

CATOOSA COUNTY YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

GOVERNING RULES & REGULATIONS:

1.

<u>INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE</u>	(5U Coed) - 10 MINUTE RUNNING Quarters (8-ft Goals) – 27.5” Multi-Color Ball
<u>ROOKIE LEAGUE</u>	(6U Boys & Girls) - 10 MINUTE RUNNING Quarters (8-ft Goals) – 27.5” Ball
<u>PEE-WEE LEAGUE</u>	(8U Boys & Girls) - 10 MINUTE RUNNING Quarters (8 ½ -ft Goals) – 27.5” Ball
<u>MITE LEAGUE</u>	(10U Boys & Girls) - 10 MINUTE RUNNING Quarters (9-ft Goals) – 28.5” Ball
<u>MIDGET LEAGUE</u>	(12U Boys & Girls) - 10 MINUTE RUNNING Quarters (10-ft Goals) – 28.5” Ball
<u>JUNIOR LEAGUE</u>	(13U Girls) - 10 MINUTE RUNNING Quarters (10-ft Goals) – 28.5” Ball
<u>COMPETITIVE DIV.</u>	(6 th /7 th Grade Girls) - 10 MINUTE RUNNING Quarters (10-ft Goals) – 28.5” Ball
<u>COMPETITIVE DIV.</u>	(6 th -7 th Grade Boys) - 10 MINUTE RUNNING Quarters (10-ft Goals) – 29.5” Ball
<u>COMPETITIVE DIV.</u>	(8 th -9 th Grade Boys) - 10 MINUTE RUNNING Quarters (10-ft Goals) – 29.5” Ball
2. Age Control Date is AGE PRIOR TO JANUARY 1ST. Birth certificates for all players are mandatory and must be available in a 3-Ring binder at all games should a question of age come into question.
3. Players’ Birth Certificates are required in order to participate in this League. Birth Certificates for every team are to be turned in and filed with each Association. Associations will submit copies of Birth Certificates to the Catoosa County Recreation Department when requested.
4. The Head Coach of Each Team Must be at least 21 years of age.
5. If a player or coach is ejected from the game, he/she must sit out the remainder of that game plus their next scheduled game that is played out. If a player or coach receives two (2) direct technical fouls, they are automatically ejected. Players/coaches can be ejected without any technical fouls if their conduct is severely flagrant or unsportsmanlike. See attached policy related to ejections / unsportsmanlike acts.

If a coach or player receives an accumulation of four (4) technical fouls during the season, he or she is subject to a one (1) game. If a coach or player receives an additional technical foul after serving a suspension, he or she will be subject to suspension for the remainder of the season.

****If a coach or player is ejected from their last regular season game, and their team has opted to participate in the Playoffs, that coach or player MUST SERVE their suspension during the Playoffs.*
6. This League will be governed by Georgia High School Rules & Regulations and the National Federation Rulebook other than what is outlined hereafter.
7. Playing Time: All players on each team must play an amount of time equal to one (1) FULL QUARTER or more in each League game. Coaches who fail to abide by the minimum participation requirement rule will receive a one game suspension for the first offense.
8. A team will consist of a MINIMUM of seven (7) players per team. The recommended MAXIMUM number of players per team is ten (10). Any association that has 12 sign-ups in an age group must split and draft into two separate teams. Any association that has 18 sign-ups in an age group must split and draft into three separate teams. If a team does not have at least five (5) players on hand to start a game, the game will be ruled as a FORFEIT. Under this FORFEIT situation, teams may split up and play an ‘exhibition’ type game for their scheduled game hour.
9. Middle School Players are not allowed to participate on any recreation league team; however, they are permitted to play in the competitive league. See competitive league eligibility rules.
10. **ADMISSION:**
ADULTS - \$4.00
STUDENTS / SENIORS (60 +) - \$2.00
5 yrs & UNDER - FREE

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11. All rosters should include the names of each team's two (2) coaches. Each team will receive free admission for two (2) coaches and one (1) scorekeeper. These individuals must sign in at the admission gate on the back of the scoresheet. All other spectators must pay to enter the gym.
12. Teams **MUST** be dressed alike. Associations will make sure their teams have matching shirts/jerseys with legal numbers. Reversible jerseys are **RECOMMENDED**. Legal numbers are: 0, 00, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10-15, 20-25, 30-35, 40-45, & 50-55. Coaches must make sure that players' shirts/jerseys are tucked in. **THIS IS A RULE!!**
13. Two (2) referees/officials will be assigned to **ALL** League and Playoff games. Each gym or hosting association will be responsible for paying the officials. Officials are to be paid according to the following Rate Schedule:

4-5 Coed Instructional Division	- \$20.00 (One (1) Official)
6-13 Recreation Division	- \$25.00 per Official (Two (2) Officials)
Competitive Division	- \$25.00 per Official (Two (2) Officials)

*****The Officials that are assigned to each game are in control and have jurisdiction over all persons (players, coaches, fans) in the gym. Their authority still exists even after the game is complete and they may eject a person if necessary during their jurisdiction. Officials' jurisdiction ends after they have left the premises and stays in effect while they are on the premises.***

14. Each Association or team must register their team via the tourney machine link and submit their Team Rosters by the deadline of **MONDAY, DECEMBER 5th, 2016**. Teams **WILL NOT** be accepted after this date. Rosters must be filled out completely by providing all information requested on each roster.

******Player(s) may be added to a team's roster by the Association's Basketball Commissioner only! The deadline for adding any players will be January 1st, 2017. Rec. associations must accept all sign-ups through November 30th, 2016.***

15. Recreation Division: "Player Evaluations" and "Team Selection Process"

➤ Player evaluations/skill sessions:

- All players age 7 thru 12 (13-15 if applicable) will be required to attend evaluations/ skill sessions. One additional evaluation session could be set up for late sign-ups.
- Each Recreation Agency will set up evaluation dates and times. Selected evaluators for an age division must be unbiased and not coaching in the age division they are evaluating. Some evaluators may not be coaching in this League at all, but have agreed to help with the process and have the basketball knowledge to do so. Additionally, CCRD may provide some evaluators to assist in the process.
- The evaluations/ skill sessions format will be set up according to the age group. For example:
- **6-8 yr old division:** Set up skill and drill stations. Stations focus on player development while also gauging player's ability. Creative and fun stations would be beneficial for this age group.
- **9-10 yr old division:** Set up skill and drill stations. Stations focus on player development while also gauging player's ability. In addition, some 3-on-3 scrimmages would be conducted to further evaluate.
- **11-12 yr (13-14 if applicable) old division:** Some skill and drill stations, but more focus on 3-on-3 or 5-on-5 scrimmages would be conducted to assess player's ability.

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➤ Team Selection Process (Drafts):

- Players will be rated by the evaluators on a scale of 1 to 4 (4 being the highest rating and 1 being the lowest) based on preplanned criteria relevant to each age group. The total sum of all the player rating numbers for each age group at each rec agency will be tabulated. The grand total will then be divided by the number of teams expected for that rec agency in that age group. This will establish a *per-team drafting score or tally* that will be used throughout the draft in order to achieve an equal score per team by the end of drafting.
- Each rec agency should select one Head Coach for each team expected in each age group. Head Coach's children will be automatically assigned to mom or dad's team after evaluations have been conducted along with the child's rating score. Siblings are automatically assigned to the same team as well. **THIS WILL BE DONE FIRST BEFORE ANY RANDOM NUMBERS ARE DRAWN FOR DRAFTING ORDER.**
- NO team/head coach may select an assistant coach before the draft and subsequently "freeze" the assistant's child(ren) for their team only. Each team will have one Head Coach established and if the Head Coach desires an assistant they may choose one after the draft is concluded.
- Players who signed up pre-draft, but did not attend evaluations/ skill sessions will be discussed before the draft. The rec agency basketball commissioner, staff from Catoosa Recreation, and coaches in that age division will make an attempt to assign a rating to such players. The per-team drafting score / tally will be adjusted afterwards.
- ALL players who sign up after the team selection drafts are completed will be assigned to teams through the Catoosa County Recreation Department. CCRD staff will consult with each rec agency's basketball commissioner and seek their input, but the player assignment decision rests with CCRD.
- Drafting order: Head Coach's children will be automatically assigned to mom or dad's team after evaluations have been conducted along with the child's rating score. Siblings are automatically assigned to the same team as well. **THIS WILL BE DONE FIRST BEFORE ANY RANDOM NUMBERS ARE DRAWN FOR DRAFTING ORDER.** Each Head Coach will randomly draw a number. First order of business after numbers have been drawn is to equal out each team based on the rating of the Head Coach's child(ren) pre-assigned to mom or dad's team. This will be considered ROUND 1 and the coach drawing # 1 selects first and must make his/her pick based on their child's evaluation rating. **THE TOTAL PER-TEAM DRAFTING SCORE MUST BE EQUAL AFTER ROUND 1 IS COMPLETE.** Draft continues down to last number drawn coach. Second Round begins with last number drawn coach and continues in numerical order back up to coach drawing #1. This process gets repeated for all subsequent rounds/selection order until all rated players have been selected.

The *"per-team drafting score or tally"* will be the guide used during the draft to keep the teams as equal as possible. In addition, the *"per-team drafting score or tally"* will be used after every OTHER round to keep teams equitable throughout the drafting process. The *"per-team drafting score or tally"* CANNOT get out of balance until the final round of the draft.

16. Each Association is required to draft all players according to the "Team Selection Process" provided by Catoosa County Recreation Dept. Once a player has signed up at East Ridge, Boynton, LFORA, East Catoosa or RYSA, their name will be included on that association's draft sheets. When an Association conducts their draft for each age group, all players included in the draft will be put on a League Roster for that Association. Once this occurs, players (parents in reality) cannot sign up at another Association in the Catoosa County Youth Basketball League. Players can only sign up at one rec. association and can only play for one team each season. **No player shall be included on two or more rosters during the same basketball season.**

17. a) We anticipate opening the 2016-2017 Basketball season for all age groups on Saturday, January 7th, 2017.

- b) The Championship Basketball Playoffs will begin around the middle of February and will continue until a Champion is determined for each age group.

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18. Scorekeepers and Clock Operators: Each team is responsible for providing a designated representative to assist as a “table worker” during each game. The team listed in the schedule as “Home” will keep the official scorebook. The visiting team listed in the schedule as “Away” will be responsible for providing a clock operator. The scorekeeper & clock operator must be 16 yrs of age or older. The scorekeeper and clock operator must sign in at the admission gate and will be admitted into the game at no charge. No game can start without a scorekeeper and clock operator.

19. Forfeit Policy: Any team that forfeits a regular season or playoff game or does not inform Catoosa Recreation 24 hours prior to game time will be subject to pay a \$50 per game forfeit fee (since referees must be paid) before the next scheduled game can be played. A team can be removed from the schedule after the 2nd forfeit. **No Exceptions!**

20. CATOOSA COUNTY RECREATION DEPARTMENT CONTACT NUMBERS:

RECREATION OFFICE – 706-891-4199 (Mon thru Friday only)

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Policy Relating to Ejections and Unsportsmanlike Acts – Coaches and Players

Ejections

1st Ejection – 1-game suspension defined for:

Coach – may attend game as a spectator ONLY. Coaching privileges suspended from the time of entry into the facility until the end of the game. Upon entering the facility the suspended coach shall go to the spectator seating. Coaching privileges suspended include: pre-game warm-ups, half time, and the duration of the game. Also, the suspended coach shall not coach or instruct from the spectator seating. Violation of these provisions will result in a 2nd Ejection (see below).

Player – may attend next game and sit on team bench. MUST NOT be dressed out in team uniform. Violation of these provisions will result in a 2nd Ejection (see below).

2nd Ejection within same season – (includes all athletic programs occurring within same season) –

3-game suspension to be served as defined above. In addition, Coaches and players will be required to meet with CCRD Director, CCRD Athletic Coordinator and Association President and/or Commissioner to which the coach or player is signed up through (if applicable) to determine if coaching privileges or playing status will be reinstated.

Ejection Accumulation – (all programs)

Once a coach or player has accumulated a total of three (3) ejections over the previous 24 calendar months, that coach or player will be suspended indefinitely. The coach or player will be required to meet with CCRD Director, CCRD Athletic Coordinator and Association President and/or Commissioner to which the coach or player is signed up through (if applicable) to determine if coaching privileges or playing status will be reinstated.

Unsportsmanlike Act: Post-game act of sportsmanship – (all programs)

CCRD supports good sportsmanship such as a post-game handshake, high five, verbalizing “good game”, etc... A coach refusing or instructing his players to not show the post-game act of sportsmanship will be suspended accordingly:

1st Offense: 1-game suspension as defined above

2nd Offense: Indefinite suspension. The coach will be required to meet with CCRD Director, CCRD Athletic Coordinator and Association President and/or Commissioner to which the coach was selected (if applicable) to determine if coaching privileges will be reinstated.