



2017-18 State & National Tryouts & Season Info-(2nd-8th)

Welcome to the 2017-2018 season for the MWA Elite Basketball Club. The club will offer tryouts for Boys 2nd-8th grade, Girls 3rd-8th grades in October 2017 and 9th-11th grades in March 2018. Below is some helpful information for the up-coming tryout process and season structure.

Team Levels: The State & National level teams are the most competitive teams within the MWA Elite Basketball Club. If you feel that your son/daughter might not be at this level, please call Steve Benard at 313-580-0351 for more information on the different level of the teams.

Tryout Locations: Basketball City-16400 Eastland Dr., Roseville, MI 48066 & East Detroit High School-15501 Couzens Ave., Eastpointe, MI 48021

Dates & Times: Girls 3rd-6th Grades: Wednesday, October 18th at Basketball City 6:30-8:00pm, Saturday, October 21st at East Detroit High School 10:00am-11:00am, Wednesday, October 25th at Basketball City 7:00-8:00pm, Saturday, October 28th at East Detroit High School 10:00am-11:00am.

Girls 7th & 8th Grades: Wednesday, October 18th at Basketball City 6:30-8:00pm, Saturday, October 21st at East Detroit High School 10:00am-11:00am, Wednesday, October 25th at Basketball City 7:00-8:00pm Saturday, October 28th at East Detroit High School 10:00am-11:00am.

Boys 2nd-4th Grades: Monday, October 16th at Basketball City 6:00-7:00pm, Saturday, October 21st at East Detroit High School 11:00am-Noon, Monday, October 23rd at Basketball City 6:00-7:00pm Saturday, October 28th at East Detroit High School 11:00am-Noon.

Boys 5th & 6th Grades: Monday, October 16th at Basketball City 7:00-8:00pm, Saturday, October 21st at East Detroit High School Noon-1:00pm, Monday, October 23rd at Basketball City 7:00-8:00pm Saturday, October 28th at East Detroit High School Noon-1:00pm.

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Registration Info: On-line at www.mwaelite.com or on-site at your scheduled tryout day/time. Please arrive at least 20 minutes early to register on-site and get prepared for tryouts. Cost: \$25 per player. The \$25 fee covers all 4-tryout dates. Players should attend as many tryouts as possible, but there is not a mandatory number of tryouts to attend, to be selected.

Please feel free to contact Stephen S. Benard-President (313)-580-0351 or steve@bcdetroit.com





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Team Structure:

The MWA Elite Basketball Club has three levels of teams within the club structure. By having different level teams within the same club, it offers the opportunity to move team levels, within the same club.

National-(Graduation Year): The National teams will have the opportunity to play in local Midwest Athletics sponsored events, out of town events (Lansing, Grand Rapids, etc.) and out of state events (IN, IL, OH, as well as Eastern or Southern States). This is the highest team level of the club.

National Season Calander:

- 1st-2nd: December to March
- 3rd-4th: November-March, March-June
- 5th-6th: November-March, March-July
- 7th-8th: February-July
- 9th-11th: March-July

State: State teams will play in local Midwest events and local tournaments as well as out of town tournaments (Lansing, Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids, etc.).

State Season Calander:

- 3rd-4th: November-March
- 5th-6th: November-March, March-July
- 7th-8th: February-July
- 9th-11th: March-July

Local-(Local) Teams will play locally and have shorter seasons. Local teams will have 3-6 mini-seasons that coincide with the AAU Detroit Leagues, hosted by Midwest Athletics.

Local Season Calander:

- 3rd-8th: Fall-I, Fall-II, Winter-I, Winter-II, Spring & Summer
- 9th-11th: Fall-I, Spring & Summer



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Practice:

Practice times and locations will be published once team rosters have been set. It is expected that each team will practice 1-2 times per week. If possible, the club will have the national and state teams in the same or different age groups practice together.

Practices will be held at Basketball City, East Detroit High School, Pierce Middle School and Grosse Pointe South High School.

Skill training is also a big part of the MWA culture. Many developing players have their own trainer and train outside of practice. Basketball is a skill set game and players must always look to improve fundamental skills outside of practice. The official trainer of the MWA Elite is A.W. Canada with Prime Basketball. A.W. can be reached at 313-995-6821 or awcanada77@gmail.com

Season Fees:

Season fees will be handled partially by the club and partially by each individual team. This formula will work better, as each team cannot attend all of the same events. The club will handle all of the Midwest Athletics events and practices and individual teams will handle all of the travel tournaments outside of the Midwest Athletics event schedule.

The cost for Midwest Athletics events and practices is \$100 per month and includes your practice time, coaching fees and Midwest Athletics leagues & tournaments.

Example: If your season is November to April, then the cost would be \$600 for Midwest Athletics.

Teams will play 30-75 games in Midwest Athletics events. Amount of games depends on what age group team you play for, length of your season and your teams availability.

Follow the link for the Midwest Athletics event list <http://mwabasketball.com/tournaments.html>

Payment Options for Midwest Athletics:

1. Pay in full at the beginning of the season
2. Partial payment at the beginning of the season and remaining balance 60-days later-(Balance must be set-up on a credit card auto-pay)
3. Monthly \$100 payments-(Must be set-up on a credit card auto-pay system)



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Uniform Package: \$125

1. UA black/white reversible uniform
2. Short & Long sleeve shooting shirt

AAU Individual Player Membership Fee: \$14

- AAU Membership cards must be purchased at the beginning of the season at www.aausports.org.
- AAU Card benefits include: Player Insurance and access to AAU Events and Updates

Travel Events:

The club plays in some of the top events in the Midwest and AAU Nationals. The club will provide a travel schedule that teams can select the events they would like to attend for 2017-18. Below is a snapshot of events that teams played in during the 2016-17 season.

Each team will be responsible for the team entry fees for travel events. The club will receive a multi-team discount for most of the travel events.

Michigan Triple Threat Thanksgiving event
November-Perry, MI

Oakland Elite Tournament
December-Location: Oxford, MI

West Michigan Holiday Hoops
December-Grand Rapids, MI

MLK Classic-Spice
January -Fort Wayne, IN

John Lucas Camp(5th & 6th grade)
January – Chicago, IL

Spartan Classic
March-Location: Lansing, MI



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Buckeye Prep Classic

March 31 – Columbus, OH

Storm Classic

April-Grand Rapids

Memorial Day Classic

May-Fort Wayne

Team Teague

June-Indianapolis, IN

AAU Midwest Nationals

June – Louisville, KY

Neo Youth Elite Camp

June – Akron, OH

AYBT Nationals

June – Grand Rapids, MI

July-USBA Nationals

July-2017 Miami, Florida

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Thank you,

MWA Elite