



## CYB Frequently Asked Questions???

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**What is CYB?** Cherokee Youth Basketball is your local recreational basketball league that is open to all eligible Cherokee County residents (kids in grades K/1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>). This basketball league has over 4,000 players throughout our county playing basketball every season.

**Will there be a noticeable difference again this season?** Yes and No. We have continued to tweak league rules as suggested by Gym Directors and input from the past seasons in areas that needed improvement. Ultimately you will still see the same league as you have enjoyed in the past few seasons with minimal changes.

**How do I register?** CYB registration will only be taken online at [www.playcherokee.org](http://www.playcherokee.org), or in person at the Recreation Center. NOTE: A transaction fee is charged on ALL debit/credit purchases.

**Can I register my child at assessments or just show up there and then register after?** NO, we have very strict guidelines in place to protect our volunteers and staff. Our registration form includes a waiver form that must be signed and accepted during the normal registration process. No exceptions!!!

**How do I know if I ordered the right size uniform?** The sizes for the uniforms will be clearly indicated during registration. If you prefer to try them on, we would suggest that you register in person at the Recreation Center. It will be the exact same model uniform worn last season with new legal numbers. We do have the samples at the Recreation Center. You will NOT be allowed to change the size of your uniform once they have been ordered.

**When will game schedules be published?** Game schedules should be published by the weekend prior to the first games of the season.

**Is CRPA concerned about the appearance of this league?** Yes, one thing the CRPA athletic staff feels strongly about is the image and the integrity that our players and volunteers show on the court. We have a mandatory dress code for players and coaches alike ALONG with a zero tolerance policy in regards to poor behavior. We feel that those players and coaches are a direct reflection of your community and should be upheld to the highest standards. Being in a leadership position and being a positive role model for our community should be taken seriously.

**When I have a concerns or problem, who do I contact?** In order to establish a good chain of command and use our resources wisely we would encourage you to first contact your local Gym Director (local volunteer) or Gym Supervisor (game day staff). However, do not hesitate to contact the CRPA athletic staff with any concerns or problems that you may have.

**What if my child plans to try out for the feeder team, middle school, junior varsity or varsity team in my district?** We strongly encourage you to go ahead and register for CYB to ensure that your child has a place to play regardless of whether they make the school team or not. If they do make the school team, then you can simply request for a refund. There is a \$5 administration fee on all refund requests. To get a refund, please let us know by **Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** by 5:00 PM.

**What school will my child play for?** If your child is in grades K- 5 they will play out of their respective elementary school. If your child is in grades 6-8 they will play out of their respective high school district. Teams from grades 6-12 may practice and/or play out of any participating elementary school gym within their high school district or satellite gym. See list for local participating schools and gyms sites.

**Can my child play for another school/team out of district?** No, your child must absolutely play for the district elementary that they attend. Anyone caught doing so will be removed from the league with no refund. EXCEPTION: Some situations may arise during registration 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 or high school division.

**What if my child attends a non-participating CCSD school, private school, home school or cyber school?** The great news is that all of those students are more than welcome to play CYB. When you register your child simply sign up for school district they live in (elementary or high school) in relation to your home address/school zone. A utility bill or some type of verification may be required for proof of residency. Anyone caught falsifying their information will be removed from the league with no refund.

**I can't locate my child's middle school (6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade). What school do I sign them up in?** Our 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball program is labeled by the High School Zone in which your child will attend based on your current address.

**If my child plays in grades, 6-12 what gym(s) will serve as their home gym for practices/ games?** Since your child will play for their respective high school district they, may practice or play out of any participating school gym within their high school district or satellite gym. (An example of this would be a 6th grade team in the Cherokee District may practice or play out of Canton, Clayton, Hasty, Knox, Liberty, R.M. Moore as well as any satellite gym). **CYB High School teams will have to find their own practice space.**

**Can you prorate the CYB registration fee for families with multiple kids?** No, our budget is already very lean with our projected revenues and expenses for the league. It cost us the same to operate for every player. CRPA does not offer any prorated registration fees for any other athletic league/program that we offer as well.

**How can I receive financial assistance in order to register my child?** Each 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 (Applications are due by September 12<sup>th</sup>)**. Please call 770-924-7768 for more information.

**Can my child play up a grade/league?** Yes, your child is eligible to either play in their current grade/league or one level up. When your child plays up they will be subject to all assessment and draft rules already in place.

**Are you having a league for Kindergarten?** No, but all CCSD enrolled kindergarten players that register to play will be placed in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade league. (Pre-K, K-4 or other similar grades are not acceptable). CRPA will ultimately determine if a student is eligible to play up into the 1<sup>st</sup> grade league). Their decision is final.

**Can I/we play an entire team of players up a grade?** No, you cannot register a team as a whole or play up as a team. Each individual player is eligible to play up but will be subject to all assessment and draft rules already in place. High School Division registration and rosters are subject to different governing rules.

**Will there be a competitive league?** No, there are several other opportunities outside of CYB for those players seeking a more competitive environment. We highly encourage aspiring players in grades 5-12 to try-out for their respective feeder, middle school, junior varsity and varsity teams. If you want to remain with CYB and play more competitive ball, then we suggest that you sign your child up one grade level and play with the bigger/older kids.

**How many recreational players and teams will there be?** That is entirely up to you! We will not turn anyone away during regular registration dates (see Calendar of Events). We are prepared to facilitate as many players as needed. During late registration we will only be able to fill the remaining spots needed to balance out teams as best as possible so don't delay in registering on time.

**Is there a mandatory playing time rule in CYB?** Yes! See our CYB General Playing Rules within the CYB Handbook for a specific explanation.

**Will there be a Christmas Tournament?** CYB does NOT host a holiday tournament. We strongly encourage you to use this time and spend with your family and friends because when the league starts back in January we will hit the ground running!

**Will there be a Post Season Tournament at the end of the regular season?** 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.

**When will my team practice?** Practice days/ times during the preseason could be on any day of the week. We are very limited on gym space so we take what we can get. Generally speaking, in the preseason teams will get one weekday practice and one weekend practice. When the games start, the teams will get one weekday practice and games are played on weekends (Friday and Saturdays). Practice times are assigned based on the head coaches requests and gym availability. All of this is subject to change based on gym availability.

**What if my team can get its own court/ gym time at no cost to CYB?** Yes, that is perfectly fine. If a team has access to their own court/gym and it is not at the expense of the league then by all means practice, practice, practice! An example of this would be a team renting gym space at a local church, satellite gym, etc.

**How do I sign up to be a head coach or assistant coach?** All volunteer coaches must register through our online system (<https://www.playcherokee.org/210/Cherokee-Youth-Basketball-CYB>). Coaches will be screened and contacted if selected to be a volunteer coach.

**As a coach (head and/or assistant), what am I responsible for paying for?** Every volunteer (head coach and assistant coach) must complete and pass a criminal background check. The cost is **\$22.50** and can be completed online. Please visit (<https://www.playcherokee.org/292/Volunteer-Information>) to be directed to the website to complete your background check.

**How do I sign up to be a volunteer Gym Director or Assistant Gym Director?** If you want to become more involved in the basketball at your local school this is a great opportunity for you to step in and provide that guidance. Directors are primarily responsible for coordinating drafts and practices for your school teams. Volunteers that help in this capacity do get preferential practice times (first choice). These positions are vital to the success of your school's success so please inquire if interested. ([laprickett@cherokeegountyga.gov](mailto:laprickett@cherokeegountyga.gov)).

**Will we play games or practice during school breaks throughout the season?** We will be taking advantage of the beginning or “front end” of each school break or holiday weekend. **For example, we will be playing games on the weekdays (Monday – Thursday) prior to the Christmas Break and possibly Thanksgiving Break.**

**I still have more questions?** Please email Leigh Prickett at [laprickett@cherokeecountyga.gov](mailto:laprickett@cherokeecountyga.gov) and put **FAQ** in the subject box. He will be more than glad to answer your questions and add it to the FAQ if it pertains to the league as a whole.