

CORNELIUS PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
AND
DAVIDSON PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
2021-22 YOUTH WINTER BASKETBALL LEAGUE
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PROGRAM INFORMATION PACKET

On behalf of the Cornelius Parks & Recreation Department (CPRD) and the Davidson Parks & Recreation Department (DPRD), thank you for registering your child to participate in the 2021-22 Youth Winter Basketball League.

CPRD and DPRD are in their 24th year of league play and are expecting more than 450 children to take part this season. We have prepared this information packet to help guide you through the season.

Whether you are a new or returning customer, please read our [Return to Play Plan](#), carefully, as it includes important program modifications, information associated with COVID-19, and your child’s participation in the program.

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We hope that your child enjoys his/her experience this season!

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SIGN-UPS & SIGN-UP LOCATIONS

Registration will begin on Friday, October 8, and conclude on Monday, November 8, or until full. Registration after November 8 will only be accepted if space allows and will be subject to a late registration fee.*

PRIORITY REGISTRATION:

Only Cornelius and Davidson residents will be allowed to register Friday, October 8, through Sunday, October 24. Registration will open to residents of all towns on Monday, October 25.

Register online at www.cornelius.org/pr or in person, Monday through Friday, at either of the following locations:
Cornelius Town Hall - 21445 Catawba Avenue, 2nd floor OR DPRD – 865 South St.

REGISTRATION FEES:

Instructional Division (Ages 5-6):	Residents of Cornelius / Davidson	\$75.00*
	Non-Residents	\$115.00*
All other Divisions (Ages 7-14)	Residents of Cornelius / Davidson	\$95.00*
	Non-Residents	\$150.00*

*LATE REGISTRATIONS: A \$35.00 per player fee will be applied to all registrations, with the exception of the Instructional Division, received after Monday, November 8, unless registering players are put on a waiting list prior to that date.

SCHOOL TEAMS

Are you planning on trying out for your school team? Please go ahead and register with us to make sure you have a space in the league! We can refund you later.

With program modifications this year due to COVID-19, our available spaces in the 2021-22 league are severely reduced. If your child makes his or her school team, we ask that you consider a program refund in lieu of playing both school ball and

rec ball this season, which will allow participants whose only option is recreational basketball an opportunity to play. If your child makes the school team, we will issue a 100% refund if notice is given prior to Monday, November 15.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship opportunities are available on a limited basis to Cornelius and Davidson residents only. To apply for a scholarship, you will need to complete the scholarship application form and produce a copy of your CMS approval letter (other proof of need will be considered).

REFUND POLICY

In the event that a child cannot participate in the Youth Winter Basketball League division in which he/she is registered, the refund policy is as follows:

- A 90% refund will be issued when requested by Monday, November 8.
- A 75% refund will be issued when requested by Monday, November 15.
- A 50% refund will be issued when requested by Wednesday, November 24.
- No refund will be given beginning Thursday, November 25.

Special requests made regarding team assignments, practice night preferences, etc. are **NOT guaranteed**. Our refund policy remains in place, regardless of whether or not your special request was accommodated.

AGE DIVISIONS

INSTRUCTIONAL DIVISION

Boys and Girls ages 5 and 6 (Age as of December 31, 2021)

ALL OTHER DIVISIONS

Girls 7-8 (Age as of December 31, 2021)

Girls 9-10 (Age as of December 31, 2021)

Girls 11-14 (Age as of December 31, 2021)

Boys 7-8 (Age as of December 31, 2021)

Boys 9-10 (Age as of December 31, 2021)

Boys 11-12 (Age as of December 31, 2021)

Boys 13-14 (Age as of December 31, 2021)

Please note: Based on registration, any divisions may be combined or modified in order to provide enough teams for league play. League rules/draft rules may be subject to change based upon participation and/or any division modifications in the league. These decisions will be made and communicated to participants as soon as possible, giving the opportunity to receive the maximum refund that our refund policy allows at that time.

PARENT'S CODE OF ETHICS

All parents are required to read and sign a Parent's Code of Ethics at the time of registration, pledging to provide positive support and encouragement for children in the program, as well as for coaches, officials, and spectators.

TEAM ASSIGNMENTS

One of this season's program modifications will be parents providing skills assessments of their children in lieu of in-person skills evaluations ("skills days"). This modification will reduce in-person gatherings for staff, volunteer coaches, players, and their families. Please rate your child on a scale of 1-5, with 5 being very skilled at basketball, experienced in league play, and/or a strong knowledge of the sport, and 1 being unskilled or low-skilled at basketball, new to league play, and/or little to no knowledge of the sport.

Coaches and their assistant coaches will still have their children drafted to their teams. Siblings will also be drafted to the same team. These assignments will be in place automatically unless otherwise communicated as a transaction note during the registration process.

There will be a league draft, which will be conducted one age division at a time. Details regarding dates and the times will be distributed prior to the coaches' meetings. All draft rules and procedures will also be discussed at the coaches' meetings. At the conclusion of the league draft, coaches will receive a copy of their team roster by the close of business on Friday, November 19. Coaches should notify all of their participants by Monday, November 22.

CPRD and DPRD reserve the right to modify the Team Assignment process as needed. Team Assignment protocols and procedures are subject to change based upon total registration.

Please be aware of the following facts:

CPRD & DPRD **WILL** consider requests for team assignment, practice time and/or night, etc., but ultimately team assignments are selected by the coaches during the draft process. Therefore, we **CANNOT GUARANTEE** we will or can honor any of the above requests.

Our refund policy remains in place, regardless of whether your special request was accommodated.

COACHS' MEETINGS

All coaches are required to complete a coach's application, an approval for background check (with the exception of those prospective coaches who coached in the 2021 CPRD Polar Bear or Fall Flag Football season), and to attend one (1) of the two (2) preseason meetings. Both meetings will be held at JV Washam Elementary School cafeteria. *Coaching applicants under the age of 18 yrs. of age can only be in an assistant role.

- Wednesday, November 3, beginning at 6:30 pm and ending approximately at 8:30 pm.
- Wednesday, November 10, beginning at 6:30 pm and ending approximately at 8:30 pm

At the coaches' meetings, we will discuss detailed information pertaining to the upcoming season, including league rules, drafting procedures, practice schedule, and more.

LOCATIONS FOR GAMES & PRACTICES

Games and practices may take place at Bailey Road Recreation Center, JV Washam Recreation Center, Davidson Elementary School, the Community School of Davidson Elementary and/or Community School of Davidson High School.

IMPORTANT:

- **At this time, masks are required indoors for ALL vaccinated or non-vaccinated persons.**
- Players must provide their own masks.
- Players will not be able to participate without a mask
- On occasion, we are asked by schools to re-schedule practices or games due to events that are scheduled for school gymnasiums, often with very short notice and usually resulting in up to three or four teams sharing their practice slot. In the event that we must re-schedule any practices or games due to a change in the school schedules, we will make every attempt to notify participants, parents, and coaches as soon as possible.

PRACTICE SCHEDULES

Practices for all divisions, other than the Instructional Division, occur once per week and will begin the week of Monday, November 29. Coaches should notify their players with practice information no later than Monday, November 22.

Practices will **NOT** take place during the CMS winter break, December 20-December 31, practices will resume again on Monday, January 3.

LEAGUE GAMES

League games for all divisions, ages 7 and up, are scheduled to begin on Saturday, December 11. Games will **NOT** take place during the CMS winter break, December 25 or January 1. Games will resume again on Saturday, January 8.

Teams in Girls 7-8 and Boys 7-8 are tentatively scheduled to participate in ten (10) league games with no post-season tournament. Teams in all other divisions are tentatively scheduled to participate in eight (8) league games and a single elimination, post-season tournament. Players in Instructional Division will participate in eight (8) "league games".

Please note: The Saturday game schedule will include a 30-minute buffer between games. This buffer is designed to allow players, coaches, spectators, and staff to enter and exit the facility with limited interaction. No coaches/players/parents will be allowed in the building until all participants, and spectators from the previous game have exited.

INCLEMENT WEATHER HOTLINE

In the event that we encounter snow, icy conditions, or other factors that might place events in question, we will provide an updated message on our weather hotlines for your convenience. Weather hotlines will be update Monday-Friday by 4 p.m. and Saturdays by 8.a.m.:

Cornelius: 704-896-2460 x 290

Davidson: 704-940-9637

LEAGUE AWARDS

Championship and runner-up awards will be given for all tournament divisions (Boys 9-10, Girls 9-10, Boys 11-12, Girls 11-14, and Boys 13-14). Players in non-tournament divisions (Instructional, Girls 7-8 and Boys 7-8) will each receive a participation award.

SPONSORS NEEDED

Sponsorship opportunities are available. The cost to sponsor a team is \$250.00 (\$400.00 for two teams; \$550 for three teams) and the sponsor's name will appear on the back of one team's jerseys (per sponsorship) and be included on our website and an e-newsletter. To sponsor a team for the 2021-22 program, please complete a league sponsorship form and return it to the Cornelius Parks & Recreation Department. A sponsorship form can be downloaded from our Youth Basketball page at www.cornelius.org/pr.

INSTRUCTIONAL DIVISION (Ages 5-6)

If we are able to proceed with an Instructional Division, participants will be notified of their team assignment and team schedule in late December. Practices/games for the Instructional Division are scheduled to begin on Saturday, January 8, 2022. Practices/games will consist of 20 minutes of instruction, a 5 minute water break, and 20 minutes of play each Saturday. There are no weekday practices for this age division.