**USCAA Travel Basketball**

**Guidelines and General Information**

**2023-2024**

1. The Upper St. Clair Athletic Association (the “USCAA”) intends to coordinate two travel teams for each of the following grade levels: 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th this year with the players to be selected at tryouts coordinated by the Commissioner and the Assistant Commissioners.

If there is not enough participation or available gym time at a specific grade level, the Commissioner and the Assistant Commissioners may decide to only coordinate one team.

The USCAA may coordinate a travel team for the 3rd grade this year if there is enough interest with the players to be selected at a tryout coordinated by the Commissioner and the Assistant Commissioners and there exists a coach who meets the criteria of a travel basketball coach set forth in the USCAA Boys Basketball Rules and Regulations and that an appropriately competitive avenue for competition exists.

1. The travel teams will participate in various Leagues throughout the South Hills Area.
2. One team for each of the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades will be selected to participate in the highest classification (A) and will consist of the top players at the tryouts as selected by the evaluators for each grade.
3. The other team at the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade levels, if formed, will participate in the second highest classification (B).
4. With respect to 4th grade, if there are enough participants, we will select two teams with the intent that the talent level will be divided as equally as possible. Both 4th grade teams will be placed in an appropriate division.
5. With respect to 3rd grade, if a team is formed, it will be placed in an appropriate division.
6. The Commissioners reserve the right to add additional teams at each grade level if, in their opinion, there is an appropriate place for them to find competition based on their skill level.
7. We believe that it is of utmost importance that conflicts of interest do not exist, therefore, tryouts will be evaluated by independent individuals without children in that particular age group.
8. Tryouts will be coordinated by the Commissioner and the Assistant Commissioner.
9. Coaches for the traveling team will be selected by the Commissioner and the Assistant Commissioners after the tryouts are completed.

1. Upon completion of the tryouts for each grade, the Commissioners will email to the tryout participants the list of the players who make the team(s) for each grade level.
2. No traveling team rosters will be changed after the teams are determined; therefore, if a parent of a child in 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grades would prefer that their child play on a Division II team as opposed to a Division I team (assuming that the child is selected), please inform the Commissioner or an Assistant Commissioner prior to the tryouts.
3. In that it is already a stressful situation for each of the kids, it is suggested that parents consider whether being in the gym for the tryout will add an additional level of stress for the child. If you feel that you need to be present for the tryout, you may do so.
4. All USC Travel Teams will participate in the annual USCAA Basketball Tournament. If your child is on one of those teams, you will be required to assist in the planning and/or execution of the tournament.
5. **All 3rd through 6th grade travel players must be enrolled and must actively and regularly participate in the recreation program.** If travel players are enrolled in any other recreation program or team sport during the travel basketball season, the USCAA recreation program must take complete priority over the other recreation program or other team sport. **If travel players do not actively participate in the USCAA recreation basketball program, they will not be permitted to participate on the USCAA travel basketball team.**
6. All travel players will be required to pay a fee which will include a new uniform for each player that they will keep at the end of the season
7. No travel players are permitted to be registered on another travel team for any other school or district.
8. **If a player is participating on an AAU team in basketball or another sport, the USCAA travel program is to take complete priority over the player’s commitment to such AAU team. Consistent unexcused absences from practices and/or games may result in the suspension of playing privileges during the season.**
9. **The travel season encompasses late November through early March and requires a substantial time commitment from each player which will be enforced. If a player is not able to make playing travel basketball a priority because of other commitments during such time period, the player should not try out in order to allow other players the opportunity to participate.**
10. **Mandatory participation during the USC Basketball Tournament and the SHBL Playoffs is expected of each child.** **Missing any of these games can result in game suspensions the following season.**
11. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. We look forward to another successful basketball season.