

COACH RESPONSIBILITIES

2025

1. Contact your team immediately after receiving your roster from Team Sideline (you can communicate directly from the site). Here are some ideas of what you can include:
 - a. Introduce yourself and your qualifications.
 - b. Introduce your assistant.
 - c. Tell when and where practices are.
 - d. Give tips for what to wear and bring.
 - e. Share how parents can be helpful at practices (do you want them in the gym, controlling distractions, prompt pick up etc.).
 - f. Share any pertinent league information.
 - g. Share your goal(s) for the season.
2. You are responsible for your team:
 - a. Lead and prepare for each practice. Have a plan so that you maximize your time. Be the first to arrive.
 - b. Attend/lead every game.
 - c. Plan to circle up your team after the game, have each player take a turn standing in the middle of the circle, explain one thing the player did well, and choose a Player of the Game.
 - d. Help organize All-Stars by nominating players from your team.
 - e. Attend/lead your team at the Awards Night.
 - f. Weather or Absence: plan to have your assistant or a parent fill in if you cannot be there. WE DO NOT CANCEL PRACTICES unless there is a weather event that forces us to cancel the entire league's practices.
3. Weekly Communication through Team Sideline
 - a. Reminder of game times and location
 - b. What color jersey are you
 - c. Who has snacks
 - d. Team win(s)
4. Safety
 - a. Always have another adult or parent in the gym. Never be 1 on 1 with a child.
 - b. Injuries: communicate with parents. If it is serious, call 911.
5. Growth

- a. Prepare for practices. Help your players grow in skills, leadership, and character!
6. You are in charge of your parents and fans!
 - a. You set the tone. They will follow your lead.
 - b. Referees and Zero Tolerance Policy: Remember that our referees are growing and learning too. They will not be perfect. Treat them with respect and appreciation that they are willing to referee. Expect your fans and players to do the same. Remember that if we need to ask a fan to leave, they must take their player with them.

Game Day Instructions

1. Please arrive 20-30 minutes prior to the start of your game (please also communicate this with your players).
2. Please have your team ready to warm up 15 minutes before the game. Warm-ups are completed in the foyer and/or lobby. Be ready to line your team up for Team Introductions right before your game time.
3. Games start right on time.
4. We do not warm up on court due to time restrictions.
5. Do NOT allow your players to bring their own balls. If they have their own, please have their parents take the ball and place it in the car.
6. Substitution/Line-Up Rules:
 - a. Remember that each player plays a minimum of 3 periods.
 - b. At the start of each period you will line your 4 or 5 players up across from the other team. Coordinate with the other coach to line your best players up across from each other and on down the line.
 - c. 1st-2nd Graders will receive colored tags to help them know who to guard.
7. Game Rules: We have our own. Please make sure you are familiar with those in your coach notebook, especially with subbing.
8. Team Huddle after the game:
 - a. Player Recognition: Circle your team up off of the court. Parents are welcome to join in. Take turns inviting one player into the middle of the circle to stand while you give them one encouragement of something they did well in the game. This could be character, leadership, or skill-oriented. Do this for each player.

- b. Character Player of the Game: Pick one character player of the game. Our goal is to recognize the player(s) that exemplifies our character word of the week. This should be the last player you call into the middle of the circle. Each player on your team should receive this distinction ONE TIME during the season.

Tournament Instructions

As a reminder, we split up large divisions based on your records and point differentials. Our goal is to create good, competitive competition for teams where they are at. This means that if you won the majority of your games you will be playing against similar teams. The same goes if you did not win many games. The only time this is not the case is if you were in a smaller division to start off with.

All teams will play in the tournament. We will not know which division you are in until after Week 6 games. We will then seed teams and post the schedule. The tournaments are single-elimination with medals given to the first place and second place team in each division. Medals are awarded at the Awards Night.

All Star Instructions

Each head coach gets to nominate a player or players from his or her team to be an ALL-STAR. Those players get to play in the All-Star game on Saturday, March 1st, get a t-shirt, and a trophy is awarded.

Your number of nominations depends on which division you play in. See the nomination form for exact details and instructions. This will be sent to all coaches once the season is underway. We understand that this is tough because many of you have multiple kids who are deserving. Unfortunately, due to the size of this league, we are only able to accommodate the number of nominations indicated on the form.

All Star Game Instructions:

1. Plan to arrive promptly 30 minutes early to get organized.
2. Wear your uniform.

3. Check in to get your t-shirt and goody bag.
4. Meet with coaches in the lobby to get organized and warm up.

Awards Night Instructions

This is a short, approximately 45-60 minute, FUN celebration of our season.

Plan to meet up with your team and sit together. We will have sections saved for our teams to sit.

Wear your uniform and coach shirts.

This is a FUN MEMORY MAKER for the kids!

Sunday, March 9th

9447 Niwot Rd. Niwot, CO 80503 (Enter through MAIN DOORS)

3:00 pm: 1st-2nd Grades

4:30 pm: 3rd-4th Grades

6:00 pm: 5th-6th Grades