

# **Fairfield Police Athletic League Travel Basketball**

## **Program Overview**

**Registration and Fees** Registration takes place every year in September (exact dates and fees are published on the PAL web site [www.FairfieldPAL.org](http://www.FairfieldPAL.org).) The participation fees must be paid at the time of registration - although checks are deposited only if and when children are placed on Rosters. The rest of the checks are then destroyed by the PAL.

**Teams & Rosters** Fairfield PAL generally fields the greatest number of travel basketball teams in the state of CT. Through PAL's fundraising and subsidies, we can offer an affordable yet high quality travel basketball experience for boys and girls in grades 5 - 8. We generally field two teams at each grade level, but we do our best to adjust to the pool of talent in each grade. We also build the teams to compete at specific ability levels (A,B,C) within the Fairfield County Basketball League (FCBLHoops.org) where the teams all participate.

**Evaluations** All boys and girls that registered on time in September attend one or more Evaluations in October, where we challenge ourselves to select the boys and girls we believe will succeed playing travel basketball. The players are evaluated by several experienced youth basketball coaches, including high school coaches, college coaches, AAU coaches and others.

**Practices** Our teams generally practice 1.5 times per week, with practices held at a variety of Fairfield public schools.

**Game Schedule** The PAL teams usually play 1-2 games every weekend from November into the first or second week of March. Some teams also play in outside tournaments during and after the winter season. Home games are generally on Sundays and are held at Fairfield Ludlowe High School and Roger Ludlowe Middle School. The Away games can be anywhere in CT - from Greenwich or Ridgefield in the west to Bristol or Madison in the east.

**Commitment** Participating on these PAL travel teams is a large commitment, and teams can only be successful if ALL players attend each and every practice and game throughout the season. We ask that each player and parents discuss the level of commitment involved prior to participating in the Evaluations.

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