



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

### MCAA TRAVEL (GBL)

#### **What is MCAA Travel (GBL)?**

MCAA Travel (GBL) is Mill Creek Athletic Association's travel basketball division of Mill Creek Athletic Association. MCAA Travel (GBL) participates in league games and tournaments under the Gwinnett Basketball League (GBL) where all travel teams from each Gwinnett County cluster participates. MCAA Travel (GBL) is not recreational basketball, and only intended for players to compete at a higher level.

#### **Who can try out for the team?**

Anyone who attends school in the Mill Creek school district (Elementary Schools that feed into Jones Middle School and Osborne Middle School, then into Mill Creek High School) can participate in tryouts. Players must be in the specified grade, unless the player is playing up (permitted to play up one grade). No player can play down below their 2015 fall grade.

#### **What age groups / grades are available for MCAA Travel Basketball?**

MCAA Travel (GBL) hosts 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls teams. Each grade will have 1 team, for a total of 6 teams. GBL consists of only 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade teams.

#### **Who is the coach for each team?**

MCAA Travel (GBL) will announce each team's head coach prior to online registration start. Head Coach information will be available at <http://millcreekaa.wix.com/basketball>

#### **Can my child try out for higher grades (play up)? How can I request this?**

Yes. During the registration, please indicate the current grade level. Once registration is completed, please email one of the board members **prior to tryouts** to let them know that he/she would like to tryout for different grade. Please keep in mind that this is travel basketball and the level of competition is much higher than recreational basketball. More likely than not, the actual grade level of your child is probably the appropriate level to participate.



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**If my child participated in a tryout in a higher grade (playup), and did not make the team, can he/she still try out for the grade level where he/she was supposed to be in?**

No.

**Does everyone get to be on the team?**

No.

MCAA Travel (GBL) is a travel division of MCAA basketball. All players must participate in the tryout process, and only players selected through evaluations get on a team. See more information about the selection process of players on the website.

**What is the cost of MCAA Travel (GBL) per player?**

\$350 per player. This may change once GBL announces 2015-2016 fee schedules.

**Do I need to pay when I register my son/daughter for tryouts?**

No. If player is selected to the team, parents are responsible for payment of fee at that time.

**Does MCAA offer scholarships or discounts for MCAA Travel (GBL)?**

No. Financial aid is not available for the travel basketball division.

**What is included in the registration fee?**

Registration fee includes reversible uniform (jersey and short), shooting shirt, practices, and fees to participate in GBL. Optional items may be at an additional team specific expenses if the team decides to add extra team apparel or accessories such as socks, bags, hoodies, etc.

**How long is the MCAA Travel (GBL) Season?**

Complete calendar is available on our website at [www.quickscores.com/mcaatravelbball](http://www.quickscores.com/mcaatravelbball).

**How many practices and games for MCAA Travel (GBL) Season?**

Practices will begin in September, with 1-2 practices per week on Wednesdays and Sundays to avoid schedule conflicts with other sports. During the course of the season, each team will get roughly around 18-20 practices. The number of games is determined by GBL.



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#### **Are practices and games mandatory?**

Yes. MCAA Travel (GBL) is travel basketball, and all practices and games scheduled for each team are mandatory for all players.

#### **Are "Player play-time rules" applicable to MCAA Travel (GBL)?**

No. The "Player Playing Time Rule" for equal distribution of playing time is only for our recreational league. The Coach will determine each player's playing time, and there is no minimum playing time rule. If a player is absent from practices, he/she may not get to play in a games at all. Playing time is earned through practices and their performance, and determined based on the best interest for overall team performance.

#### **Can I request to be on a team with a specific child?**

No. A players are only allowed to be on team if they are selected from tryouts. There is only one (1) boy's and one (1) girl's team per grade level. Therefore, there is a possibility that your child is selected on a team with that specific child, but this would be by chance only. However, not everyone is guaranteed to be on the team, so no requests can be granted.

#### **Can I request carpool?**

No. Each parent is responsible for their child's attendance to and from practices and games. There is a possibility that players may live nearby and can carpool together; however, this will not be known until player selection is completed. Therefore, MCAA Travel (GBL) will not honor any carpool requests.

#### **Where will games/practices be held?**

Practices will be held at Mill Creek Cluster schools.

Games are scheduled by the GBL, and can be held at any Middle or High School within Gwinnett County or at Suwanee Sports Academy. There are no guarantees that your child will practice or play games at any specific location. In the past, most GBL games were held at Suwanee Sports Academy.

#### **How late will practices/games be?**

Practices are 1.5 hours during the weekday and occasionally 2 hours during the weekend. Practices during the week can begin from 6PM and will end by 9PM. Practices on Sunday will be from 1PM or later, and will end by 5 or 6PM. Weekday and/or weekend games will end no later than 9PM.



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#### **What uniforms will the players wear?**

MCAA Basketball is part of the Mill Creek Hawks community. We are all Hawks in this association. We will wear the colors of our Mill Creek Hawks. Additionally, in an effort to keep your cost as low as possible, uniforms will be a reversible jersey and short pant.

#### **How are players selected?**

Players will be selected to a team in an effort to assemble the most competitive team. Not all players that attend tryout will make the team, due to position requirements. Most of the team will need to carry at least 1 or 2 players per each position. Some players may not make the team, due to position requirements. For example, if your child is the 3<sup>rd</sup> best point guard at tryouts, he/she may not make the team due to the position requirements of filling a team with point guards, shooting guards, small forwards, power forwards, and centers.