

Taneytown Area Youth Basketball (TAYB)

Tournament Team Information

Overview: During the 2015-2016 basketball season we will offer competitive tournament teams for our boys and girls at the U12 and U14 levels. The tournament teams will be selected by one or more coaches from each age group. This program is being offered in addition to our recreation (Rec) program and to offer our more advanced players a chance to compete at a higher level.

Evaluations: Players that are interested in playing on a tournament team will be expected to attend an extra try out, which will occur after the Rec evaluations. Coaches will contact the parents after the try outs to let you know if your child has been selected for a tournament team.

Practices: Our tournament teams are expected to have one practice per week, which is in addition to your weekly Rec team practices and games.

Tournaments: Our travel coordinator will help the tournament coaches find approximately three tournaments that meet their skill level. Most tournaments typically offer a minimum of two or three games per team and are held on weekends. Tournaments are expected to be played during the Rec season, over holidays and at the end of the Rec season.

Player Expectations: All TAYB basketball players are expected to participate with one of our Rec teams – this includes players that make a tournament team. Therefore, our tournament players will be expected to participate in their weekly practices and games with their Rec team, plus attend an additional practice each week with their tournament team. Players will not be permitted to only play on a tournament team without also participating with one of our Rec teams. This allows us to keep a strong Rec program for our small town, while also offering additional play time and competition for our more competitive players.

Parent Expectations: If you agree to have your child play on a tournament team, then this is an additional commitment that is above and beyond the expectations of our Rec program. It will require an additional practice per week, plus additional fees for attending competitive tournaments. At the moment, we are expecting the additional fee to be approximately \$100 – this is in addition to your Rec registration fee. Our tournament program is optional and it is up to the parents to decide if they want their children to try out.