Coaches:* The Head Coaches of the travel teams shall be recommended, reviewed and voted upon by the full membership of the FSK Jr Eagles board.
- b. *Assistant Coaches:* The assistant coaches shall be recommended by the Head Coaches. They are still subject to be reviewed and voted upon by the full membership of the FSK Jr Eagles board.
- c. *Background Checks:* All volunteers working with children, whether coaching or performing non-coaching duties, will be subject to a background check through Carroll County Recreation and Parks (CCR&P). This is a standard requirement of CCR&P.
- d. *Coaching Responsibilities:* All communications shall come from the travel Head Coaches, including tryout selections (and cuts), practice schedules, tournament selections and league schedules. Parents are expected to communicate with their Head Coaches. All planning, coordination, game summaries and carrying out of duties are to be the responsibility of the Head and Assistant Coaches – not the parents.
- e. *Complaints:* Wherever possible, all complaints from players and parents shall first be directed to the Coaching Staff no sooner than 24 hours after games. If communicating with the Coaching Staff is uncomfortable or if there is a desire to escalate a disagreement with the Coaching Staff, then complaints should be directed to the FSK Jr Eagles Travel Coordinator.

Revision History

Date	Revision	Changes
July 2022	1.0	Initial revision of the document for review.
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