

MOTOR CITY EVOLUTION

TRAVEL TEAM FAQ!



The following questions are often asked when joining a travel team program. In the event you have additional questions, please contact Coach Geo Thomas at geothomas4444@gmail.com

Q1: Can you tell me a little bit about your program?

A1: For the past five years we played as Pistons Elite. We are now Motor City Evolution as we made the switch in order to grow as a comprehensive girls basketball program – from instructional classes for beginners to highly competitive AAU teams. Our travel teams have had success over the past few years with most of our players making their varsity teams as 9th graders. Our number one goal is to give our players confidence both on and off the court.

Q2: Where are you based out of?

A2: Most of our team events are based out of the Franklin Athletic Club in Southfield, MI. We also utilize a few other gyms in the Birmingham/Southfield areas.

Q3: What if I am not sure my daughter is ready for travel basketball? Should I still come to tryouts?

A3: If your daughter has never played basketball or a team sport in the past, travel basketball is not the place to start. If your daughter has played organized basketball in the past then we always encourage parents to bring them to tryouts. It is a great way to measure her progress and abilities against other players. Since it is our goal to instill confidence in every player, we make sure that all girls who leave tryouts feel like they were seen and appreciated for their efforts.

Q4: How extensive is the “Travel” during the season?

A4: Most of the weekend tournaments are within two hours of Southfield. Last season we played most of our games in South Lyon, Milford, Toledo, Clarkston and Lansing. Some of the larger, more competitive tournaments are in Ft Wayne, Mt. Pleasant and Grand Rapids. We often play in the Big Cat League in Novi and the Greg Grant League in Sterling Hts.

Q5: How long is the season?

A5: We have two main seasons (winter/spring) The Winter Season runs from late September through Mid-March. The Spring Season starts with tryouts in late March and then practices/games through June. The bulk of the season is played January-March.

Q6: What is the cost to play?

A6: Coaches set the team fee based on the volume of their activity. Fees range roughly between \$100-\$150 per month. There is also a 1-Time uniform fee of \$100 which includes a full uniform and practice jersey. Players keep their uniforms and practice jerseys. Team fees do not include transportation to games or accommodations for overnight tournaments.

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Q7: How many girls are on each team?

A7: Roster sizes range between 8-10 girls per team. Many teams utilize practice players for girls who are close to being “travel ready” but just need some additional experience.

Q8: What if my daughter is committed to other activities? Can we still make this work?

A8: That would depend on the amount of team activities you would have to miss. In the fall/spring, coaches are a little more lenient with missing games/practices for other commitments. However, we ask for a very high level of commitment from Jan-March as that is the heart of the travel season for grades 4-7. We also recommend that your daughter does not play on other TRAVEL BASKETBALL teams during the season. Be sure to talk with your coach before joining the team to discuss potential conflicts and possible solutions.

Q9: What happens after the spring season?

A9: We offer several training opportunities during the summer. This past summer we offered training sessions with a former women’s pro player, shooting clinics, outdoor hill training, yoga, Friday night pick-up games and MCE summer camps – all which were offered at discounted prices for Evolution players. Team parents also organized camps that the girls could attend together including PGC in Grand Rapids area and the Lawrence Tech Basketball Camp. There were many team activities over the summer including pool parties, zip-line outing and more. We recognize team bonding as a crucial part of on-court success.

Q10: What happens if my daughter does not make the team?

A10: Our coaches will always offer reasons why a player does not make the team. Often, teams may be in need of a different skill set and coaches are looking for a specific player to fit their scheme. Most of the time, players who do not make the team are lacking experience or need more skill development. If that is the case, we have instructional programs and house leagues throughout the year for all girls in grades K-8. By taking part in these events, our Evolution coaches can work with players and assist them in their development.

Q11: Where can I find out more information about Motor City Evolution?

A11: Website: motorcityevolution.com
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