

Coaches/Parents/Directors/Players,

AAU/Travel girls basketball in the state of Michigan has had several road blocks since the inception of the MHSAA change of season. Prior to the change five seasons ago, girls travel basketball was full of clubs, teams and events. It was so good that teams could play A, B or C level competition each weekend... This is no longer the case. Tournament and league directors struggle each season to host quality events that are well attended and have the correct make-up of teams and skill level. Clubs struggle to keep rosters together and find events to play without a large commitment to travel.

The I-94 Girls Basketball League will help overcome what we have grown accustomed to over the last few years. The league will play in 3 locations strategically placed along the I-94 corridor to allow for increased team participation. The I-94 league will offer 2-sessions for the 2016 - 2017 season which will include 10 games plus playoffs.

League Benefits for teams/clubs:

- 1. 24 -game league schedule will eliminate signing up for tournaments that do not happen.
- 2. Season will be more organized for parents.
- 3. Playing at different venues during the league will offer a tournament feel.
- 4. Teams in each age group and teams playing against the correct age group.
- 5. League sessions offer breaks to attend tournaments and no games in March.
- 6. The league will be hosted in Grosse Pointe, Ann Arbor & Flat Rock

League Info:

- 1. Saturday Games
- 2. Fall Session: November 5th December 17th (Off Thanksgiving weekend)
- Winter Session: January 21st to February 25th
- 4. Age Groups: Girls 3rd/4th, 5th, 6th. 7th & 8th
- 5. 10 regular season games and 2 play-offs
- 6. \$595 per team, per session or multi team discount of \$550 per team/per session-(3 or more teams)

Committed Programs:

Common Bond, Grosse Point Lakers. Michigan Lady Pride, Flat Rock Stampede, Greg Grant, Southeast Michigan Elite, Michigan Monarchs and more...

Registration:

Registration is currently open for the fall and winter sessions. To register please visit <u>i94league.com</u> and sign your team up now.

We feel that there is light at the end of the tunnel for girls travel basketball in Michigan. If you would like to be part of the league or have questions, please contact:

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All participants must have a current AAU membership.

AAU membership may not be included as part of the entry fee to the event.

AAU membership must be obtained before the competition begins except where the event operator has a laptop available with an internet connect. Participants are encouraged to visit the AAU web site <u>www.aausports.org</u> to obtain their membership.