

## STACK AAU Basketball Tryout FAQs

- 1. Why have you decided to have tryouts vs. having sign ups for STACK?**  
*I am trying to raise the level of seriousness in the STACK Basketball Program. I want to organize the players based on commitment level, skill level and the town they live in. This will hopefully lead to a better attendance at practice and games, which will ultimately lead to STACK getting to the next level locally.*
- 2. Will you be cutting any players?**  
*I have said it from when I first started coaching STACK and continue to believe that I will always find a spot on a team who wants to play for me.*
- 3. Will there be A and B teams at each grade level?**  
*Not necessarily. Many players come to STACK from certain town travel teams who want to stay together. I will do my best to keep these players together to help them prepare for their travel season. I will be trying to put the most skilled and committed players on a team but if one of those players is coming with a group of travel players from a town, then he will be given the option of which team to be on and have to make a decision. **I will be completely focused on putting players will they will get the most opportunity to develop and help build the STACK program.***
- 4. Do all players have to attend tryouts and how many?**  
*ALL players whether you have played STACK in the past or not should attend AT LEAST ONE tryout. There are 2 dates available for players to attend and like the town travel programs expect their players to attend tryouts STACK does too. I would encourage ALL players to attend as many of the tryouts as they can. If for some extreme reason a player cannot attend any of the 3 dates for tryouts please contact me.*
- 5. What has motivated you to have tryouts for STACK?**  
*The main reason is to raise the level of our practices so we can take STACK to the next level. I am also trying to avoid players missing practice for other basketball programs in the area. In my opinion (and maybe I am biased) what is being taught at STACK is one of the best ways to play basketball that I have seen for youth in the area. I am not quite sure why a player would want to skip an STACK practice or game for another basketball program (excluding their town teams) but maybe they are just misinformed to how you really get better at basketball and learning how to play is better then just playing. I am hoping tryouts will send a message that STACK is a serious basketball opportunity.*

- 6. What is the difference between the tryout days and registration day?**  
*Like your town travel programs you have tryout dates. Then when you find out your team you then register for the program by filling out paper work and paying the fee. The registration day is a 3-hour window players can come to fill out the forms, try on a uniform and pay the fee. If you cannot make the registration day then other options will be made available via Internet or mail.*
- 7. Are the STACK tryouts different from the normal STACK teams?**  
*There is only one STACK program and the tryouts are just a change to the original process of signing up for STACK.*
- 8. Do 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders have to tryout?**  
*No. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders just sign up.*
- 9. Will any of the STACK teams get any more or less than other teams?**  
*All STACK teams will have the same amount of practices, games, skill sessions and sports performance training. I will look to schedule games that are most competitive for our teams to play. So some teams may play against different teams and tournaments but all will get the same amount of games. Ryan Tremblay and his assistants will still coach all teams. So all players will get plenty of work with Ryan Tremblay in practices and games. All of the same philosophies, offenses and defenses will be taught to all participants of the STACK program.*
- 10. Will there still be equal playing time on all STACK Teams?**  
*As always getting our players court time is one of our top priorities. That being said the coach does have some discretion to playing time when the game is in the balance down the stretch. In a game where the coach uses discretion players are still playing 12-15 min of the game minimum. This may happen 1-2 per season, if that.*
- 11. Is the \$20 tryout fee good for all tryout sessions?**  
*Yes. Players are encouraged to come to all of the sessions and they can get a good workout at each one.*
- 12. What are some important things we look for from players in Tryouts?**  
*The most important thing STACK is looking for from players is their level of commitment, ability to listen and to work hard. The highest-level teams at STACK will demand a total commitment to attending practices and games over other sports they play. That being said STACK does have teams where practices can be missed without penalty or deduction in playing time in games.*