

REGION ONE RECREATIONAL AND TRAVEL BASKETBALL

This is an overview of the basketball programs in Region One that all of six towns participate in. These programs are available to all youths who live in one of the six towns that make up our school district. We would hope that it both clarifies and informs players and parents of the options available thereby making our administration of these programs cooperatively inclusive to all who are interested.

The distinction between "Travel" and "Recreational" programs is merely found in the level of competition in the various leagues. The leagues virtually play the same towns with very similar schedules. Teams travel to all away games. The "travel" teams are regional teams, rostered through a tryout experience if needed, while the "recreational" teams are town based teams which may be co-opted if need be to have a fully rostered teams. The "travel teams" are administered through the HOUSY HOOPS program and the "recreational" teams are administered through each town's recreational department. When co-opting teams we, the Recreational Directors in each town, will look to join town teams in the most logical way.

HOUSY HOOPS TRAVEL PROGRAM

Royals Basketball Team – this team is available to all girls in 7th and 8th grades. Recently, they have practiced in Cornwall once per week and play games on the weekend. The home games are played at Housatonic HS on Sundays. The season starts in early Dec., often there is a Thanksgiving weekend tournament, and ends with a league tournament in early March. The registration fee for this program is \$100.

Housy Hoops Rt.44 League – this is a league for boys in 7th/8th and 5th/6th grades. If need be there are open tryouts for this team. Any youth not rostered after a tryout would then participate on their town's recreational team. The 5th/6th grade team has most recently practiced in Sharon and played their league games in Sharon and Lakeville. The 7th/8th grade team has most recently practiced at Hotchkiss and Housatonic HS with home games played at Housatonic HS on Sundays. The registration fee for these teams are \$50.

Youths interested in participating in these travel programs should register with Housy Hoops, care of Sharon P/R sharon.rec.ctr@snet.net If the level of interest is sufficient we would schedule tryouts in late Oct.

TOWN RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

Boys and Girls 5th & 6th grades – play in the Northwest Basketball League. Players register through their town's recreational department at which time we work out rosters as needed. If a town has a sufficient number of players they simply have their own team. When

towns have a smaller number of players than needed we will then co-opt teams. For this age group we will roster teams for boys and girls co-operatively rather than coed. For league play coed teams are not the best option. These teams also start in early Dec. with tournament play in early March to end the season. Registration fees for these teams are their town's normal program fee, usually around \$20.

In recent years there has been a team for 7th and 8th grade boys in the Northwest League as well. If we have enough interest, 25+ players, we would have a team in the RT44 League and the Northwest League with teams being rostered after a tryout.

Boys and Girls 3rd and 4th grades – in those towns that have a sufficient number of players they may choose to keep this age group in house. There would be gym time for skills and drills with recreational games played amongst the participants. For those towns who do not have a large enough participation group there have been coed teams that practice each week and play several games against local teams. This program usually starts in Dec. with practices and games starting in Jan.

Boys and Girls 1st & 2nd grades - this age group focuses mostly on instructional time on the court. We would like to offer for the first time a REGIONAL PROGRAM that would meet on Saturday mornings at Housatonic HS from 8:30-9:30am, have drills and skills and recreational games each practice. This program would start in Jan. and run through Feb. Players would register through their own town's Park and Rec. department.

Registration for the Recreational programs can be made through your town's recreational department. There may be a form attached to this notice.