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## **AEYBA Guidelines for Coaches and Size of Teams**

The objective is for there to be at least two qualified coaches per grade level team. A qualified coach is someone who has achieved more than one of the following accomplishments:

- Experience with playing @ a competitive level (High School or above)
- Has attended coaching clinics
- Has previous coaching experience with competitive basketball programs
- Has attended Coach Mielke's Spring morning sessions

Along with the two qualified coaches for each grade level there should be at least one or more coaches acting as assistance for each grade level team.

If there is a grade level with only one qualified coach, the maximum number of players for that team will be 20 players. In this case, there will also be a need for at least one or more assistant coaches.

The maximum number of active tournament players that can be on a grade level team is 25 players. This restriction in numbers is due to the following issues:

- The limited practice times and space available
- Financial resources available for uniforms and tournament fees
- The reasonable number of players that can practice together at once
- Potentially the number of coaches available

If there are more than 25 players that sign up at an opening night for a grade level, there will need to be a tryout with the purpose of selecting the top 25 most skilled players with potential for development at that grade level.

Tryouts, if required, will include evaluation sessions that take place at the first two practices after the opening night. Qualified coaches not involved with this team will be assigned by the AEYBA Board to act as a committee to perform the evaluations of the players. The Head coach of that grade level will have input to the evaluations but the final decisions will be made by the committee.

The purpose of these above guidelines is to maintain a quality youth basketball program that has qualified coaches and a manageable number of players in each grade level. This will allow the players involved, the ability to continually improve their skills from year to year in preparation for High School.