

CORNELIUS PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
AND  
DAVIDSON PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
2024-25 YOUTH WINTER BASKETBALL LEAGUE

**PROGRAM INFORMATION PACKET**

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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 2024-25 Youth Winter Basketball League.

CPRD and DPRD are in their 27<sup>th</sup> year of league play and are expecting more than 750 children to take part this season. We have prepared this information packet to help guide you through the season.

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 Tuesday, October 1, and conclude on Friday, November 1, or until full. Registration after November 2 will only be accepted if space allows and will be subject to a \$35.00 late registration fee.\*

**PRIORITY REGISTRATION:**

**Only Cornelius and Davidson residents will be allowed to register Tuesday, October 1, through Monday, October 7. Registration will open to residents of all towns on Tuesday, October 8.**

Register online at [www.cornelius.org/pr](http://www.cornelius.org/pr) or in person, Monday through Friday, at either of the following locations: Cornelius Town Hall - 21445 Catawba Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor OR DPRD office - 251 South St.

**REGISTRATION FEES:**

Instructional Division (Ages 5-6):	Residents of Cornelius / Davidson	\$105.00*
	Non-Residents	\$165.00*
All other Divisions (Ages 7-14)	Residents of Cornelius / Davidson	\$135.00*
	Non-Residents	\$195.00*

\*LATE REGISTRATIONS: A \$35.00 per player fee will be applied to all registrations, with the exception of the Instructional Division, received after Friday, November 1, unless registering players are put on a waiting list on or prior to that date.

**SCHOOL TEAMS**

Is your child planning to try out for a school team? We suggest that you go ahead and register with us to make sure you have a space reserved in our league! If he/she makes the school team, we will issue a 100% refund if notice is given prior to Friday, November 15. Also, 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.

## 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 lunch assistance 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:

- 90% refund will be issued when requested by Wednesday, October 23
- 75% refund will be issued when requested by Monday, November 11
- 50% refund will be issued when requested by Wednesday, November 20
- Beginning Thursday, November 21, no refunds will be given.

Please allow 30 days for refund processing.

Special requests made regarding team assignments, practice night preferences, etc., should be noted at checkout in the "Notes" tab or communicated to us by calling the CPRD office at 704-892-6031 x160. Special requests 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 5-6 (Age as of December 31, 2024)

### ALL OTHER DIVISIONS

Girls 7-8 (Age as of December 31, 2024)

Girls 9-10 (Age as of December 31, 2024)

Girls 11-14 (Age as of December 31, 2024)

Boys 7-8 (Age as of December 31, 2024)

Boys 9-10 (Age as of December 31, 2024)

Boys 11-12 (Age as of December 31, 2024)

Boys 13-14 (Age as of December 31, 2024)

**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

There is no perfect way to assess each player's skill level. In past years, we held "Skills Days", prior to the draft, resulting in inconsistent and sometimes misleading assessments. We have now turned to parent input to aid us in providing useful information for our draft such as experience, knowledge, and height.

As part of the registration process, parents will be asked to provide the following:

- Rating their child's basketball skill and knowledge on a scale of 1-5

- Sharing their child’s experience playing organized basketball
- Providing us with an accurate height for their child. NOTE: Although height is not an indicator of basketball ability, it can be a helpful tool for coaches when drafting.

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, November 12, 13, or 14. Coaches will be notified what date and what time their draft will take place. Only coaches are to attend the draft. Details regarding the dates and 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 15, if not sooner. Coaches should notify all their participants no later than Wednesday, November 20.

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.

**COACH’S INFORMATION**

All coaches are required to complete a coach’s application and an approval for background check (with the exception of those prospective coaches who coached in the 2024 Fall Flag Football season), and to attend one (1) of the two (2) preseason meetings. NOTE: Coaching applicants under the age of 18 yrs. of age can only be in an assistant role.

Coaches’ Meetings - both meetings will be held at Cornelius Town Hall

- Wednesday, October 30 beginning at 7:00 pm and ending approximately at 8:30 pm, Room 204
- Monday, November 4, beginning at 7:00 pm and ending approximately at 8:30 pm, Room 204

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

At the end of the season, coaches will be asked to evaluate their players.

**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.

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, December 2. Coaches should notify their players with practice information no later than Wednesday, November 20. Practices will **NOT** take place during the CMS winter break, December 23-January 3, practices will resume on Monday, January 6.

## **LEAGUE GAMES**

League games for all divisions, including the Instructional Division, are scheduled to begin on Saturday, December 14. Games will **NOT** take place during the CMS winter break (December 28 and January 4). Games will resume on Saturday, January 11.

Teams in Girls 7-8 and Boys 7-8 are tentatively scheduled to participate in nine (9) league games and one (1) post-season game. (1<sup>st</sup> vs 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> vs 4<sup>th</sup>, etc.) Teams in all other divisions are tentatively scheduled to participate in eight (8) league games and a single elimination, post-season tournament.

## **INSTRUCTIONAL DIVISION (Ages 5-6)**

Players in the Instructional Division will participate in eight (8) 45-minute instructional sessions beginning Saturday, December 14. These weekly sessions will consist of instruction and game play. Participants will be notified of their team assignment and team schedule in late November. There are no weeknight practices for this age division though we will need at least one parent assistant per team to assist the instructor with organizing the players during Saturday play and help disseminate league communication.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER HOTLINE**

In the event that we encounter snow, icy conditions, or other factors that might place holding games/practices 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 & press 2**

**Davidson: 704-940-9637**

## **LEAGUE AWARDS**

Championship and runner-up awards will be given for all divisions (Boys 7-8, Girls 7-8, Boys 9-10, Girls 9-10, Boys 11-12, Girls 11-14, and Boys 13-14).

## **SPONSORS NEEDED**

Sponsorship opportunities are available. The cost is \$270.00 to sponsor a team (\$250.00 each for two teams with same business name; \$220.00 each for three teams or more with same business name) and the sponsor's name will appear on the back of one team's jerseys (per sponsorship) and be included on the Cornelius and Davidson Parks and Recreation websites and an e-newsletter. For more information contact CPRD at 704-892-6031 x160, or email us at [pr@cornelius.org](mailto:pr@cornelius.org).