



## VILLAGE LIFE BASKETBALL 4TH-6TH GRADE

The Office of Village Life offers basketball opportunities in grades 4-6 for residents of Ottawa Hills. The Office of Village Life promotes the various opportunities, schedules gym time for practices and games and assures that coaches follow all guidelines. Village Life does not control team philosophy or scheduling of games.

The goal is to be able to find a spot for every child who is interested in playing basketball.

**All basketball opportunities require parent volunteers. Please consider volunteering to coach a team in Ottawa Hills.**

In grades 4-6, there are two types of teams: Travel and League. Both Travel and League teams will have a tryout/evaluation process. Every effort will be made to inform parents of upcoming tryouts at least one week prior to the scheduled date. Rec (in-house) basketball is a third category and this type of program can only happen if there is enough player interest and volunteer coach involvement. Because of this, Rec Basketball is not held every year.

In order to secure gym time for practices, each team is required to hold evaluations. No practice time will be assigned to a team that does not go through this process.

**League Basketball** (CAL, Sylvania Rec or any other league)

All players will play for their appropriate grade level/gender team. An exception will only be made if an appropriate team is not an available option, and there is an open spot on another team.

Please note, kids can play on both Travel and League teams. However, all kids interested that are NOT playing Travel ball will be placed on League teams before allowing Travel players to be placed on teams. Our goal is to be able to find a spot for every child who is interested in playing basketball.

In the 5th and 6th grade, League teams are the only teams that are certain to have an opportunity to play in the CAL league. 5th and 6th grade Travel teams are not allowed to play in the CAL league. 4th grade teams may play up in the CAL league, they will play against 5th grade teams.

In years past, Ottawa Hills has often fielded two teams in the CAL league. Sylvania Rec is another option for league teams.

All costs will be determined by the coaches and divided equally amongst the team. The Office of Village Life is not responsible for the costs of the team or the collection of these fees.

## **Travel Basketball**

For Travel teams, coaches can select as many players as they would like, however, open tryouts have to be allowed for that grade. If the number of students trying out exceeds the number of players the coach will place on a team, cuts will be made. Players are permitted to play on no more than one Travel team and one League team. A travel team roster must have at least 50% Ottawa Hills residents in order to secure gym time at Ottawa Hills for practices.

All costs will be determined by the coaches and divided equally amongst the team. The Office of Village Life is not responsible for the costs of the team or the collection of these fees.

## **Rec Basketball**

Rec Basketball will only occur if there are enough players and volunteer coaches to run the program. The format of Rec basketball is weekly practice and competition between teams consisting of Ottawa Hills players.

For additional information on any of these teams or programs, please contact the Office of Village Life.

### **For both Travel and League teams, the following must occur:**

1. Coaches inform Village Life what type of team they are interested in coaching.
2. Publicize the evaluation date and any other pertinent information
3. Draft and distribute an informational email to all included grade levels
4. Hold tryouts/evaluations
5. Inform parents of team placement within 48 hours
- 6. Submit final roster to Village Life**
- 7. Submit \$5 per player insurance fee, payable to Village of Ottawa Hills**
- 8. Submit all coaching requirements (background check, concussion training certificate, Lindsay's Law review) to Village Life**
- 9. Schedule practice times through Village Life (scheduling date TBD)**
10. Submit final roster, insurance payment and all required coaches paperwork to Village Life prior to the scheduling meeting.

**[Please note: #6-8 must be submitted prior to or at the scheduling meeting. Otherwise, no practice time will be scheduled.]**

**Please remember, without parent volunteers, competitive youth basketball cannot exist in the Village.**