

Travel Basketball Scrimmage Checklist

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1. Pre-Scrimmage Planning

- **Find a Compatible Team**
 - Identify an opponent with a similar skill level or specific characteristics (e.g., defensive style, size, or speed).
 - Confirm their availability and willingness to participate in a scrimmage.
 - **Confirm the Gym**
 - Determine which gym will be utilized and confirm booking. (consider using your practice gym/night for the scrimmage)
 - Check for any additional costs associated with using the facility (e.g., rental fees, utilities).
 - Confirm the availability of amenities like restrooms, water fountains, and seating.
 - Coordinate with the gym manager to determine if you will need the other team's insurance forms.
 - **Scoreboard Availability**
 - Verify if the gym has a functioning scoreboard.
 - Determine if you need to bring or obtain a portable scoreboard.
 1. List of digital scoreboards available for purchase on [Amazon](#).
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2. Game Logistics

- **Referee**
 - Decide if a referee is required for the scrimmage.
 - If so, arrange for a referee and confirm their availability.
 - If no referee, discuss alternatives with the other coach (e.g., self-officiating).
 - Pro Tip- Find a high school student or parent willing to volunteer.
- **Scorekeeping**
 - Assign a person to keep the score.
 - Ensure someone tracks fouls and timeouts accurately.
- **Equipment Checklist**
 - Verify the need for additional items like a portable scoreboard, stopwatches, or whistles.
 - Bring spare basketballs and a first-aid kit.

3. Coach Coordination

- **Discuss Rules**
 - Talk with the opposing coach about rules for fouls, substitutions, and time limits.
 - Agree on how strictly fouls will be enforced during the scrimmage.
- **Teaching Opportunities**
 - Confirm if the other coach is open to stopping the game to teach or review specific plays.
 - Discuss using the scrimmage to test and teach different offensive and defensive strategies.
 - Ensure mutual understanding regarding running specific defenses (e.g., zone defense) to help each team practice against certain setups.

4. On the Day of the Scrimmage

- **Pre-Scrimmage Walkthrough**
 - Inspect the gym and confirm all equipment (e.g., scoreboard, shot clock) is functional.
 - Ensure all roles are clearly assigned (scorekeeper, foul tracker).
- **Communication**
 - Review the agreed-upon teaching strategy with the other coach.
 - Brief the teams on expectations for the scrimmage format, including potential teaching pauses.

5. Post-Scrimmage Review

- **Feedback**
 - Confer with the other coach on what worked well and areas for improvement.
 - Gather input from players and staff for future scrimmage planning.

This checklist ensures thorough preparation and alignment with the other coach to maximize the scrimmage's value for both teams. Let me know if you'd like to expand on any sections!