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 **2023-2024 BASKETBALL INFO FOR AGES 4-17**

#  Must be this age prior to September 1, 2023

 **PARENTS PLEASE READ All THE INFORMATION ON THESE PAGES**

 ***ALL REGISTRATION FEES ARE FINAL. NO REFUNDS***

The Youth Recreation League Basketball is a winter program for children to play Basketball. CPSA solicits volunteer coaches and assigns children to teams, according to age and skill level by using a draft. You may request a certain coach or team in 4-6 basketball. They are expected to attend and participate in all practices and games of the team they are assigned. All teams will play a minimum of 8 to 10 games depending on your particular age group. A request for a particular basketball team or coach will not be honored. If you have had issues with a former coach and do not wish to return to that team you may request to re-enter the draft and be drafted on to another team. Any hardship transportation request will be considered, but **not guaranteed** by staff for placement with a particular team.

**What’s next** for your child after registration?

 The skills evaluation will be for new players and returning players.

They must all attend. This year the evaluations will be held at Camden County Recreation Department on Monday Nov 27th, Tuesday Nov 28th and Wednesday Nov 29th and the coaches’ team draft meetings will be held on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th (subject to change) . Children wanting to play must be registered. Roster limits are 12 per team in basketball.

**The *4-6 age groups* do not have skills evaluations in basketball. The Basketball coaches will receive their rosters no later than Friday Dec 4th Basketball practices should begin on or before Dec 6th . If you haven’t heard from a coach by Dec.8th, please call the athletic office**.

**Skills Evaluation schedule:**

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| **AGE** | **DATE** | **TIME** | **PLACE** |
| **All 14u  Boys** | **Nov 27th**  | 5:30 -6:30PM | CAMDEN REC. GYM |
| All 17u Boys | Nov 27th  | 6:30 -7:30pm | CAMDEN REC. GYM |
| **ALL 7-10 Girls** | **Nov 28th**  | 5:30 – 6:30PM | CAMDEN REC. GYM |
| **ALL 11-14 Girls** | **Nov 28th**  | 5:30 – 6:30PM | CAMDEN REC. GYM |
| All 12u Boys | **Nov 28th**  | 6:30 – 7:30PM | CAMDEN REC. GYM |
| **KD 8u Boys** | **Nov 29th** | 5:15 - 6:15PM | CAMDEN REC. GYM |
| **KD 10u Boys** | **Nov 29th** | 5:15 - 6:15PM | CAMDEN REC. GYM |
| **SM 8u BOYS** | **Nov 29th** | 6:30 -7:30PM | CAMDEN REC. GYM |
| **SM 10u BOYS** | **Nov 29th** | 6:30 -7:30PM | CAMDEN REC. GYM |

**If there are only enough kids registered for one team in a particular age group, there will not be a skills evaluation for that age group/city. All kids will be notified if it happens.**

**GAMES:** **6u Age groups:** The teams usually play on Saturdays. They may have some games on Mondays or Thursday, it will depend on the scheduling. Mostly all of the 6u games are held at the REC Center Gym and Mary Lee Clark.

**7-17 age groups:** The teams usually have two games per week with one game being on

Saturday. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday are the days during the week they may be playing. The 7-8 & 9-10 usually play games at Sugarmill AND DLR Elementary School and 11-12 & 13-14 & 15-17 usually play games at the Camden Middle School. All age divisions will have some games at the REC Center Gym.

**PRACTICES:** Should begin by on or before Dec. 6th and are held at the local schools and the rec center during the season. They usually start at 4:30pm or later. A coach is welcome to practice outside if he or she desires. The practices will be held in the city your child goes to school. **During the Christmas holidays, the schools are close for practices. Most practices will be held at the Rec. center gym, if there is availability. COACHES MUST SCHEDULE PRACTICES WITH THE ATHLETICS DEPT., IF THEY WANT TO PRACTICE AT THE REC CENTER DURING THE HOLIDAYS.**

**SEASON:** The basketball season will begin on the first of January and should be finished by the middle of February.

**Sportsmanship:** **Coaches you are asked to help control your fans and their actions.** All fans will be held to the same standards of conduct as the players, coaches, and officials. Camden County PSA has instituted a **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY with regards to profanity, tobacco, smoking, drug and/or alcohol use, and physical or verbal confrontations.** Any player, coach, official, or fan violating this policy will be subject to an automatic one year suspension from all CCPSA activities and property.

The Camden County PSA Athletic Department is committed to providing a safe and orderly family atmosphere of friendly competition and sportsmanship. We will not hesitate to use all resources at our disposal to ensure such an atmosphere is maintained at all of our athletic events. For all league competitions positive cheering by players, coaches, and/or fans is encouraged. **Any negative cheering/hollering against any player, team, coach, or official could result in removal from the game site.** Any additional instances could result in a one year ban from all CCPSA sponsored events and property.

**PARENTAL BEHAVIOR: Please keep in mind that all youth coaches are volunteers. They offer their services and spare time away from their families to coach a youth team that we may otherwise not be able to have, if we didn’t have coaches to coach them. By all means please feel free to report any abusive, violent, or otherwise inappropriate behavior by any coach or official to our staff. But remember youth league officials and coaches are not there for you to verbally abuse. They are human and will make mistakes just as we all will. Please take into consideration the feelings of other parents before you make comments and suggestions about other children. Ask yourself if you would appreciate such a comment aimed at your child. You are encouraged to cheer positively for your child and team. Any negative or inappropriate cheering against another team may result in your being asked to leave the site. Keep youth sports in its proper perspective. Please be aware PARENTS that any unsportsmanlike behavior or the harassment of officials is grounds for removal from the site.**

 **Coaching:**

1. Anyone 18 years old and over may apply to be a volunteer coach.
2. New, former and previous coaches must fill out a coaching application and return it to the athletic department for every season you desire to coach.
3. All coaches are approvedby the athletic department **EACH** season.
4. ***THE PSA ATHLETIC STAFF RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY COACHES’ APPLICATION***.

E All prospective coaches will be expected to submit to a criminal background check and provide a valid drivers license.

F. All head coaches must complete a NYSCA certification clinic.

**Being a youth coach involves teaching the sport, organizing practices, communicating with the parents about practice times and game times, finding a sponsor to cover the cost of uniforms, and appointing a team mom. The team may want team pictures and end of season trophies which is optional. If the team does want these things the parents are responsible for their cost.**

**Coaches must help run the skill’s evaluation for their age group so that they will be familiar with the children who are going to be drafted. Please be sure you understand what you need to do for the skill’s evaluation. Coaches are asked to help with the skill’s evaluation of other age groups, when we do not have all the coaches we need in that age group. All paper work given out at the skill’s evaluation must be returned to the athletic staff person at the end of each age groups evaluation.**

**The Coaches meeting** **will be Wed Nov. 15th 2023 at the Soccer Complex at 6:00 –7:00pm.** The team drafts will be held on Nov 29th – 30th (subject to change) . Schedule is below.

**ALL COACHES HEAD and ASSISTANT MUST ATTEND THE COACHES MEETING**. **ONLY HEAD COACHES TO THE DRAFT MEETING.**

Please plan to attend this meeting, if you want to **coach or help** with a team.

Rules and other aspects of the game will be covered at this meeting. Please get your coaches application to us before this date so that we may be sure to have enough certification booklets for everyone.

**ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY:**

**Profanity, Tobacco, Drug and/or Alcohol use, any verbal or physical confrontations will not be tolerated. Any coach, official, or spectator violating the zero tolerance policy could be subject to a one year suspension from all CPSA Activities. The CCPSA Athletic Department is committed to providing a safe and orderly family atmosphere of friendly competition and sportsmanship. We will not hesitate to use all resources at our disposal to ensure such an atmosphere is maintained at all of our events.**