CRESSKILL RECREATION

# TRAVEL BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

## WINTER 2026/2027

REGISTER FOR TRYOUTS VIA COMMUNITY PASS.
REGISTRATION OPENS ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH AT 12:00 PM
AND WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH AT 5:00 PM.

**Parents/Guardians,**

Thank you for your interest in the Cresskill Travel Basketball program! We are excited for the upcoming 2026/2027 season.

Our program offers a competitive basketball experience and represents our Cresskill community. It requires a strong commitment from both players and families. Players are expected to prioritize practices and games, especially if participating in multiple sports. The program is open to boys and girls in grades 3-8.

**TRYOUTS** Our travel basketball program is highly competitive, and not all players may make the team. If you foresee potential conflicts with other commitments, please reconsider attending tryouts. Recreation basketball is an excellent alternative for those unable to commit fully.

**TRYOUT DATES AND REGISTRATION LINKS:**

**BOYS:**

- 3rd Grade: **Saturday, Oct 17 (9am-10am)** & **Sunday, Oct 18 (12pm-1pm)**
- 4th Grade: **Saturday, Oct 17 (10am-11am)** & **Sunday, Oct 18 (11am-12pm)**
- 5th Grade: **Friday, Oct 16 (5:30pm-6:30pm)** & **Sunday, Oct 18 (10am-11am)**
- 6th Grade: **Friday, Oct 16 (6:30pm-7:30pm)** & **Sunday, Oct 18 (9am-10am)**
- 7th Grade: **Friday, Oct 16 (7:30pm-8:30pm)** & **Saturday, Oct 17 (11am-12pm)**
- 8th Grade: **Friday, Oct 16 (8:30pm-9:30pm)** & **Saturday, Oct 17 (12pm-1pm)**

**GIRLS:**

- **Grades 3rd - 8th: Date TBD***

  * Based on registration numbers if a team for your child's grade is not available, we will contact you before tryouts to discuss the option of trying out for the opposite gender's team, ensuring that all players have the opportunity to participate in competitive basketball if they choose. Team selection will be based on performance during tryouts.

Please ensure your child attends at least **ONE** session. Teams will be selected based on independent evaluations.

****There will be ONE team selected per grade by gender****

When attending the tryouts, ALL players will be selected to represent Cresskill on the following criteria:

- **The criteria are as follows and is in order of importance:**
  - *** Attendance- No show at tryouts = NON selection.**
  - *** Attitude- Bring a positive attitude. It's a TEAM.**
  - *** Ability- Bring your BEST each time.**

**TRAVEL TEAM SELECTION** Tryouts are grade-based and evaluated by independent coaches who assess players on dribbling, shooting, passing, defense, and game knowledge. Teams will have about 10 players each, based on final evaluations. If a player is injured, they may request a make-up tryout once able to resume play, but must still register by the deadline.

**ROSTERS** Players will be notified of their roster placement via email by Wednesday, November 4th. Those who do not make the team will also be notified.

**FEES** There is no cost to try out. Team fees will be determined at a later date. An insurance fee of $20 is required as we will begin the new calendar year with our Winter programs.

**UNIFORMS** A refundable* deposit of $100 paid by separate check required per player per uniform. (1 x Jersey / 1 x Shorts) prior to the start of the season. Reversible practice pinnies will be provided for each participant, for practice participation.

***If uniform is returned in original condition the check will not be deposited.***

**PLAYING TIME** Playing time is determined by the coach based on skill, attendance, effort, and other factors. It will not be equal or guaranteed.

**PRACTICES** Based on coach availability, practices will begin after Monday, November 16, with one to two practices per week. Games may also be scheduled during the week.

**GAMES** The 14-game season starts in late December and runs through March. The top 4 teams make playoffs, ***except for 3rd grade***. Playoffs could extend through mid-March.

**COACHES** Teams in grades 6-8 will have paid coaches and grades 3-5 will have volunteer coaches. Those interested in coaching should indicate during the registration process or contact malvarez@cresskillboro.org.

**DONATIONS & SPONSORS** Consider supporting the Cresskill Travel Basketball program through individual or corporate donations. Contact malvarez@cresskillboro.org for sponsorship opportunities.

For any additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact the recreation office at (201) 816-8065 or email Maureen at malvarez@cresskillboro.org. Thank you for your continued support!

*Sincerely,*
*Cresskill Recreation and*
*Cresskill Travel Basketball*