

## QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE MOVING UP TO TRAVEL BALL

Are you looking for your first Travel Team? Evaluate the teams you have identified by asking...

- 1** Do the other players look like they are having fun?
- 2** How involved are the parents of the players?
- 3** How many players will be on the roster of the team you are on?
- 4** Does the coach have any formal coaching education?  
Does the team have a parent coaching?
- 5** What is the **coach's philosophy** of who gets to play, and how much?  
Is it clearly communicated?
- 6** Does the program incorporate non-physical skills like **leadership and confidence into their coaching?**
- 7** Do **players quit**, or new players join mid-year? Why?
- 8** Will you get experience playing a lot of positions and trying new things?
- 9** How much travel is expected?  
Will you have to miss a lot of school or other family activities?
- 10** What will the **financial commitment be?** Are there hidden costs?