

# KENILWORTH PARK DISTRICT

## \*\*\* TRAVEL BASKETBALL TEAM \*\*\*

WE ARE EXCITED TO BEGIN OUR 11<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF TRAVEL BASKETBALL!

THERE ARE 3 BOY'S TRAVEL TEAMS: 4<sup>TH</sup>, 5<sup>TH</sup>, & 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

*(Girls interested in competitive Winter Travel Basketball, contact Wilmette Storm for Tryout Information)*

**TRY-OUTS!! SUNDAY - 9/21 (AT SEARS GYM)**

\*\*\*\*\* Registration Form - See Back Page \*\*\*\*\*

### TIME

4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOY'S TEAM: 1:00PM - 2:30PM

5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOY'S TEAM: 2:30PM - 4:00PM

6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOY'S TEAM: 4:00PM - 5:00PM

### **"MAKE-UP" TRYOUTS:**

*Boys may come at another time 9/21. Please contact Kristin Casas if you have a conflict for Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> tryouts and need to schedule a different time or day.*

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- Final Teams will be announced by Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - Games are typically scheduled on Sunday afternoons from late November through March.
  - Practices will begin in Mid October. Practices for each team will be twice a week, for 1 hour each, Tuesdays and Thursdays between 6:30PM-9:30PM
    - 4<sup>th</sup> grade; 6:30PM, 5<sup>th</sup> grade; 7:30PM, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade; 8:30PM

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Kristin@casasfamily.net

## **KENILWORTH PARK DISTRICT – KENILWORTH TRAVEL BASKETBALL**

We are excited to extend our KBA Park District Basketball experience to include 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys' Travel teams in the North Suburban Basketball League. This team is run under the KBA Park District umbrella and it is for the highly competitive and committed boy basketball players. The Kenilworth Travel Basketball team commitment is consistent with the commitment required for Travel Baseball, Travel Soccer, and Travel Hockey teams. We expect the boys to work hard to develop the skills, discipline, and teamwork necessary to be competitive in this advanced athletic environment. And they should continue to have fun while participating in this travel league.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

The North Suburban Basketball league requires that all participants come from within the community they represent. This avoids any recruiting from neighboring towns. Consistent with this regulation, only students enrolled in Sears School OR who live in the Kenilworth School District are eligible to participate on this team.

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

Each of the KTB teams will select about 10 players based on skill, teamwork, "coachability", and their ability to commit to ***practices and games***. Tryouts will be conducted by objective, experienced, third party evaluators and coaches. Not parent volunteers managing this program. ***Parents will NOT be allowed to stay in the Gym during the evaluations.*** If your son is interested in playing but is **unable to attend his scheduled tryout session, please contact Kristin Casas ASAP to schedule a make-up session.** Evaluations will be conducted with the athletes in a supportive manner. We will focus on fundamental skills such as dribbling, passing, defense, and shooting. Additionally, there will be half court and full court scrimmages in hopes of seeing the athletes play in a competitive team environment. The number of players selected for the travel team will largely depend on the how many players the coach feels will be able to compete at the level of their league. We do not want to put players in a situation where they are frustrated and cannot achieve success.

### **COMMITMENT**

Like other travel sport teams, we will compete at a higher level than the traditional KBA Park District house leagues. **We expect the players to be in attendance at practices and games.** Practice will be two nights per week and games will be on Sunday afternoons (usually a 1-hour time between 12:00PM and 4:00PM). All practices and home games will be at Sears School. The game season will run from late November until mid-March. League games are not scheduled over the holiday weekends of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years. As necessary, we may add optional pre-season Saturday practices.

We anticipate the costs for the season to be \$800. This fee will cover uniforms, league costs, referees, coaching instruction, balls, etc. This fee is consistent to prior years and it is very competitive with other community travel basketball programs. *We do not want finances to be an issue for any family. We have scholarship programs available.* (Please discuss this confidentially with Dave Connelly)

We know that the Travel program is a big commitment. But we do not want the Travel Basketball teams to compromise our successful Park District house league; KBA programs. Boys who make the Travel Team are required to also participate in the KBA league on Saturday's. Travel players will be placed on different Park District house league teams and expected to provide strong basketball leadership to their Park District house league team.

## **EXPECTATIONS AND POTENTIAL ISSUES**

Basketball is a long season that runs from October through March. The team may be together approximately 50 times for practices and games. It is a big commitment on the part of the coaches, the managers, the parents, and the boys. We will have more high moments than low but in the end, our hope is that it will be a great learning experience that we will all remember.

We would like to encourage as many boys as possible to try out. But we also want the boys and the parents to have realistic expectations for what may happen. The boys, whether they make the team or not, will look to their friends and parents for support and acceptance. Let us remind you of some of the things that may happen and will classify as an athletic learning experience:

- **EVERYONE MAY NOT MAKE THE TEAM:** This is the **MOST DIFFICULT** part of a competitive program, if some athletes are cut from a competitive team.
- **EVERYBODY WILL NOT PLAY THE SAME AMOUNT OF GAME TIME AND THE BEST PLAYERS WILL PLAY THE MOST:** This is the **2<sup>ND</sup> MOST DIFFICULT** part of the program. All boys will have game time, but it will not be the same. This is similar to and consistent with travel baseball, soccer, and hockey.
  - Although they try not to, the coaches and managers may make mistakes. Please remember, they are always doing their best and be supportive, respectful, and constructive with any feedback.

Our intention is to always treat each boy with respect, kindness, and leadership. Additionally, we are always open to suggestions, ideas, and help. Please talk to us before a concern becomes a problem. We hope that we can resolve any concerns promptly.

We encourage our players to improve their individual skills, develop their understanding of basketball, and increase their level of teamwork, sportsmanship, and competition. These competitive teams will work together to try to win each game. And we will celebrate their growth, improvement, and teamwork and let the season record fall where it may.

We expect our parents to be supportive of the coaches, responsive to their team managers, encouraging with the boys, and respectful towards each other. This is a great opportunity for our boys to participate in a community based competitive basketball league.

Thank you for your support,

David Connelly  
Commissioner - Kenilworth Travel Basketball  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Team Manager

Kristin Casas  
Co-Commissioner – Kenilworth Travel Basketball  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team Manager

Greg Werd  
4<sup>th</sup> grade Team Manager

**KENILWORTH PARK DISTRICT  
TRAVEL BASKETBALL REGISTRATION FORM  
BOYS – 4<sup>TH</sup>, 5<sup>TH</sup>, & 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
TRY OUTS AT SEARS GYM – SUNDAY, 9/21**

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

*(PLEASE MARK AN X BY YOUR SON'S GRADE BELOW)*

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*“Make Up” session for Missed Tryouts by Appointment – Contact Kristin Casas*

PARENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS THAT WE NEED TO BE AWARE OF:

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***SUBMIT TRYOUT REGISTRATION TO KRISTIN CASAS BY  
SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>***

- FAX TO: 847-256-2974
- OR
- MAIL TO: Kristin Casas 234 Warwick Road – Kenilworth
- OR
- [Kristin@casasfamily.net](mailto:Kristin@casasfamily.net) *(for email; simply provide information requested on this form. You do NOT need to scan the form)*

***WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED***