

West Clermont Youth Basketball Association
Player Placement Regulations

Athletic Teams-

- Number of Teams and Grade Levels
 - WCYBA sponsors athletic teams at each of the following grade levels: 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th.
- Eligibility to Try Out For an Athletic Team:
 - Any player who is registered with WCYBA AND who resides in the West Clermont School District (area served by Amelia, Brantner, Clough Pike, Holly Hill, Merwin, Summerside, Willowville and Withamsville-Tobasco Elementary Schools) or who attends one of these elementary schools is eligible to try out for an athletic team.
 - Registration must be completed in advance by any player wishing to try out.
- Tryouts for 3rd & 4th Grade Athletic Teams:
 - See information below as to the evaluation session(s) that will be held for all 3rd & 4th grade players
- Tryouts for 5th Grade and 6th Grade Select Teams:
 - Each player is guaranteed one tryout time which will be scheduled by the WCYBA Board of Directors. Each player is expected to attend the tryout session(s) which is (are) scheduled, but may be excused from attending a tryout if the player is injured or has an irreconcilable conflict which will prevent the player from attending the tryout session. A request to be excused from a particular tryout session should be addressed by a parent to the athletic team coordinator and the athletic team coordinator in his/her discretion will determine whether the request will be granted. If a player can only attend one tryout session, the player will be evaluated based only on the tryout session he/she did attend. A player may be excused from attending both tryout sessions by the athletic team coordinator only if the player is injured and is unable to participate in the tryouts due to that injury. In that event, the player will be evaluated based upon the player's prior performances as a player in the WCYBA.
- Selection of Players for Athletic Teams:
 - It is the preference for each WCYBA team to have no less than 8 players and no more than 9 players on any particular team. However, in determining the number of players on a team, the selection committee will consider the relative quality of the players who try out and the likelihood that a particular player may not receive significant playing time. It is a preference to not have more than 10 players because of the difficulty with a larger team of giving each player individual attention in practice and sufficient playing time.
 - See information below as to the evaluation session(s) that will be held for all 3rd & 4th grade players and that will result in the selection of the 3rd & 4th grade athletic teams
 - As to the tryouts for the 5th and 6th grade athletic teams, players will be evaluated by a selection committee which will be composed of the head coach or designee, the athletic team coordinator or designee, and the President of WCYBA or designee. Players will be evaluated on a combination of fitness and basketball skills appropriate to their level, as well as game situations (assessed

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through scrimmages). Evaluation forms will be the same from one level to the next and an evaluation rubric which is approved by the Board of Directors will be used by all members of the selection committee.

Recreational Teams:

- Responsibility for Placement of Players -
 - Placement of players within a grade is the primary responsibility of the league coordinator. A coach may not assign any players to his or her team for any reason.
- Placement Based on Grade Level
 - A player will be placed based on the grade during the current school year at the time of the first game of the season. A player is not permitted to “play up” except under the following circumstances:
 - The player has such exceptional athletic ability and basketball skills that the player’s ability substantially exceeds that of any other player playing at his/her grade level and the player will not be challenged by playing at his/her own grade level. The player may “play up” only one grade and may do so only with the approval of the WCYBA Board of Directors. Any player that plays up must be evaluated at Athletic Tryouts in order to do so.
 - No player will be permitted to “play down” a grade.

Team Size:

- It is the preference of WCYBA for each team to have 8-10 players. This allows for each player to get maximum playing time in games and attention in practices, and it also is more manageable for the coach. The league coordinator may also in his/her discretion approve a team with only 7 players based on there not being enough players to have teams of 8-10 players. An example is where there are only 14 or 15 players signed up for a grade. 11 players are not permitted to be on a team.

Placement on Third and Fourth Grade Athletic and Recreational Teams:

- 3rd grade is the first year and 4th grade is the second year of competitive basketball (2nd grade is instructional), and it is the first year in which WCYBA sponsors athletic teams. The formation of the athletic teams, in particular, tends to create an imbalance among the recreational teams. As a result, WCYBA, like most basketball associations, has created a process in these grades to correct this imbalance in order to build equitable and enjoyable teams for all of the players. That process requires that we perform an evaluation of all of the players so that we can identify those players who might benefit most by playing on an athletic team and so that the talent after the athletic teams are formed can be distributed evenly among the various recreational teams.
- All 3rd & 4th grade players must attend one or more scheduled evaluation sessions. It is important to note that the evaluations are not tryouts. The purpose of the evaluations is to have an independent panel of evaluators, only one of whom will be the coach of a 3rd

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& 4th grade team, so that we can build a basketball program at this grade level which will benefit each of the players and which will result in the formation of competitive teams.

- Evaluation sessions for 3rd & 4th grade players will be scheduled by the league coordinator. Boy's evaluations and girls evaluations will be scheduled separately.
- Because it may be a distraction for the players who are being evaluated, parents are not permitted in the gym during the evaluations.
- The evaluation committee for each evaluation session will be composed of three persons: two persons who are selected by the Board based on their overall ability to assess player's level of ability and skills and the third member who is the athletic team coach (the boys coach for boys and the girls coach for girls).
- Players will be evaluated by the members of the evaluation committee on dribbling, shooting, rebounding, passing, defense, and 3-on-3 play. Scores will be given of 1 through 10, with 10 being the highest, for each skill and then added up for a total score for that player. (Max is 60 points, minimum is 6 points, for each evaluator).
- The drills/3-on-3 games will be led by two persons who are selected because of their proficiency in leading evaluation/tryout sessions.
- A player's total scores from each committee member are added together to give the player an overall score and are ranked from highest score to the lowest score. (Highest possible score is 180, lowest possible is 18).
- Following the evaluation session(s), the evaluation committee will select those players who are to be offered spots on the athletic team. (See discussion of selection of eligibility for an select of athletic teams above.) Parents of players selected for placement on the athletic team will be promptly notified by the committee of the offer and will have 24 hours to either accept or reject the offer of placement on an athletic team. In the event of a rejection, the spot left vacant may be filled by the committee making an offer to another player, or it may be left vacant.

Placement on All Other Recreational Teams:

- Assignment of Returning PLayer's
 - It is the preference of WCYBA that a player who played in the previous season be returned to the team and/or to the coach from the previous season. This maintains stability in the program and is helpful in maintaining balance between the various teams within a grade. A player, however, may not be assigned in the discretion of the coordinator to the same team and/or the same coach under any of the following circumstances:
 - There is a need to move (a) player(s) in order to achieve a numerical balance between the players on the teams within a grade
 - An irreconcilable difference exists between the player and the coach which warrants in the coordinator's opinion moving the player to a different team.
 - The player has been a member of the same team for a minimum of three consecutive years. At the confidential request of the player/parent, the coach agrees to release the player from the team. Under this circumstance, the player will be placed back in the open roster and may

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be reassigned by the league coordinator to another team which has less than 10 players. The coach of the departing and receiving team are to handle all such player reassignments in strict confidence until the placement is confirmed by the league coordinator. A player may only request reassignment under this circumstance a single time during his/her tenure in the WCYBA program.

- A serious numerical or competitive imbalance among the teams in a grade or depletion in the number of players on a team has occurred because one or more players from the team make a select team or a school team. This issue should be brought to the attention of the league coordinator by the coach of the team which has been so affected. The league coordinator may move (a) player(s) between teams in order to correct this imbalance.
- All players in a grade who are new to WCYBA or who are returning to the WCYBA program after a season or more of absence will constitute a player pool for that grade. If a player played on a team during the previous year and the head coach is not returning to coach and the league coordinator has been unable to find a replacement for the head coach, that player will also be part of the player pool.