



Cherokee Youth  
Basketball Handbook

## Mission Statement

*“Our Mission is to enhance the quality of life for all Cherokee County residents by providing a diverse system of parks and recreation programs that promote healthy lifestyles and an active community”*

## CHEROKEE YOUTH BASKETBALL

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*“The mission of Cherokee Youth Basketball is to provide a safe and competitive learning environment for recreational players of all abilities to develop athletic character, sportsmanship, and teamwork.”*



*“Every season is a journey. Every journey is a lifetime”*

**– Mike Krzyzewski**

## **2020-21 CYB Rule Changes**

UNIFORMS – Starting in week two of the regular season ALL players must wear the 2020-21 CYB issued jerseys/numbers print or they will have assessed a Technical foul (T1) and will not be allowed to play one quarter or the remainder of a quarter once it is brought to the attention of the game officials. EXCEPTION- Any CYB coach/ player accompanied by an official notarized letter will be allowed to play or if the Gym Supervisor on duty has received direct explicit permission from the CYB League Director for that specific game. Unfortunately, this rule is in place to prevent those NOT registered in the league and to prevent players from other teams from trying to play illegally. If any coach or player is caught they may be suspended from the league for the remainder of the season.

All CYB games will have four (4) 10-minute quarters with a running clock until 1 minute in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

Each team will have five (5) 30-second timeouts per game. Unused timeouts will not be carried to any overtime period.

If the game is tied after the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, the game will have 1-minute overtime period. If the game is tied after the overtime period, then the game will end in a tie. Each team will be given one (1) 30-second timeout during the overtime period.

The CYB Invitational Tournament will be comprised of two brackets: One bracket for teams with an above .500 winning percentage and one bracket for teams with a .500 and below winning percentage.

## **2020-21 CYB Points of Emphasis**

It is mandatory that each volunteer complete and pass a criminal background check.

It is mandatory that CYB teams (1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) participate in team pictures.

SECTION II-RULE #18- Any policy, procedure, rule or interpretation not covered in this handbook or any other CYB material will be ruled on by the CRPA Athletic Staff. That decision is final.

If a coach, player, parent or spectator becomes involved in an altercation (verbal or physical) with anyone (before, during, after the game) they will be asked to leave the gym immediately and possibly face further league suspension/ expulsion. Head coaches should assume responsibility for their parents, players, and spectators. If anyone does not leave without disruption CRPA staff will call 911 for assistance. This is a zero-tolerance policy.

Dual participation- no player may play (game) with any other BASKETBALL team outside of CYB during the current CYB season. (e.g., travel teams, competitive teams, feeder teams, church teams and/or any other league/ teams, etc.) Players found guilty of this violation will be removed from the league immediately with no refund. EXCEPTION- during school break (aka- “dead weeks”) player and/or teams may participate in other games outside of CYB such as a Christmas Break Tournament.

PLAYER SUBSTITUTION RULE- The clock will be stopped at the first dead ball situation closest to the 5-minute time frame (5:15-4:45) during the first, second, third quarters. All players that did not start that quarter will be substituted into the game and will play the remainder of that quarter.

A starter is defined as the player that started each quarter not the game.

# **CYB COVID– 19 Guidelines**

The health and safety of our athletes, staff, and volunteers remain our highest priority. Below, you will find a summary of actions we are taking to help ensure we are lowering COVID-19 risk as much as possible while also allowing our athletes to play.

- ONLY scheduled teams (coaches and players) are permitted in the facilities before, during and after practices at all CYB facilities
- Coaches and players are the only ones permitted to attend practices at all CYB facilities.
- Teams may not enter the facility for their scheduled game until the previous teams have left the facility.
- Coaches should wear masks/face coverings when entering/exiting at all CYB facilities and when 6ft social distancing cannot be achieved.
- Teams cannot scrimmage during practices or switch practice times without CYB League Director's (Matthew Graney) approval.
- Players and Coaches are not authorized to bring towels into CYB facilities due to increased germ contact.
- Encourage all spectators maintain six feet apart.
- Encourage all spectators to wear a mask while in all CYB facilities.
- Encourage parents to keep sick family members at home.
- Disinfecting commonly used areas.
- Limit nonessential spectators as much as possible.
- Encourage parents to monitor their child's symptoms prior to attending athletic events.
- Encourage spectators, volunteers and participants to wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with 60% alcohol.
- Game day seating capacity will be reduced to 25% or a specific maximum number per gym.

When NOT to send your child to CRPA athletic event:

- Child has a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher
- Child has a positive or pending test for COVID-19 (League Director needs to be notified of positive test results)
- Child is living with and/or in regular close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19. They must not attend athletic events until the person is well and the quarantine period ends.
- Child has traveled to a COVID-19 advisory area (as designated by the CDC) within the past 14 - days. They must not come to any athletic event until that quarantine period ends.
- Child has been placed under a 14-day quarantine period from their school system.

Anyone who is sick or has been in contact with someone who has COVID-19— including players, family members, volunteers, staff and spectators — should not attend practices or games. Be on the lookout for symptoms of COVID-19, which include: fever, cough, or shortness of breath. Call your doctor if you think you or a family member is sick. We need our entire community to work together: stay home when you're sick; get tested if you're symptomatic; report your child's positive test to CRPA Staff (confidentially); if you are directed to quarantine, follow the instructions and limit interaction with non-family members; social distance when you can and wear a mask when you can't.

# Cherokee Recreation & Parks

## Code of Conduct

By registering for or attending a Cherokee Recreation & Parks program, volunteering as a coach, serving as a game official, or attending as a spectator, all participants agree to abide by the following Code of Conduct. Failure to abide by the Code of Conduct may jeopardize you and/or your child's opportunity to participate in or attend Cherokee Recreation & Parks programs and events.

- I will become knowledgeable, understanding and supportive of all established guidelines, rules, policies and procedures applicable to related programming.
- I understand that all program participants and spectators are expected to exercise respect. Respect for themselves, other participants, officials, volunteers, and staff members.
- I will protect and respect Cherokee Recreation & Parks property, equipment, supplies and facilities. This includes any space used for or during Cherokee Recreation & Parks programs and activities.
- I will refrain from any lewd, obscene or indecent conduct or expressions, including profanity, harassment, discrimination, threats or offensive remarks towards participants, spectators or staff.
- I will do my part to make sure I participate, put forth effort and have fun in each program or event that I am registered for.
- I will refrain from alcohol, tobacco, vaping, or drug use during all Cherokee Recreation & Parks events.
- I will create a safe environment where all participants will not be discriminated against or harassed based on race, religion, national origin, age, sex, disability, or sexual orientation.
- I will not engage, encourage, or participate in a fight or scuffle with any participant, staff, volunteer, official or spectator.
- I will respect and follow all instructions and directives given by Cherokee Recreation & Parks staff, volunteers, or officials.
- I will follow all established and posted rules, written and or/ verbal specific to any Cherokee Recreation & Parks program or event.

### 2. **Disciplinary Action**

Anyone who fails to abide by the Code of Conduct while attending, coaching, officiating, or participating in a Cherokee Recreation & Parks program or event will be subject to disciplinary action included to but not limited to the following in any order of combination.

- Violators may receive a verbal warning from Cherokee Recreation & Parks Staff.
- Violators may receive a written warning from Cherokee Recreation & Parks Staff.
- Violators may receive an immediate ejection from event and/or park or facility by Cherokee Recreation & Parks Staff. Failure to immediately leave the premises may result in involvement by law enforcement authorities.
- Violators may be placed on probation.
- Violators may be suspended from future programs or events and/or parks by Cherokee Recreation & Parks Staff.



# Cherokee Recreation & Parks

## Sportsmanship Statement

We believe that organized sports are created to allow children to have fun. We believe that children should participate in a milieu that fosters good sportsmanship, personal growth in physical skill, self-esteem, and a sense of community involvement and allegiance. We believe that in amateur athletics at this level it truly is not whether you win or lose but how you play the game. Sports provide children with age-appropriate opportunities to mentor younger and less experienced players and to learn how to win graciously and to lose with dignity. In short, if adults who organize and coach recreational sports encourage it, athletic completion for children not only provides enjoyment for the participants but provides for the children real-life lessons: how to cooperate with other, how to compete, and how to deal with authority figures.

In this context, we, as a community, hold the following:

### **For players:**

- Treat teammates and opponents alike with respect and kindness
- Play hard to win but within the rules of the game
- Respect and abide by the decisions of the officials
- Win with dignity, lose with grace
- Represent your team, your family, and your community with pride
- Take every opportunity to encourage teammates to succeed

### **For coaches:**

- Always be an example of good sportsmanship to your players
- Accept the decisions of officials in a respectful manner
- Teach your players through positive reinforcement, not by demeaning them
- Remember it is an honor to be called coach, don't abuse it
- Remember that opposing players are, like your players, only children
- Foster in your players a love of the game, not a lust for winning

### **For parents/spectators:**

- Remember you are watching children, no matter the color of their jersey
- Children learn from your behavior; be an example of good sportsmanship
- Leave the coaching to the coaches and the officiating to the officials
- Recognize and applaud good play on both sides
- Support your child by attending his/her games
- Encourage your child's commitment to his/her team



## WELCOME

Sports are one of the greatest tools in existence today which can help children develop positive character traits and life values. Early adolescence is a time when children are looking for basic values that they can count on in their lives. Under the right conditions, many youth sports experiences can be enormously beneficial, teaching the importance of teamwork, cooperation, and hard work, among many other qualities.

It is at this level that parents, coaches and administrators play a tremendous role in making the sports experience positive, healthy, and safe. Clearly, the results of a child's experiences during these years are crucial, especially when we consider the positive role sports can play in their overall development.

Children learn a multitude of important lessons through sports that are basic to leading productive adult lives in our society. Sports provide an ideal forum to teach such valuable fundamentals as ethics, abiding by the rules, winning and losing with grace, coping with success and failure, respecting authority figures, always striving to do your best, etc. These traits provide the building blocks that help young citizens of our communities become well-balanced adults, and which translate into leading productive lives.

So, on behalf of Cherokee Recreation & Parks I want to thank you for choosing Cherokee Youth Basketball. We are extremely proud of this league and the facilities. Cherokee County serves as a great community for these young athletes to learn and play.

I am very excited about the upcoming season and the positive memories that will be created for your families throughout the year. I truly believe that with our professional staff, quality volunteers you will be very pleased with the end result.

Yours in Sports,

Matthew Graney, CYSA  
Cherokee Recreation & Parks

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# I. Policy & Procedures

## A. Registration Information

- CYB registration is limited to Cherokee County residents only.
- Early registration is not permitted and a late fee may be applied for late registration.
- The age control date for the CYB season is the current grade level of each participant.
- Registration for CYB can be completed online at ([www.playcherokee.org](http://www.playcherokee.org)) or can be completed at the CRPA offices at the South Government Annex:  
Cherokee Recreation & Parks  
7545 Main Street Building 200  
Woodstock, GA 30188
- Registration CANNOT be accepted over the telephone or email.
- Registration CANNOT be accepted by volunteers.
- Registration can be taken at the Recreation Center on Monday-Thursday from 9am -8pm, Friday 9am-5pm and Saturdays 9am-2pm.
- When paying in cash, please have the correct amount.
- When paying with a check, make checks payable to CCBOC.
- Returned checks are subject to a **\$35 fee**.
- All debit/credit card transactions have a 3% convenience fee.

## B. Cancellation Policy

- All leagues (school/grade/gender) not meeting minimum enrollment will be cancelled or combined with another league (school/grade/gender) when possible.
- If your league (school/grade/gender) is cancelled, you will be notified. Leagues may be cancelled due to low enrollment, lack of coaches, etc.
- A full refund will be given for the cancellation of any league (school/grade/gender) prior to teams being drafted.
- All refunds can take up to 30 days to process.

## C. Refund Information

- Refund requests must be completed in person at the Recreation Center during regular hours prior to the formation of teams. (The beginning date of the season is the draft date/formation of teams for each grade/school).
- Once the player is placed or drafted onto a team there will be **NO REFUNDS**.
- No Refunds will be issued for players or teams that can not participate due to mandatory quarantine or COVID-19 related issues.
- Refund requests must be in writing and are subject to approval by the Cherokee Recreation and Parks staff.
- **Refunds can take up to 30 days for processing. There are No Cash Refunds.**
- Participants requesting a refund will be charged a \$5 processing fee and any other applicable fees including cost of uniform, etc.
- There are no sibling discounts for Cherokee Youth Basketball.

## D. Inclement Weather

- In case of inclement weather, please call 770-924-7768, visit the CYB Facebook page, or [www.playcherokee.org](http://www.playcherokee.org) two (2) hours prior to your game/practice time.
- Rainoutline.com will be used for notifications regarding practice and game cancellations. Coaches, parents, and players must sign up to receive this service. Please visit <https://rainoutline.com/home/dnis/4703000134> and click the email or text alert link. You will click the email or text heading and check CYB. You can also download the mobile app to receive notifications.
- CCSD Policy- if school is declared closed for inclement or any other unusual situation then **all** CYB league play (practice or game) may be cancelled.
- The safety of the participants, officials, and spectators is the primary concern in cases of inclement weather. Once a game/practice has started the Gym Director or Gym Supervisor and/or officials will have the responsibility to remove the players from the facility if the conditions become extreme.

## E. Scholarship Program

- The Cherokee Recreation and Parks recognizes the need to provide leisure activities for the entire community. A family or individual can apply for a scholarship one time per year. Some restrictions may apply. Applications must be submitted no less than 10 days prior to the end of regular registration. Please call (770) 924-7768 for more information.

## F. Registration Requirements

- If the participant requires any special accommodations, the ADA Compliance Coordinator and/or CRPA Staff is required to be notified within fifteen (15) business days prior to the beginning of the league in order to attempt to accommodate.
- The parent/ guardian must also notify us in writing (15) business days prior to the beginning of the league your child has any other conditions that may require reasonable accommodations to be considered/ used for the child to fully & equally participate.
- Participants (or their parents or guardians) must click/ sign waiver/release form prior to participation in any league.
- Drafts- no favor/requests can be accepted in order to maintain the integrity of the league.

## G. Calendar of Events

- A Calendar of Events will be provided during registration for each season to highlight all important dates and information needed.
- A 7-game regular season schedule will be provided however due to circumstances beyond our control (weather, etc.); CRPA reserves the right to provide a 6-game regular season schedule. All dates, days, times, and leagues are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control and/or number of players/ teams. Games will be played the weekend prior to all school breaks.
- We cannot guarantee a balanced home/away schedule (based on school/ team **location**), but will make every effort to do so when master schedule permits. Teams should expect to play any game at any CYB approved location.
- It is mandatory that CYB teams (1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) participate in team pictures.

## H. Parent Orientation Meeting

- CRPA requires that all teams (head coaches) conduct a mandatory parent meeting during the first week of practice. In order for your child to play in the league, it is mandatory that one or both of the parents/guardians attend. Important information such as policy and procedures, safety and first aid, medical alerts, expectations, responsibilities and team rules will be discussed in detail. This meeting is held in order to lay the foundation for open communication among coaches, parents and participants. **All meetings must take place outside of the gym area. If your head coach does not hold this meeting, then report this to CRPA athletic staff immediately.**

## I. Medical Information

- All minor injuries will be treated by CRPA Staff or trained volunteer. Any major or life-threatening injury or accident that may occur on the playing field or at the facility, during scheduled game/practice times will be handled as follows:
  - - 911 will be called immediately
  - - Parent/Guardian will be contacted
- Based on the professional decision of the EMT unit, the participant may be transported to the closest medical facility for immediate care. If medical transportation is required, the charges incurred will be billed to the parents/guardians and/or parents'/guardians' insurance policy. It is prohibited to transport a participant in a personal vehicle.
- A doctor's Release Form must be submitted to before a participant may resume play.
- Please notify CRPA if your child has a pre-existing medical condition (i.e. allergies, medications, physical impairments, etc.). Also, notify the coach at the mandatory team meeting. This is essential in order to determine the severity of an accident and to assist medical personnel who respond to the scene.

## J. Uniforms/ Equipment

- A portion of your registration fee is used to supply the team with uniforms. Uniforms are expected to be worn in the condition that they are given out. DO NOT USE BLEACH or other harsh abrasives to clean uniforms/equipment. Unauthorized alterations such as patches or names on the uniforms are not allowed and will require the parent/guardian to pay for a replacement uniform.
- Starting in week two of the regular season ALL players must wear the 2020-21 CYB issued jerseys/numbers print or they will have assessed a Technical foul (T1) and will not be allowed to play one quarter or the remainder of a quarter once it is brought to the attention of the game officials. EXCEPTION-Any CYB coach/ player accompanied by an official notarized letter will be allowed to play or if the Gym Supervisor on duty has received direct explicit permission from the CYB League Director for that specific game. Unfortunately, this rule is in place to prevent those NOT registered in the league and to prevent players from other teams from trying to play illegally. If any coach or player is caught they may be suspended from the league for the remainder of the season.
- During games the players are required to wear their jerseys tucked in and shorts worn at waist level at all times. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- Players are not permitted to wear socks with additional material (i.e., superman).
- Players are not permitted to wear ribbons, bows, or hard items including, but not limited to, beads, barrettes and bobby pins.
- Coaches/Players are not permitted to wear apparel that may be deemed inappropriate by CRPA Staff including, but not limited to logos, slogans, mottos that are aggressive/negative in nature.
- Players are not permitted to wear cleats or turf shoes.
- During games the coaches are required to wear proper coaching attire. Coaches must provide their own shirts in likeness of their team or wear a business casual shirt and/or suits which is acceptable. A coach's dress code will be strictly enforced and should include the proper coaching shirt along with appropriate pants/ shorts/ shoes. **NO HATS OR JEANS ARE ALLOWED. NO EXCEPTIONS** (Failure to comply will result in a category T1 technical foul to start the game.)
- CRPA will provide game day equipment necessary such as game balls.
- Only two warm up balls per team will be allowed in gyms on game days. All other basketballs or any other type of athletic ball will not be allowed in the gyms on game days.

## K. Volunteer Appointments

- There are NO guarantees in receiving a Gym Director position or coaching appointment from season to season.
- All coaches must register through CRPA website prior to being assigned a team.
- Coaches will be assigned to leagues/ teams as needed based on participation numbers.
- No coach shall be assigned to head coach more than 1 team per season without expressed written consent form CYB League Director.
- Approved coaches from the previous season will take seniority in the same league (grade level/ gender). Approved coaches in the league from the previous season moving up to the next league (grade/ gender) will take second priority. Approved coaches in the league (grade/ gender) for the first time will take final priority.
- It is mandatory that each volunteer complete and pass a criminal background check.
- All volunteers must pay for their own criminal background check. The cost is **\$17.50**.

## L. Coaching Clinic & Training

- CRPA will provide **“virtual”** rules and training clinic prior to each basketball season.
- It is mandatory that each team have the HEAD COACH complete **“virtual”** clinic prior to the start of the season (first practice). We strongly advise that assistant coaches to attend the clinic as well.
- Any head coaches not attending **“virtual”** clinic offered by CRPA will be temporarily removed until this can be completed. CRPA will make every effort to offer training immediately but expects those coaches to fully cooperate.
- Any team (coach) not represented for the entire **“virtual”** clinic will be penalized by placing their team to the lowest possible draft pick. (For example, if a school has 5 teams in a specific grade/ gender and 3 of the teams were present and 2 teams were not. The 3 teams would randomly draw #1 to #3 for their draft order and then the 2 remaining teams would draw for #4 and #5. All teams would still have a draft pick each round. This is being done to reward those coaches that have dedicated the time to be prepared for the upcoming season. If a team does not have a coach prior to the draft, CRPA staff will draft the team under these same procedures as listed above. If a coach is appointed to a team after the “hands on” training clinic

but before the draft, then this rule may be reviewed on a case by case basis for fairness to that newly assigned coach.

- CRPA also highly encourages all coaches to complete NYSCA online training.

## M. Player Selection

- Draft- A draft will be scheduled after the registration process is complete.
- Only approved coaches will be allowed at this meeting.
- Teams will draft according to the established rotating chart based on the number of teams in the league. Each team will draw for their draft pick # (1<sup>st</sup> pick, 2<sup>nd</sup> pick, 3<sup>rd</sup> pick, etc.). Team draft order shall vary in each round so that each team will average out to approximately the same pick in each round. The sequence shall be resumed and so on until team sizes are reached by the drafting of all eligible players available for drafting.
- There shall be only one draft per league (grade/ gender).
- Unless requested otherwise, by their parents, in writing to CRPA staff before the draft, siblings must be taken as consecutive draft choices by the same team.
- Coaches' children will be automatically placed on their father or mother's team. **Head coaches will automatically draft their child in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round and assistant coach will be selected in the 1<sup>st</sup> round.** If a coach has more than one child in the same league (grade/ gender), the second child must automatically be taken following the round of when the first child is taken or next available round.
- At the conclusion of the draft coaches may be allowed to make one trade. **EXCEPTION:** The coaches' children are not to be traded.
- In all trades involving a team where a head coach was not named at the time of the draft, the CRPA Staff must grant approval of the trade.
- All trades must be completed in the draft room immediately following the draft with both head coaches and the draft coordinator present. The draft coordinator will have final approval on all trades as it may affect the integrity of the league. All rosters must be signed by the coach that attended the draft.
- Players' wanting to register after registration has concluded will be placed on a waiting list and maybe assigned to the teams that need a player.
- **In order to request that a player NOT be drafted by a head coach, the following conditions must be met: A written parental request must be received seven (7) days prior to player drafts. This can be done by emailing the league director Matthew Graney, msgraney@cherokeega.com.**
- **A duplicate copy will be sent to the head coach listed.**
- **The intent of this rule is to ensure that players are not forced to play for a particular coach that they have played for in the past and/or had a negative experience that includes (safety concerns, lack of fundamental teaching, lack of rule knowledge, berating of players, etc.) This rule is NOT intended for any coach, player, or family to manipulate the rule in order to gain a competitive advantage in the draft process. CRPA staff may be required to intervene in certain situations in order to maintain the integrity of the league for this specific rule. In extreme circumstances CRPA staff may move the player(s) in question to another grade or CYB school.**

## N. General Information

- **Other documents such as draft order by rounds, rules, etc. can be provided when requested.**
- CRPA, on occasion, may photograph or videotape registrants, participants and spectators in programs, special events or facilities. Such photographs are for CRPA use only and may be used in publications, brochures, pamphlets, flyers websites or video productions.
- Pre-selected CCSD elementary school gyms and CRPA "Satellite Gyms" will serve as the home site for each community/ school district (K-5, 6-8, 9-12 grades) but any pre-selected site of CYB may be used if necessary for practice/ games. CRPA will make every effort to schedule teams within their own elementary and/or high school district for practices but there are no guarantees.
- All dates, days, times and leagues (grade/ gender) are subject to change due to inclement weather and/ or number of participants/ teams. Monday through Thursdays between 6:00pm and 9:00pm are primary practice days/times. Fridays and Saturdays are primary playing days for Cherokee Youth Basketball.
- **Dual participation- NO player may play (game) with any other BASKETBALL team outside of CYB during the current CYB season. (e.g., travel teams, competitive teams, feeder teams, church teams and/or any other league/ teams, etc.) Players found guilty of this violation can be removed from the league immediately with no refund. Teams that are found guilty of this rule will forfeit the game(s) in which the player violated the dual participation rule. EXCEPTION- during school break (aka-**

“dead weeks”) player and/or teams may participate in other games outside of CYB such as a Christmas Break Tournament.

- **Mandatory Quarantine – NO player may play (practice or game) while under mandatory quarantine. Mandatory quarantine can be issued by a health care provider, CCSD, or CRPA. Players found guilty of this violation can be removed from the league immediately with no refund. Coaches that allow players to practice or play games that are under a mandatory quarantine will forfeit games that the player participated in and will be suspend for 2 games.**
- **Weapons Not Permitted on School Grounds:** It is unlawful for any parent, legal guardian, or visitor with exception of law enforcement and other public safety officials acting in their official capacity, to possess, carry or have within their control any weapon, or explosive compound as defined by Georgia law on any property owned by or leased to the Cherokee County School District, except as permitted by the Official Code of Georgia OCGA 16-11-127.1.
- **CRPA staff reserves the right to determine what constitutes unacceptable/disruptive behavior. CRPA staff also reserves the right to deny admittance and/or removal of anyone from CYB facilities/grounds.**
- **No solicitation of any kind will be allowed without prior consent from CRPA.**

## II. CYB SPECIFICS (Rules & Regulations)

### A. General League Information

1. All basketball games will be played by the basketball rules as published by the National Federation of State High School Associations. Exception: when local CYB rule supplements supersede federation rules. (SEE PLAYING RULES MATRIX)
2. All players MUST play for their respective school district. Any player found guilty of playing out of district (elementary or high school) will be removed from the league immediately with no refund. (Exception: some situations may arise when CRPA exclusively reserves the right to place players in the best interest of the league including but not limited to filling empty roster spots.)
3. CRPA will be working closely with school administration to confirm all player eligibility for their respective school/team. Master rosters will be available to all gym directors.
4. Playing Up- Players may play up one league (grade/gender) above their current academic grade.
5. Playing Down- No player may play below their league (grade/gender), unless medical documents are provided proving it to be necessary.
6. Roster minimum/ maximum for recreation teams in grades 1st- 8th is 7/9 players. CRPA will make every effort to cap rosters at these numbers. There may be exceptions to this rule based on participation number for any grade or gender.
7. Practice Regulations- No team may conduct more than two practices per week during the pre-season and no more than one practice per week during the regular season at CYB facilities. Teams may rent additional gym space (not affiliated with CYB) at their own cost.
8. **No team may conduct a practice of more than 50 minutes in length, and no team shall practice on full court unless left vacant by another team. Under no circumstances shall a practice go beyond 9 PM on a school night CCSD and CRPA policy.**
9. **Teams cannot scrimmage during practices or switch practice times without CYB League Director’s (Matthew Graney) approval.**
10. Sunday practices will be voluntary, and no disciplinary action from the team should be taken against any player should they miss these activities.
11. There are NO FORFEITS in regards to the minimum number of players on the court. There is no minimum number of players required to start/ finish a CYB game during the season. Teams can only forfeit due to not being present at game time OR a team has accumulated 2 technical fouls (T2 and T3 Category Only).
12. Players are not permitted to wear bracelets, necklaces, earrings, studs, etc. at any time with the exception of medical identification and emergency tags.
13. Players are not permitted to wear ribbons, bows, or hard items including, but not limited to beads barrettes and bobby pins.

14. A team's win/ loss record will be kept during the regular season. Division champions will receive awards for first place. In the event multiple divisions exist then awards will be given for each division. Teams will be awarded as co-champions when teams have identical winning percentages.
15. An invitational tournament (single elimination) will conclude the regular season. Teams will be ranked according to their winning percentage. If teams have identical winning percentages and did not play head to head, tournament seeds will be determined by coin toss. The CYB Invitational Tournament will be comprised of two brackets: One bracket for teams with an above .500 winning percentage and one bracket for teams with a .500 and below winning percentage.
16. CYB Invitational Tournament Inclement Weather Policy: In the event that scheduled Invitational games are postponed due to inclement weather or other factors unforeseen by the league, all games scheduled for that day(s) will be rescheduled. The league will make every effort to complete the tournament by the 2nd Sunday of March.
17. League standings and game scores will be kept during the season and posted on [www.playcherokee.org](http://www.playcherokee.org) CYB League Director will update those standings periodically throughout the season. Our task is to provide accurate winners for each game. In the event a score is wrong, but the winner is correct we will not make any changes. Providing the scores for each game is for entertainment purposes only. **NOTE: Only Head Coaches will be allowed to submit a game results change to their respective Gym Director or League Director.**
18. Coaches are the only ones permitted to report game day or practice issues to the League Director. Any issues parents or spectators have must be submitted through coaches.
19. Any policy, procedure, rule or interpretation not covered in this handbook or any other CYB material will be ruled on by the CRPA Athletic Staff. That decision is final.

## B. CYB General Playing Rules

1. All CYB games will have four 10-minute quarters with a running clock until 1 minute in the 4th quarter. Clock will stop for **timeouts** and **injuries**.
2. There will be a one-minute break between quarters and a three-minute break at half-time.
3. During halftime there will be no shooting allowed by ANYONE other than the two teams currently playing.
4. Each team will have five (5) 30-second timeouts per game. Unused timeouts will not be carried to any overtime period.
5. After every CYB game, Teams shall line up along the free throw line and nod/wave in a sportsmanship gesture.
6. If the game is tied after the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, the game will have 1-minute overtime period. If the game is tied after the overtime period, then the game will end in a tie. Each team will be given one (1) 30-second timeout during the overtime period.
7. **PLAYER SUBSTITUTION RULE-** The clock will be stopped at the first dead ball situation closest to the 5-minute time frame (5:15-4:45) during the first, second, and third quarters. All players that did not start that quarter will be substituted into the game and will play the remainder of that quarter. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter will be free substitutions for all eligible players.
8. The scorekeeper/timekeeper should assist the officials after stopping the clock and signaling that substitutions are required. At that time each team must substitute all players on the bench. Exception: 1) if a player is injured 2) a player gets in foul trouble (*note: foul trouble is defined as a player with 2 fouls in the 1st quarter or 3 fouls in the second or third quarter*) 3) a player has received a Category T2 or T3 technical foul (*see technical foul rule*) 4) a starter subs for another starter. Starting in the 4th quarter substitutions teams may use free substitution immediately after the next dead ball whistle. It is the responsibility of the scorekeeper/timekeeper to note the players who start each quarter and subs as they enter the game and to make sure it is done correctly.
9. **MERCY RULE-** Any time during the game if a team's lead reaches 25 points or more for ANY grade, the officials will announce a running clock for the remainder of the game. During this time the clock will only be stopped for injury and timeouts. No backcourt pressing is allowed

during this time by either team. At any time, a team's lead reaches 40 points the game will be stopped by the officials (game over).

10. Only approved coaches will be allowed on the team bench. (A maximum of 2 coaches)

11. **COACHES SEATBELT RULE-** During the game the head coach shall remain seated on the team bench, except: to rise in certain situations (injuries, to call time-outs, confer with table personnel for a correctable error, dealing with disqualifications). The assistant coach must remain seated, should only communicate with their team personal, and not communicate with officials.

12. If a coach, player, parent or spectator becomes involved in an altercation (verbal or physical) with anyone (before, during, after the game) they will be asked to leave the gym immediately and possibly face further league suspension/ expulsion. Head coaches should assume responsibility for their parents, players, spectators. If anyone does not leave without disruption CRPA staff will call 911 for assistance. This is a zero-tolerance policy.

### **C. Technical Foul Rule**

- In all levels of basketball play, fouls are personal or technical. Technical fouls are not usually the result of play on the court, but are generally due to a lapse in sportsmanship. From youth leagues to the pros, conduct that results in a technical foul is essentially the same, but the penalties are different. CYB plays according to the rules of the National Federation of State High School Associations which is the standard across the nation.
- Any player that receives a category T2 technical foul in the first half must sit the remainder of that half and **WILL NOT** be allowed to return until after halftime.
- Any player that receives a Category T2 technical foul in the second half must sit the remainder of the game (including any overtime periods) and **WILL NOT** be allowed to return to the game.
- Any player or coach that receives a Category T3 technical foul or two Category T2 technical fouls resulting in an **EJECTION** will be suspended for the remainder of that game plus two additional games. They must leave the gym immediately. 911 will be called if necessary. During the suspension that player or coach will be allowed to practice but cannot be on the team bench during the next two games. Game Officials and Gym Supervisors must submit a written report within 48 hours of the incident.
- Any player or coach that receives 2 Category T2 technical fouls during the same game will result in an automatic **EJECTION** and must leave the facility immediately.
- Any team that receives 2 Category T2 and/or Category T3 technical fouls during the same game will result in an automatic **FORFEIT**.
- Any player or coach that is **EJECTED** twice during the season will be **SUSPENDED** for the remainder of the season including any tournament games with no refund.
- There is no appeal process for receiving a technical foul, ejection or suspension.
- CPRA Staff will rule upon any item not covered and that decision will be final.



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## Technical-Foul Penalty Chart

Type of Technical Foul	Charged To:	Counts Towards
<p><b>Technical ONE (T1)-</b></p> <p><b>Administrative:</b> Inaccurate scoresheet, uniforms, coaching attire, More than five players on the court, Illegal Defense (Grades 1-4<sup>th</sup>), teams not ready to start half, not occupying assigned bench, excess-timeouts, violation after team warning for delay, entering court; no report; not beckoned.</p>	<p><b>Team</b></p>	<p><b>1. Team-Foul Count</b></p>
<p><b>Technical TWO (T2)-</b></p> <p><b>Players:</b> Changing number without reporting; face-guarding, grasping basket, dunking dead ball, slapping backboard; Unsporting act/conduct verbal or physical towards officials or game participants, reaching through plane to touch or dislodge ball; contact opponent during dead ball; use of tobacco, removing jersey/pants.</p> <p><b>Bench Personnel:</b> Unsporting act/conduct verbal or physical towards officials or game participants.</p> <p><b>Head Coach or Assistant Coach:</b> Unsporting act/conduct verbal or physical towards officials or game participants. Failure to comply with CYB Seat Belt rule.</p>	<p><b>Player, Bench personal, Head Coach, and Assistant Coach</b> <b>(Only the person guilty of the infraction is given the Technical Foul.)</b></p>	<p><b>1. 5 personals</b> <b>2. Team-Foul Count</b> <b>3. 2 Personal Technicals</b> <b>4. 2 Team Technicals</b></p>
<p><b>Technical THREE (T3)-</b></p> <p><b>Players or Bench Personnel:</b> Any profanity or unacceptable physical contact with a game official or participant, team members leaving bench for unauthorized reason (ex. Fight, altercations).</p> <p><b>Head Coach or Assistant Coach:</b> Any profanity or unacceptable physical contact with a game official, participant and/or spectators.</p>	<p><b>Player, Bench personal, Head Coach, and Assistant Coach</b> <b>(Only the person guilty of the infraction is given the Technical THREE and immediately EJECTED.)</b></p>	<p><b>1. Team-Foul Count</b> <b>2. 2 Team Technicals</b> <b>3. Ejection</b></p>

\* A flagrant foul is either treated as a category T2 or T3 depending on the official's judgment of the foul.

## **D. HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE SPECIFIC RULES**

1. There are NO DRAFTS for grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> in CYB. All registration is done as a complete team.
2. Each team must provide a coach, who is at least 25 years of age or older with a current approved background check on file with CRPA. At NO time can a team have a person under the age of 25 sit on the bench to serve in any type of administrative or supporting role (Example: assistant coach, team manager, statistician, etc.).
3. Teams may be formed with any eligible player within Cherokee County. All players must attend a school in Cherokee County. School/district lines do not apply in the 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade high school division.
4. Teams are allowed to have players from multiple grade levels play on their team. They must register and compete in the grade level that corresponds with the highest-grade level player on their team.
5. All CYB playing rules and regulations apply to the high school division. Dual participation is not allowed at the high school level. Playing on multiple teams within CYB or other outside programs is forbidden and grounds for the team or individual being completely removed from the league.
6. CYB High School teams will be given 10 uniforms before the season starts. It is the team's responsibility to keep up with the uniforms. CYB will not provide any extra uniforms regardless of how many players are on the roster.
7. Team uniform sizes must be submitted online to the League Director, NO LATER THAN 5pm on November 19<sup>th</sup>.
8. The High School Official Roster must be completely filled out, typed and turned into the League Director by 5pm on Friday December 18<sup>th</sup>.
9. Any additions to the official roster must be submitted to the League Director by 5pm on the Wednesday prior to your first scheduled game that week. Teams can only carry a maximum of 15 players on their official roster.
10. Once a player/parent signs Official League roster he/she cannot appear on any other roster (CYB, High School, Travel, etc....) nor can they be removed from your roster unless it is done for disciplinary reason by the League Director.
11. If a player is removed from your team by the League Director for any reasons, that team will not be able to add a player to the roster in his/her spot (Example: 15 roster spots and a player is removed by the league, the teams' official roster is now 14 players).
12. Upon request of CRPA staff, teams must be able to provide a current copy (Electronically or Hard Copy) of their OFFICIAL ROSTER, signed by the League Director at each game (This is not the same as the team scoresheet).
13. All players that are in uniform must be able to provide proof of identification upon request by CRPA Staff. Proof of identification must have a picture on it and be government issued or a school identification card.
14. Teams that are unable to provide a current copy of their OFFICIAL ROSTER or any player/s unable to provide proper identification will result in a forfeit of that game and possible removal from the league.
15. Players that are on the OFFICIAL ROSTER but NOT in uniform are not eligible to sit on the bench during the game.

## **III. VOLUNTEER COACHES**

### **a. Responsibilities & Expectations**

1. A coach should be enthusiastic without being intimidating. He or she should be sensitive to the children's feelings and genuinely enjoy spending time with them. He or she should be dedicated to serving children and understand that youth sports provide physical and emotional growth for participants. Remember, youth sports are for the children.
2. A coach needs to realize that he or she is a teacher, not a drill sergeant. He or she should help children learn and work to improve their skills. Personal gains are never a consideration. The job does not depend on winning. The best interest of the child transforms into the best interests of the game.

3. The safety and welfare of the children never can be compromised. A coach will consider these factors above all others.
4. A coach needs a tremendous amount of patience. Don't push children beyond limits in regards to practice. Children have many daily pressures and the youth sports experience should not be one of them. Playing sports is meant to be fun.
5. A coach should care more about the players as people than as athletes. The youth sports program is a means to an end, not an end to itself.
6. A coach should encourage his players to dream and set lofty goals. It is important to remain positive and refrain from discouraging remarks. Negative comments are remembered far more often than positive affirmations.
7. A coach needs to remember that the rules of the game are designed to protect the participants, as well as to set a standard for competition. He or she never should circumvent or take advantage of the rules by teaching deliberate misconduct. A coach who puts his or her opponents' team at risk should not be involved with children.
8. A coach should be the first person to demonstrate good sportsmanship. He or she should take a low profile during the game and allow the kids to be the center of attention.
9. Parents and players place a lot of trust and confidence in the coach. The coach has an important role in molding the athletic experience of the child.
10. A coach can measure success by the respect he or she gets from the players, regardless of victories or defeats. Children who mature socially and physically while participating in sports are the best indication of good coaching.
11. A coach must always Be Early, Be Prepared and Make It Fun! It is your leadership as a coach that children will remember over the games themselves.

## **b. NYSCA Certification**

CPRA highly recommends completing NYSCA online training in addition to any "hands on" training clinics that are offered. This is done in an effort to properly prepare everyone for the responsibilities they are about to undertake as well as to protect the child, the coach, and the league. The NYSCA program will cost the volunteer coach \$20 per coach/ per year and membership should be kept current each year. Go to [www.nays.org](http://www.nays.org) for more information about this coaching certification program.

### **Program Description**

The National Youth Sports Coaches Association is designed to "sensitize" volunteer coaches to their responsibilities when working with children in sports and hold them accountable to a strict CODE OF CONDUCT defined by the NYSCA Coaches' Code of Ethics Pledge. More than one million coaches have been certified worldwide through more than 2,200 NYSCA chapters that exist among parks and recreation departments, Boys & Girls Clubs, YMCAs/YWCAs, church recreation programs, PALs, Optimist Clubs, and military youth activities. The clinics feature information on the psychology of coaching children, maximizing athletic performance, first aid, nutrition, safety, organizing fun and interesting practices, how to teach fundamentals of the sport, plus many other important areas. Coaches who complete the program receive a variety of benefits.

## **c. Coaches Code of Conduct & Code of Ethics**

### **1. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.**

Expected Behavior:

- Using appropriate language in appropriate tones when interacting with league officials, game officials, parents and spectators.
- Including all players in team activities without regard to race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, body type, national origin, ancestry, disability, ability, or any other legally protected classification.
- Treating all players, league officials, game officials, parents and spectators with dignity and respect.
- Playing all players according to the equal participation rules established by the league and the spirit of those rules.

- Encouraging youth to participate in other sports and activities to promote all aspects of their development.
- Allowing reasonable absences from practice.

**2. I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.**

Expected Behavior:

- Recognizing the differences of each child and treating each player as an individual while demonstrating concern for their individual needs and well-being.
- Encouraging all players, regardless of skill level, to be included as a member of the team and to remain involved in sports.
- Recognizing that some physical tasks, drills and demands are not appropriate for all youth.
- Recognizing that youth may vary greatly in physical, social and emotional maturation and considering these factors when setting up competitions and when interacting with youth.

**3. I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.**

Expected Behavior:

- Maintaining a high level of awareness of potentially unsafe conditions.
- Protecting players from sexual molestation, assault and physical or emotional abuse.
- Correcting or avoiding unsafe practice or playing conditions.
- Using appropriate safety equipment necessary to protect all players.
- Seeing that the players are provided with adequate adult supervision while under the coach's care.

**4. I will promise to review and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players**

Expected Behavior

- Keeping basic first aid supplies available in all practice and game situations.
- Recognizing and administering proper first aid to an injured player.
- Demonstrating concern for an injured player, notifying parents and cooperating with medical authorities.
- Protecting the players' well-being by removing them from activity when injured and not returning them to activity if they are compromised by injury.

**5. I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.**

Expected Behavior:

- Establishing practice plans that are interesting, varied, productive and aimed at improving all players' skills and individual abilities.
- Devoting appropriate time to the individual improvement of each player.
- Conducting practices of reasonable length and intensity appropriate for the age and conditioning of the players.

**6. I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.**

Expected Behavior:

- Adopting the position, teaching and demonstrating that it is our basic moral code to treat others as we would like to be treated.
- Abiding by & supporting the rules of the game as well as the spirit of the rules.
- Providing an environment conducive to fair and equitable competition.
- Using the influential position of youth coach as an opportunity to promote, teach and expect sportsmanship and fair play.

**7. I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all Cherokee Youth Basketball events.**

Expected Behavior:

- Being alcohol and drug free at all team activities or in the presence of players.
- Refraining from the use of any type of tobacco products at all team activities or in the presence of your players.
- Refraining from providing any type of alcohol, drug or tobacco products to any of your players.

- Encouraging parents to refrain from the public use of tobacco products or alcohol at team activities.

**8. I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to my players.**

Expected Behavior:

- Becoming knowledgeable, understanding and supportive of all applicable game rules, league rules, regulations and policies.
- Teaching and requiring compliance of these rules among players.

**9. I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.**

Expected behavior:

- Teaching techniques that reduce the risk of injury to both the coach’s own players and their opponents.
- Discouraging illegal contact or intentional dangerous play and administering swift and equitable discipline to players involved in such activity.

**10. I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.**

Expected Behavior:

- Maintaining a positive, helpful and supportive attitude.
- Exercising your influence to control the behavior of the fans/spectators.
- Exhibiting gracious acceptance of defeat or victory.
- Accepting and adhering to all league rules and policies related to the participation of adults and youth.
- Fulfilling the expected role of a youth coach to adopt a “children first” philosophy.
- Allowing and encouraging the players to listen, learn and play hard within the rules.
- Placing the emphasis on fun and participation.

**d. Enforcement of Code of Ethics**

Cherokee Recreation & Parks is dedicated to raising the standard of service to youth in sports through the enforcement of this Code of Conduct among its coaches.

This Code of Conduct defines the expectations for adults serving as coaches in youth sports and provides the tools to be used, when necessary, to check behavior and to respond with resolve to protect all children from the psychological, emotional, physical or social abuses that can be perpetrated against them by youth sport coaches.

CRPA firmly believes that for the sports experience to be positive, safe and a learning experience for youth, volunteer coaches must be trained and held accountable for their behavior when working with and around children. It is the duty of Cherokee Recreation & Parks to respond to complaints lodged against a volunteer coach that has allegedly violated the Code of Ethics. This is accomplished by initiating the “Complaint Against a Coach Procedure.” The purpose of this procedure is to hear the complaints and to determine what, if any, action should be taken towards correcting the coach’s behavior. In order to provide the league, the flexibility to take appropriate action when a coach is found to have violated the Coaches’ Code of Ethics, a range of possible actions has been developed to accompany the Code of Conduct.

1. Possible actions include:

- Warning to and/or Apology from the coach
- Probation
- One Game Suspension
- Multiple Game Suspension
- Season Suspension
- Permanent Revocation of Certification

When reviewing a complaint and deciding what action is the most appropriate in a given situation, CRPA Staff must take into consideration various extenuating circumstances.

2. Factors that might suggest a more lenient sanction include:

- First Offense
- Remorse
- Apparent Desire to Reform
- Other Good Coaching Attributes

- Dedication to Youth Sports

3. Factors that might suggest a harsher sanction include:

- Child Endangerment
- Violation of Law
- Prior Complaints/Review Action
- Lack of Remorse
- Number of Ethics Canons Violated
- Number of Expected Behaviors Violated
- Breach of Duties as a Role Model
- Extraordinarily Poor Judgment around Children

**e. Complaint Procedures against a Coach**

When Cherokee Recreation & Parks receives a complaint about a member coach, the league will:

1. Gather information and eyewitness accounts of the event(s) that took place from everyone involved to determine if a violation of the letter or intent of the Coaches' Code of Ethics Pledge has occurred. This may include the site supervisor, game officials, and other coaches, parents and children.
2. Require the member coach to attend a meeting (in person or over the phone is acceptable) to address the complaint and to offer his/her side of the incident.
3. CRPA Staff under the supervision of the CRPA Director has the authority to determine the severity of the situation and whether or not the affected coach has violated the expected behaviors outlined under each of the canons of the Code of Ethics Pledge that comprise Code of Conduct.
4. CRPA Staff, after approval from CRPA Director, has the authority to enforce the appropriate range of disciplinary actions outlined in the Coaches' Code of Conduct. This information will be logged in the member's file.
5. There is no appeals process. The decision is final.

**f. Coach Ejection**

When a coach is ejected from a game, they shall leave the facility immediately and take no further part in that game. Any coach ejected from a game is automatically suspended for their next two physically played games but may be in attendance at the game site from which they are suspended. If any further altercations/arguments are made prior to leaving the premises, a multiple game suspension or expulsion is possible. 911 may be called if necessary. **There is no appeal process following an ejection.**

**Only Head Coaches may submit a game evaluation on any official(s). That evaluation will be forwarded and reviewed by the respective officials' association. CRPA staff will then collaborate with that leadership to determine if any discipline of the official is warranted.**

**NOTE: It is critical that the Head Coach provide as much detailed information as possible during the report. Any supporting documentation from spectators or possible video footage may be accepted as well (but only through the head coach).**

**IV. PARTICIPANTS**

**a. Responsibility and Expectations**

Participation in youth sports programs can have a lasting and meaningful effect on children's lives.

Therefore, it is the goal of Cherokee Recreation & Parks to provide the highest quality of athletic programs to ensure that a child's experience with sports is a positive one. It takes the cooperation of everyone involved, including the participant, to make this happen. Therefore, the league has established the following responsibilities for participants to adhere to.

1. Players will listen to their coaches and be respectful of their elders.
2. Players will take care of the facilities, equipment, and uniforms, which they are given.
3. Players will make sure to eat the right foods and drink plenty of water before and after practices and games.
4. Players will avoid all types of taunting and belittling remarks to their teammates or opponents.
5. Players will show good sportsmanship at all times, win or lose.

6. Players will not make sports a priority over schoolwork or family.
7. Players will refrain from horseplay and all other dangerous activities, in which they may become hurt.
8. Players will participate for the love of the game and competition and not to win at all costs.

**b. Players Code of Ethics**

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship.
2. I will attend every practice and game that I can, and will notify my coach if I cannot.
3. I will expect to receive a fair and just amount of playing time.
4. I will do my very best to listen and learn from my coaches.
5. I will treat my coaches, other players, officials and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
6. I deserve to have fun during my sports experience and will alert parents or coaches if it stops being fun!
7. I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and expect adults to refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
8. I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity because it's important to me.
9. I will do my very best in school.
10. I will remember that a sport is an opportunity to learn and have fun.

**c. Corrective Action Policy**

Players who fail to adhere to the Code of Conduct or do not live up to their responsibilities or expectations will be subject to disciplinary action. Cherokee Recreation & Parks does not want a problem child to spoil the experience of youth sports for the other children in the programs. Therefore, the league has instituted a Corrective Action Policy to establish appropriate consequences for inappropriate behavior.

The Corrective Action Policy is a guide to assist coaches and the league in operating a quality program. The Corrective Action Policy is a four-step system designed to forgive a mistake but to firmly address chronic misbehavior.

For violations of the Code of Conduct or Expectations, the following steps will be followed:

**Step 1** – Verbal Warning – Coach will discuss undesirable conduct with player and parents and stress that this behavior will not be tolerated.

**Step 2** – Period Suspension - Coach will bench the offending player for a specified period of time during a game when he/she should be playing. Coach will inform League Administrator of the problem and why the child is sitting out.

**Step 3** – Game Suspension - Coach will bench the offending player for 1 entire game when he/she should be playing. Coach will inform League Administrator of the 3rd offense, at which time the player and the parent(s) must attend a meeting with the Coach and League Administrator before the player is allowed to resume playing. The player will be warned that the next offense will result in his/her expulsion from the league.

**Step 4** – League Expulsion - The participant on the 4th offense will be expelled from the league and no refund will be given. The parent will then have to make a formal request to be re-instated into this league. The child and parent(s) will then have to meet with the League Administrator and CRPA Director prior to the start of the season to determine if the child is capable of playing within the guidelines of this program.

**These guidelines are not absolute in dealing with behavioral problems. Severe situations could merit harsher sanctions against the participant.**

## V. PARENTS/SPECTATORS

**a. Responsibility and Expectations**

In order for a program to be truly successful, it takes the cooperation of everyone involved: players, coaches, officials, league administrators, spectators and especially parents. Parents and spectators have the following responsibilities and expectations when participating in Cherokee Recreation & Parks Athletic Programs:

1. Parents/ Spectators have a responsibility to their children: To make sure that your child gets the most out of his or her playing experience, parents should show their unwavering support,

including positive reinforcement of your child's performance and effort. This is absolutely essential, especially at an early age, to ensure their healthy development. Parents/ Spectators should also be positive role models, including, but not limited to, showing proper sportsmanship at all times and refraining from negativity of any kind.

2. Parents/ Spectators have a responsibility to the coaches: Coaches volunteer their personal time to spend it with your child. They need you to be supportive of their decisions and not undermine their efforts. If you don't agree with a coach, you are expected to tell that coach, BUT make certain it is done at the right time and place and not in front of the children. Parents/ Spectators are also expected to drop off and pick up their children on time for games and practice, and it is highly encouraged for parents to stay and participate in order to maintain control of the group and to assist the coach as needed.
3. Parents/ Spectators have a responsibility to the league: League administrators cannot be at all games and practices of all teams. Therefore, in order to maintain the protective shell around these programs, it is essential for parents/spectators to report abusive behavior or any other situation that needs to be addressed to the league administrator. This is the only way that these programs can achieve their intended goals.
4. Parents/ Spectators have a responsibility to other parents: Personal gain and satisfaction should not be derived from a child's performance. Competition and taunting between people is never acceptable, and no parent/spectator should ever feel embarrassed or disappointed by their team or child's performance. Good plays should always be cheered, and disappointments should always be consoled, no matter whose team it affects.
5. Parents/ Spectators have a responsibility to themselves: It is your responsibility to enjoy watching your child and other children participate and learn. The joy and pride associated with watching children participate in sports should be experienced to the fullest, because a lifetime of memories is being created before your very eyes.

#### **b. Parent/Spectator Code of Ethics**

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.
2. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.
3. I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
4. I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
5. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
6. I will remember that the game is for youth – not adults.
7. I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
8. I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
9. I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coach upholds the Coaches' Code of Ethics.
10. I will read the NYSCA National Standards for Youth Sports and do what I can to help all youth sports organizations implement and enforce them.

#### **c. Corrective Action Policy**

Parents/ Spectators who do not follow the Code of Ethics will be subject to a Corrective Action Policy. It is the philosophy of Cherokee Recreation & Parks that parents should not spoil the experience of participation in youth sports for the children. Furthermore, the league will never punish a child for the actions of his or her parent(s)/ Spectators. Therefore, the following guidelines have been established for addressing problem parents.

For violations of the Code of Ethics or Responsibilities and Expectations, the following steps will be followed:

**Step 1** – Verbal Warning – League Administrator/ Coach will discuss undesirable conduct with parent/ spectator and stress that this behavior will not be tolerated. Coach will document this conversation and give to league administrator.

**Step 2** – Written Warning - League Administrator, Coach or Official will notify the league of continued breach of Code of Ethics and league will bring parent(s)/ spectator(s) in for a meeting to

discuss actions and what the proper behavior is. Furthermore, there will be a formal letter of reprimand given to parent(s) stating that the next offense will lead to them being banned from the sporting event venue for a period of one game.

**Step 3** – Game Suspension - League Administrator will ban the parent/spectator from attending the next scheduled contest and another letter will be given to parent(s) stating that the next offense will lead to parent being banned from all future contests.

**Step 4** – Season Suspension -The parent(s)/ spectator(s) will be banned from attending all league contests after a 4th offense. The parent(s) will then have to make a formal request to be re-instated into this league. The parent(s)/ spectator(s) will then have to meet with the League Administrator and CRPA Director prior to the start of the season to determine if they are capable of behaving within the spirit and letter of the guidelines of this program.

**These guidelines are not absolute in dealing with behavioral problems. Severe situations could merit harsher sanctions against the parent(s)/ spectator(s)**

## **VI. ADMINISTRATORS & OFFICIALS**

### **a. Responsibility and Expectations**

Cherokee Recreation & Parks is dedicated to raising community standards in youth sports. In order to do so, we must hold ourselves accountable by staying abreast on current topics and trends in the recreation industry. Training Gym Directors and officials is essential in maintaining a level of professionalism and credibility in youth sports.

### **b. Administrators Code of Ethics**

I will run youth sports programs for the children involved, not the adults

I will ensure that I am knowledgeable in the area of youth sports administration and basketball.

I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for all participants.

I will provide support for coaches, officials and parents to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all.

I will require all coaches and officials to be trained in the responsibilities of being a volunteer within the organization.

I will implement and enforce all CYB Rules.

I promise to keep informed about current issues involving youth sports programs.

### **c. Officials Code of Ethics**

I will hereby pledge to live up to the high standards of ethics and training for an Official by following the Code of Ethics.

I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support of all players, coaches, fellow officials and league administrators at all times.

I will ensure that I am knowledgeable of the rules of each sport I officiate, and apply those rules fairly to all participants, teams and coaches.

I will not allow personal friendships and associations to influence my decisions during a contest.

I will refrain from the use of tobacco and alcohol products when in the youth sports environment.

I will remember that youth sports are an opportunity for children to learn and have fun.

I will place their safety above all else.

**CRPA currently works with contracted official's associations for Cherokee Youth Basketball. Each association(s) is required to complete background checks for all of its officials. This association also additionally provides their own set of rules and regulations for their behavior. For more information about their association please CPRA for contact information.**

## APPENDIX

### PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING OUTLINE

The Cherokee Recreation & Parks requires that all teams conduct a “mandatory parent meeting” during the first week of practice, preferable the very first practice. In order for your child to play in the league, it is mandatory that at least one of the parents/ guardians attend. Important information such as policy and procedures, safety and first aid, medical alerts, expectations, responsibilities and team rules will be discussed in detail. This meeting is held in order to lay the foundation for open communication among coaches, parents and participants. Don’t forget your handbook!

- 1) Introduction (Coaches, Players, Parents, Administrators, etc.)
- 2) Review of Mission Statement
- 3) Player’s Responsibilities and Expectations
- 4) Player’s Code of Ethics
- 5) Player’s Corrective Action Policy
- 6) Parent’s/ Spectator’s Responsibilities and Expectations
- 7) Parent’s/ Spectator’s Code of Ethics
- 8) Parent’s/ Spectator’s Corrective Action Policy
- 9) Special Needs (i.e., disability, behavior disorder, medical alert, etc.)
- 10) Following the Chain of Command (Coach- Gym Director- CRPA Staff)
- 11) Practice and Game Attendance and Drop Off/Pick Up
- 13) Assignment of the Team Mom/Dad- Roles and Responsibilities
- 14) Inclement Weather Procedures (770-924-7768 or [www.playcherokee.org](http://www.playcherokee.org))
- 15) Equipments and Uniforms
- 16) Discussion of Rules and Regulations (CYB and Head Coach)
- 17) Methods of Communication-OPEN LINE AT ALL TIMES
- 18) Circles of Criticism and Affirmation  
(What you say at home will eventually be heard at the gym)
- 19) Practice and Game Schedules
- 20) Open Discussion



## CYB Gymnasiums Addresses and Water Only Policy

**ACE Academy** (Old Teasley Middle)  
8871 Knox Bridge Hwy  
Canton, GA 30114

**Arnold Mill Elementary** (WATER ONLY GYM)  
710 Arnold Mill Road  
Woodstock, GA 30188

**Avery Elementary** (WATER ONLY GYM)  
6391 East Cherokee Drive  
Canton, GA 30115

**Ball Ground City Gym** (WATER ONLY GYM)  
480 Old Canton Road  
Ball Ground, GA 30107

**Ball Ground Elementary** (WATER ONLY GYM)  
321 Valley Street (use bus entrance located behind the school)  
Ball Ground, GA 30107

**Bascomb Elementary** (WATER ONLY GYM)  
1335 Wyngate Parkway  
Woodstock, GA 30189

**Boston Elementary** (WATER ONLY GYM)  
105 Othello Drive  
Woodstock, GA 30189

**Carmel Elementary** (WATER ONLY GYM)  
2275 Bascomb Carmel Road  
Woodstock, GA 30189

**Clark Creek Elementary** (WATER ONLY GYM)  
3219 Hunt Road (use bus entrance past the main entrance)  
Acworth, GA 30102

**Cherokee Charter** (WATER ONLY GYM)  
2126 Sixes Road  
Canton, GA 30114

**Cherokee High School/Cherokee High North** (CHS Old Gym and CHS New Gym located side by side)  
930 Marietta Hwy.  
Canton, GA 30114  
(WATER ONLY GYM)

**Clayton Elementary** (WATER ONLY GYM)  
221 Upper Burriss Road  
Canton, GA 30114

**Creeklane Middle School** (WATER ONLY GYM)  
1555 Owens Store Road  
Canton, GA 30115

**Free Home Elementary** (WATER ONLY GYM)  
12525 Cumming Highway  
Canton, GA 30115

**Hasty Elementary** (WATER ONLY GYM)  
205 Brown Industrial Parkway (use bus entrance located off Hwy. 20)  
Canton, GA 30114

**Hickory Flat Elementary** (WATER ONLY GYM)  
2755 East Cherokee Drive (use entrance on Hickory Flat Road)  
Canton, GA 30115

**Holly Springs Elementary** (WATER ONLY GYM)  
1965 Hickory Rd.  
Canton, GA 30115

**Indian Knoll Elementary** (WATER ONLY GYM)  
3635 Univeter Road (use bus entrance to the left of the main entrance)  
Canton, GA 30115

**Johnston Elementary** (WATER ONLY GYM)  
2031 East Cherokee DR.  
Woodstock, GA 30188

**Knox Elementary** (WATER ONLY GYM)  
151 River Bend Way (use bus entrance/ second entrance behind the school- River Green Neighborhood)  
Canton, GA 30114

**Liberty Elementary** (WATER ONLY GYM)  
10500 Bells Ferry Rd.  
Canton, Ga. 30114

**Little River Elementary** (WATER ONLY GYM)  
3170 Trickum Rd. (use bus entrance located to the right of the main entrance)  
Woodstock, GA 30188

**Macedonia Elementary** (WATER ONLY GYM)  
10370 East Cherokee Drive  
Canton, GA 30115

**Mountain Road Elementary** (WATER ONLY GYM)  
615 Mountain Road  
Woodstock, GA 30188

**Oak Grove Elementary** (WATER ONLY GYM)  
6118 Woodstock Rd  
Acworth, GA 30102

**R.M. Moore Elementary** (WATER ONLY GYM)  
1375 Puckett Road  
Waleska, GA 30183

**Sixes Elementary** (WATER ONLY GYM)  
20 Ridge Road  
Canton, GA 30114

**Teasley Middle** (WATER ONLY GYM)  
151 Hickory Log Trail  
Canton, GA 30114

**Woodstock Elementary** (WATER ONLY GYM)  
230 Rope Mill Road  
Woodstock, GA 30188

**Trinity Presbyterian Church** (WATER ONLY GYM)  
1136 Trinity Church Road  
Canton, GA 30115

**CRPA Recreation Center** (WATER ONLY GYM)  
7545 Main Street, Bldg. 200  
Woodstock, GA 30188



**CRPA Main Office (Recreation Center) 770-924-7768**

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