

IMPORTANT: GIRLS BASKETBALL PROGRAM CHANGES FOR THE 2019-2020 SEASON.

As of the 2019-2020 basketball season, the Chester girls' and the Mendham girls' travel program will merge into one program. The respective town boards believe that including players from both towns best achieves the philosophies and objectives of both programs. While additional information will be available in the coming weeks, we can currently provide the following information below:

- **Cost:** The annual cost for girls travel basketball will be \$250. \$175 is due at registration and \$75 is due post-tryouts if the player makes the team. If the player does NOT make the team, she will have a choice of transferring to the recreation program OR a refund. By default, the league assumes transfer to the recreation league. Refund requests must be made directly to the Mendham Basketball Association.
- **Tryouts:** There will be two tryouts in October (exact dates TBD). Tryouts will be held in Chester and Mendham. At each tryout there will be independent evaluators present from each town as selected by the respective town Boards.
- **League:** Teams will play in the Jersey Basketball Association (JBA). Entry into additional leagues, if any, will be determined by the team coach(es) on a case by case basis.
- **Practices & Games:** Both practices and games will be held at Mendham and Chester locations. While efforts will be made to hold practices and games at locations in both towns fairly evenly, exact scheduling will be dependent upon league requirements and gym availability.
- **Coaches:** Coaches will be selected by the Girls Travel Program Subcommittee, which will be comprised of Mendham Patriots Board Members and Chester Basketball Board Members. The goal is to have at least one coach per team from Mendham and Chester, with the understanding that this will be dependent on the availability of willing and qualified coach volunteers. There is no guarantee that the head coach of your daughter's team will be from Mendham.
- **Uniform:** Upon being selected to the roster, players will be required to purchase their new uniform. The combined team will be known as Chester-Mendham.
- **Questions:** If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact us.

ALTERNATIVE MERGER IMPACT LANGUAGE:

- Another notice will be forthcoming providing details of the merger of the Chester Basketball and Mendham Patriot Girls Recreation leagues. Combining the recreation leagues further extends the opportunity for playing time for the girls by broadening their exposure to more competition, additional gym time, and more games throughout the season. With the expectation that more girls will be trying out for the Travel Teams, the recreation league merger provides additional depth and competition for the girls who are not selected to participate on a Travel Team.