



CORNELIUS-DAVIDSON YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

2021-2022 REGISTRATION FORM

If registering via mail, make checks payable to:
Cornelius Parks & Recreation Department



PLEASE CHECK THE DIVISION THAT APPLIES (Age as of December 31, 2021):

Girls 7-8 Division ____ Girls 9-10 Division ____ Girls 11-14 Division ____

Boys 7-8 Division ____ Boys 9-10 Division ____ Boys 11-12 Division ____ Boys 13-14 Division ____

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”). 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. Please be honest! All children are welcome, and all registrants will be placed on a team, regardless of their skill level. **CIRCLE:** (low skilled, newbie) 1 2 3 4 5 (very skilled, “A” player)

Instructional Division (Boys & Girls, ages 5-6. *No skills evaluation required for Instructional) ____

Participant Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Age (on 12/31/2021): _____ **Date of Birth:** _____ **Height:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home/Cell Phone(s): _____

Other Parent or Emergency Contact Name: _____

Other Parent or Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Family Email (required): _____

Medical issues/meds/allergies: _____

Nights child **CANNOT** practice, if any (*circle all that apply*): M TU W TH F

Basketball Jersey Size (exchanges will only be available if inventory allows):

(*circle*) YOUTH: small medium large x-large

ADULT: small medium large x-large 2x-large

Are you interested in coaching or co-coaching? (*circle*) YES NO MAYBE

Are you interested in sponsoring a team (or teams)? (*circle*) YES NO MAYBE

How did you hear about this program? _____

FEES: Instructional Division (ages 5-6):
Resident - \$75* / Non-resident - \$115*

All Other Divisions (ages 7-14):
Resident - \$95* / Non-resident - \$150*

*After Monday, November 8, a \$35 late fee per player for all divisions except Instructional, will be added unless that player was added to the wait list prior to this date. Instructional Division registration will be open until Thursday, December 30, or until full.

I have read, understand and agree to each of the following: Basketball Refund Policy, Program Waiver, Parents’ Code of Ethics, Concussion Policy, COVID-19 Participation Waiver, and Return-to-Play.

Parent/Guardian Name (printed): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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POLICIES AND WAIVER

REFUND POLICY: In the event that a child cannot participate in the program in which he/she has registered, a 90% refund will be issued when notice is given by November 8, a 75% refund will be issued when notice is given by November 15, and a 50% refund will be issued when notice is given by November 24. Beginning Thursday, November 25, no refund will be given. Please allow up to 30 days for refund processing. Please note that special requests will be considered but may not be honored. **Our Refund Policy will remain in place, regardless of whether or not your special request is accommodated.**

PROGRAM WAIVER: In consideration of the acceptance of this entry for my child, I hereby waive and release Cornelius Parks & Recreation Department (CPRD), Davidson Parks & Recreation Department (DPRD), the instructors, the sponsors, and any other persons associated with this event of all responsibility and liability of any nature whatsoever as it concerns any/all injuries, sickness, or damages incurred from participation. I further certify that my child is physically fit and capable of participating in this program for which I have registered him / her. I understand the inherent risks involved with my child's participation in this program and recognize that my child could be injured while participating. I give my permission for the free and unrestricted use of my child's picture if taken to market this program. I acknowledge my email address will be used exclusively by the Town of Cornelius and the Town of Davidson for the purpose of sharing related information regarding this or other programs and will not be shared with any other parties.

PARENTS' CODE OF ETHICS: I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this PAYS Parents' Code of Ethics: I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win. I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment. 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. I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events. I will remember that the game is for youth - not for adults. I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child. I will help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation. I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.

CONCUSSION POLICY: CPRD and DPRD will educate staff, volunteers, parents, coaches, officials and participants about the signs, symptoms and risks associated with concussions while also providing three (3) actions steps that will be beneficial when providing education about concussion-like symptoms while guiding the steps that should be taken when a concussion is suspected. As defined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control (CDC), a concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury caused by a bump, blow or jolt to the head or by a hit to the body that causes the brain to move rapidly back and forth. This sudden movement can cause the brain to bounce around or twist in the skull, creating chemical changes in the brain and sometimes stretching and damaging brain cells. There are many signs and symptoms that should be considered when evaluating a participant for a possible concussion. In accordance with this policy, any program participant who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion must be removed from the program, event, activity, game or practice immediately and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health care professional.

Signs and Symptoms Observed by Staff, Volunteers, Parents, Coaches or Officials (Red Flags): Appears dazed or stunned • Confused about assignment or position • Forgets an instruction • Moves clumsily • Answers questions slowly • Loses consciousness (even briefly) • Exhibits mood, behavior or personality changes • Trouble remembering events prior to hit or fall • Slowed reaction time • Seizures

Symptoms Reported by Participant: Headache • Nausea or vomiting • Dizziness • Double or blurry vision • Sensitivity to light or noise • Feeling sluggish • Concentration problems • Memory loss • Confusion • Does not "feel right" • Trouble sleeping
Staff, volunteers, parents, coaches or officials will not be expected to diagnose a concussion. However, they will be asked to use their best judgement when observing the signs, symptoms and behaviors associated with concussions. If a participant exhibits signs or symptoms of a concussion during a recreation program, event, activity, game or practice, the participant must be removed from play and the following action plan implemented:

COURSE OF ACTION:

STEP 1 - Educate Staff, Volunteers, Parents, Coaches or Officials: Inform and educate staff, volunteers, parents, coaches and officials about the signs, symptoms and behaviors associated with concussions. Educate staff, volunteers, parents, coaches and officials about the types of incidents that might lead to the onset of a concussion or concussion-like symptoms (a bump, blow or jolt to the head, or by a hit to the body, that causes the brain to move rapidly back and forth).

CPRD will initiate concussion program education and training as follows: On an annual basis, CPRD will review the Program Participant Concussion Policy in accordance with best practices as published by the CDC • The review process will take place

by July 1 • Programs operated by CPRD, and associated staff training programs, will be developed in accordance with the Program Participant Concussion Policy • Provide access to concussion information sheets for all staff, volunteers, parents coaches and officials • Post the policy on the CPRD website • Compliance with this policy will be added as a requirement to all program agreements, partner agreements, or other contract service agreements administered by CPRD, as appropriate
STEP 2 - Remove Participant from Play: If a staff member, volunteer, parent, coach or official observes a program participant who demonstrates any of the signs, symptoms or behaviors associated with a concussion, or concussion-like symptoms, steps must be taken to remove the participant from their activity right away: Tell a staff member, coach, parent or official if you suspect that a participant has a concussion or displays concussion-like symptoms • Remove participant from activity, event, practice, game or competition right away • If a head injury appears to be severe, call 911 • Report the concussion symptoms observed to CPRD or DPRD staff • Notify parent or guardian • It is then the responsibility of the parent / guardian to seek further medical evaluation for the participant • Complete an incident report • Any participant removed from an activity due to a blow to the head, or due to displaying the signs, symptoms or behaviors associated with a concussion, WILL NOT be permitted to resume participation until the following step has been completed:

STEP 3 - Obtain Permission to Return to Play: Any participant removed from activity in accordance with the Program Participant Concussion Policy must be evaluated by a physician and medically cleared before returning to participation. • When a participant is removed from an activity, the participant, or parent / guardian if under 18 years of age, should seek medical attention • Prior to a return to program participation the participant must be medically cleared by a physician • Participant must provide a signed document by a physician stating they are cleared to return to full program participation and this document must include the date when a return to active participation is allowed • Emergency Room and Urgent Care Physicians typically do not make clearance decisions at the time of the first visit • When all necessary steps have been completed, the CPRD Recreation Superintendent, or his/her designee, will review the signed documents and grant permission to return to participation for programs managed by the CPRD.

COVID-19 PARTICIPATION WAIVER: In consideration of me, or my child/ward, being allowed to participate in the Town of Cornelius programs, related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:
1) Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist; and, 2) I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my, or my child/ward's participation; and, 3) I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation as regards protection against infectious diseases. If, however, I observe any unusual or significant hazard during my presence, I will remove myself and my child/ward from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and, 4) I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS the Town of Cornelius, their officers, officials, agents, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("RELEASEES"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I have read this Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement. I also certify that I, as parent/guardian, with legal responsibility for a minor participant, have read and explained the provisions in this waiver/release to my child/ward, including the risks of presence and participation and his/her personal responsibilities for adhering to the rules and regulations for protection against communicable diseases. Furthermore, I understand and accept these risks and responsibilities, and my child/ward understands and accepts these risks and responsibilities. I for myself, my spouse, and child/ward do consent and agree to my and his/her release provided above for all the Releasees, and myself, my spouse, and child/ward do release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees for any and all liabilities incident to my, and/or my minor child's/ward's presence or participation in these activities as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE, to the fullest extent provided by law.

RETURN TO PLAY: Thank you for entrusting the Cornelius Parks & Recreation Department (CPRD) and Davidson Parks & Recreation Department (DPRD) with your child for another exciting basketball season. We value your participation in our programs and strive to provide a safe and fun experience for every child. CPRD and DPRD plan to offer basketball this year for participants ages 5-14, as long as there are no additional restrictions levied that prohibit participation or alter program plans in a significant manner.

In preparation for youth basketball, staff continues to assess how to conduct sports programs in the safest manner possible in accordance with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services' (NCDHHS) [Interim Guidance for Administrators of Youth and Amateur Sports Programs](#) (August 6, 2021), [Mecklenburg County Board of Health Rule](#) (September 12, 2021), and [Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education Policy CFC 9142021](#) (September 14, 2021). Accordingly, we have some important details to share with you on how the program will be conducted this year. For example, when practices and league games begin, various health and safety measures will be employed to protect players, coaches and

families and minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission. **Face coverings will be required by all athletes, spectators, officials, staff and coaches, and/or other participants while indoors AT ALL TIMES. Face coverings will be required when entering any building for the program.** Also, player contact will be limited, when possible. The sport of basketball does, in practice, frequently create person-to-person contact. The goal is to limit the time of exposure, close contact, and the number of players that each individual player comes in contact with.

Our Return to Play Plan outlines important guidelines for participants, coaches, and spectators. This plan was created with the best information available to us at the time of this writing and is subject to change, in whole or in part, as conditions change, or federal, state, or local guidance changes. Changes that impact the operation of the league will be communicated to everyone in a timely manner, and this plan may be amended with a revised issue date.

General Health Guidelines for Participants, Coaches, and Spectators

- At each practice, game, or other league activity, NCDHHS Know Your 3 W's signage will be posted near the primary entrance(s).
- Parents (for themselves and for their children), coaches, officials, and other spectators must observe the 3 W's, and the NCDHHS directives associated with ANY of the signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
- If there is any reason to believe that a participant, parent, coach, or spectator has exhibited any of the signs or symptoms of COVID-19, or been exposed to COVID-19, they should STOP and NOT ENTER the facility.
- Players will not be permitted to shake hands, high five, etc.
- Handshake lines will not be permitted at the conclusion of games.
- Players should bring their own water bottles to each practice or game, and the bottle should be clearly labeled with the player's name.
- Team snacks or shared snacks will not be permitted inside the gym.

Personal Protective Equipment

- Face coverings will be required when entering any building for the program.
- Due to Mecklenburg County and CMS requirements, all staff, players, coaches, spectators, referees, and/or other participants must wear a mask while indoors during league activities unless a medical or behavioral condition or disability exception applies. Children under age 5 are also exempt.

Social Distancing Requirements

- Players, coaches, officials and staff are expected to maintain 3' social distancing as much as practically possible.
- Program plans are being developed in such a way as to maximize distancing opportunities but to be clear, close contact cannot be eliminated entirely.
- High-traffic areas (sidelines) will include 3' distancing markers.
- Coaches will discourage player congregations and team gatherings as much as possible.
- While it is necessary for coaches to communicate with players while on offense and defense, coaches should modify communication and avoid up close, face-to-face communication.
- If coaches, players, and or parents must gather as a group, whether before or after games or practices, they must meet, and maintain proper distancing at all times.
- 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 one will be allowed in the building until all participants, and spectators from the previous game have exited.
- Players, parents, coaches, and spectators should not get out of their cars or approach the program area any sooner than 10 minutes before their session starts.
- Teams, including coaches and players, should leave the program area promptly after the conclusion of their games or practices to allow adequate time for other teams to enter the program area with limited interaction. Post-game debrief and/or snack breaks can occur outside the building (parking lot or other appropriate common area).

Protocols for Parents and Spectators

- In accordance with current federal, state, and local guidelines, it is anticipated that parents and spectators will be permitted to attend practices and games and must adhere to mask requirements, social distancing protocols, and current gathering limits.
- Capacity is currently limited to two (2) spectators per household, whether that be parents, grandparents, siblings, friends, or others, to minimize gathering sizes.
- Practice and game attendance limits for parents and other spectators is subject to change in accordance with program observations and other factors. **Please note:** Possible changes might include a reduction in the number of spectators permitted per player or even no parents or other spectators permitted in the program area.
- IF at any time spectators are not permitted in the program area, parents would be required to remain onsite while their children participate in league activities.
- Parents must not send players to any league-sanctioned activity if they are showing any signs of illness. Doing so may result in removal from program and forfeiture of refund.

- At the sole discretion of CPRD and DPRD staff, parents and spectators who disregard mask protocols, social distancing standards, and/or other guidelines will be required to leave the program area and either remain in their car or leave the premises.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- Sanitized basketballs will be provided to each team prior to every practice. Basketballs will be collected from coaches at the conclusion of each practice and they will be disinfected prior to reuse.
- Sanitized game balls will be issued to league officials prior to each game. Basketballs will be collected from officials at the conclusion of each game, and they will be disinfected prior to re-use.
- A league jersey will be issued to each individual player at the beginning of the season.
- Parents are encouraged to keep uniforms and other equipment in a plastic bag after the conclusion of league activities, and to immediately wash or disinfect all items upon returning home.

Monitoring for Symptoms and Communication of COVID-19 Exposure

- Conducting regular screening for symptoms can help reduce exposure. Coaches, staff, officials and spectators MUST self-monitor for symptoms such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, or loss of taste and smell. Youth participants MUST be monitored by parents or guardians for these same symptoms. More information on how to monitor for symptoms is available from the CDC with signage posted at the entrance to gyms during each scheduled activity.
- Participants, coaches, staff, league officials, and spectators who have symptoms when they arrive ARE NOT PERMITTED TO ENTER the facility. If participants, coaches, staff, league officials, or spectators become sick after they arrive and enter the facility, they MUST immediately separate from other participants, coaches, staff, league officials and spectators, and return home.
- Any player, coach, league official, program staff member, or any other person affiliated with the program who has tested positive for COVID-19, is suspected of being positive for COVID-19 or who has been directly exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 is required to report this immediately to David Moore, Athletics Program Manager, CPRD:
- In the event that a case of COVID-19 is reported, CPRD & DPRD will assess the situation and follow current guidance provided by the NCDHHS, CDC, and the Mecklenburg County Health Department.
- Any players, coaches, league officials, or program staff members who come into contact with that person will be notified in accordance with Mecklenburg County Health Department guidance and direction.
- Due to privacy issues, the identity of any person who is diagnosed with COVID-19, exhibits symptoms of COVID-19, or who might have come into contact with any person with COVID-19 or with symptoms, will remain anonymous.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does my player need to wear a mask while playing?

Athletics and strenuous activity are no longer exceptions to wearing face coverings in Mecklenburg County while indoors.

To reiterate, due to Mecklenburg County and CMS requirements, all staff, players, coaches, spectators, referees, and/or other participants must wear a mask while indoors during league activities unless a medical or behavioral condition or disability exception applies. Children under age 5 are also exempt.

Why is there a 30-minute buffer between game and practice sessions?

The time between sessions will allow us to clear the previous session before players arrive for the next session as well as sanitize any equipment before the next session. This buffering will limit the amount of player interaction between sessions. Participants, parents, coaches, and spectators will be required to exit the program area immediately after their scheduled activities.

What bench practices are being observed to keep social distancing standards?

Player sidelines will be organized by each coach and program staff, with players spaced at a minimum of 6 feet apart. While close contact is inevitable during the game of basketball, our goal is to minimize the frequency and duration of close contact. Teams will not engage in traditional, post-game handshaking, or high-fives, and coaches will be instructed to organize sessions to minimize player congregations – no lines, etc.

My player feels fine but is running a slight fever. Should he/she attend practices, games, or other league activities?

Any player with a fever greater than 100.3, or with any other signs and symptoms of COVID-19, will not be allowed to attend league activities. This is a zero-tolerance policy. Players showing signs of a fever should be checked for other symptoms and monitored – a fever combined with other symptoms and/or a persistent fever should be referred to your primary physician. Fever reducing medication SHOULD NOT be used to allow a player to attend activities.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

VOLUNTEER COACHES WANTED: To obtain a coach's application, visit us online at www.cornelius.org/pr, call for details, or pick up an application at either the CPRD or DPRD office. **We require that all coaches fill out an application even if you have coached with us in the past.**

COACH'S MEETING: ALL coaches are required to attend 1 of the 2 coach's meetings held in the JV Washam Cafeteria
Wednesday, November 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m., OR
Wednesday, November 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

LEAGUE DRAFT (Mandatory for coaches): November 16, 17, and 18 at Cornelius Town Hall. The draft will be conducted by division and dates and times will be assigned. All procedures will be discussed at the coach's meeting.

LEAGUE PRACTICES: Team practices will begin the week of Monday, November 29. Coaches should notify players no later than Monday, November 22.

LEAGUE GAMES: League games for ages 7-14 will begin Saturday, December 11. Games and practices will not take place during CMS winter break December 20-December 31. Practices will resume the week of January 3. Games will resume Saturday, January 8.

INSTRUCTIONAL DIVISION: The Instructional Division, ages 5-6, will begin with practice sessions/game play on Saturday, January 8. There are no skills days or weeknight practices for this division.

IMPORTANT MASK INFORMATION:

- **Due to Mecklenburg County and CMS requirements, all players, coaches, spectators, referees, etc., must wear a mask while indoors unless a medical or behavioral condition or disability exception applies.**
- Players must provide their own masks.
- Players will not be able to participate without a mask.

SCHOOL TEAMS

For players planning to try out for their school team, please go ahead and register with us to make sure you have a space in the league!

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, December 6.

SIGN-UP LOCATIONS: Preferred registration method is **ONLINE** at www.cornelius.org/parc. Registrations will also be accepted at either of the following locations, Monday - Friday, during regular business hours.

- CPRD office: 21445 Catawba Avenue, 2nd floor
- DPRD office: 865 South Street

Make all checks payable to "**Cornelius Parks & Recreation Department**", **even if you are registering in Davidson.** Registrations may also be mailed to Cornelius Parks & Recreation Department, PO Box 399, Cornelius, NC 28031.

MORE INFORMATION/LEAGUE DETAILS: Information details, including a timeline of events, important dates and other detailed information that will help guide you throughout the season, are available at either Parks & Recreation office or online at www.cornelius.org/pr.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: To apply for financial assistance, please complete a scholarship application form. Scholarships may only be awarded to residents of Cornelius or Davidson. Contact us for more information.

SPONSORS NEEDED: Sponsorship opportunities are available. To sponsor a team for the 2021-22 season, please complete a league sponsorship form. The cost to sponsor a team is \$250 (two teams for \$400; three teams for \$550) and the sponsor's name will appear on the back of one team's jerseys (per sponsorship), on the CPRD and DPRD websites and in one of each town's e-newsletters.