



2012–2013 Boys Basketball Information

Goal: The primary goal of our program is to develop your son's enthusiasm for basketball and improve his basketball skills. We strive to create a team approach while improving the understanding of fundamentals and practice within healthy competition.

Little Cougar (Recreational League): The Little Cougar recreational league runs from the first of November to the week before Christmas Break. Typically, the teams will practice 1 time per week and play games on Saturdays. The primary goal is for all players to have an enjoyable experience. This league is offered for all boys in grades K-6.

Travel League: For those players interested and who demonstrate advanced basketball skills, a travel league exists for grades 1-6. The evaluations will be performed by independent evaluators watching the tryouts. These evaluators determine which boys make the GCYBB Travel Program. The number of teams for an age group will be dependent on the amount of participation, skill level, and the recommendations of the evaluation panel for the GCYBB Travel teams. If more than one team is necessary, the teams will be divided according to skill level.

(See **Travel Basketball Information Document**) (Can be found in the Document Center at www.gcybb.com)

Registration: Register by sending in through your son's school office, through the mail, or online. The registration form can be downloaded or register online from the GCYBB website at www.gcybb.com. Registration for boys basketball begins in September and closes the second week of October. After registration is closed, a waiting list will be started.

Evaluations: To participate in the travel league, you must attend both evaluation sessions conducted by the basketball board in September.

Time Commitment: The Little Cougar recreational league runs from the beginning of November to the week before Christmas Break. Typically, the teams will practice **one** time per week and play **two** games on Saturdays. Weekday practices are scheduled to begin and end somewhere between 6:00pm to 9:00pm. The younger the age division, the earlier the practice time. Typically, all K-2nd grade teams will practice from 6pm to 7pm. 3rd and 4th grade from 7pm to 8pm, and 5th and 6th grade from 8pm to 9pm. Saturday games begin and end somewhere between 9:00am to 5:00pm. Practices and games will take place in Greenfield-Central school district gyms only.

The travel basketball teams usually practice 2 times per week and play competitive games on Saturday or Sunday. While playing on a travel team does require a commitment to a greater number of practices and games, it is intended to provide skill development and exposure to higher competition. This schedule runs from November thru the end of February.

Refund Policy: While registration is still open, a full refund will be given to players that pull out of the league. After registration is closed, no refunds will be given.

Coach Selection: Parent coaches and independent coaches are utilized. The grade commissioner along with the basketball board will select the Little Cougar recreational league coaches. Travel coaches are determined by an evaluation process based on playing and coaching experience. Each coaching candidate will be required to turn in a coaching application, and background check prior to the season start.

Playing Time: The Little Cougar recreational league intends to provide equal playing time for all players. The travel program is intended to be more competitive and playing time will vary based upon performance.

All-Stars: The Little Cougar recreational league will hold an All-Star game at the end of the season. The teams will be selected by the Little Cougar recreational league coaches. Each coach will select two boys off of their team to participate in the All-Star game. Each age division will have their own All-Star game. K, 1st-2nd, 3rd-4th, and 5th-6th.

General Rules:

Grades 1-6 will use 28.5 size balls, K will use 27.5 size balls.

League will provide referee(s) for grades 3 thru 6.

Grade K will play on 8 foot goals, Grades 1-2 play on 8.5 foot goals, and the remaining grades will play on 10 foot goals. All ages will play full-court.