

Little Chute Hoops Club Guidelines 2017-2018

The Little Chute Hoops Club provides youth players with quality teaching, competition, exposure, teammates, and overall experience in basketball outside of their school season.

Every organization has goals and expectations. Below you will find the guidelines that coaches, players, and parents are expected to follow.

Team Expectations

Commitment

It all starts with commitment. All players are expected to be at all practices and games. Practices are up to three times each week for at least 1½ hours. Players must be at practice to develop individual and team skills. If a player is not at practice, they are not able to be “in sync” with the team. While missing practice is detrimental to an individual player’s development, it also hurts the team’s growth. Playing time at every level is dependent upon effort in practice. **At any level, it is unrealistic to give significant playing time to a player who does not attend practice or is at practice but is being detrimental to the team by not listening or being disruptive.** Doing so is not in the best interest of the Team, or its growth. Again, attendance and effort at every practice are critical for both the individual and the Team.

Practices

We try to practice an entire grade at the same time. Practices focus on individual skill and generally only limited scrimmaging. These practices tend to be significantly more intense than school or recreational practices. Our practices require significant physicality and attention to detail.

Tournaments

Tournament games are generally Friday evening to late Sunday afternoon. Most weekends, the teams will play three (3) to seven (7) games. While most games will be within a 45-minute drive, you may have games which require overnight stays. When in a tournament, it is very difficult to devote time to anything but the tournament.

Coaches

Coaching is done by parents and community volunteers. If at some point during the season a concern arises or if you want to recognize a coach doing an exceptional job, we encourage you to complete a comment form on our website (www.littlechutehoops.com) and submit it to the Board of Directors for review.

Cost

The Little Chute Hoops Club requires a fee for those who make the traveling teams. The fee structure is on the sign-up letter that goes home with the students. In addition, all parents are **required to volunteer** time at tournaments sponsored by LCHC. You will receive information about volunteer opportunities. The fees and volunteer time pay for all equipment, uniforms and tournament fees. Lost uniforms require a \$25 payment for 4th through 6th grade and result in a loss of deposit for 7th and 8th grade.

Philosophy

The Little Chute Hoops Club has different philosophies at various grade levels. Generally, we work at basic skill levels in fourth grade, and by eighth grade, are very competitive. In the fourth grade, we play to gain experience and to learn. By the eighth grade, we play to win tournaments. Our philosophy, by grade, is set out below.

- Grade 4:** Emphasis: Individual and team skills. This level is to develop a love for the game and the skills to play it well.
Playing Time: Nearly equal, depending upon practice attendance and effort.
Teams: If more than one team is needed, player talent will be divided equally among teams. No cuts will be made at this level.
Tournaments: Each player will play in up to three tournaments.
- Grade 5:** Emphasis: Individual and team skills. This level is to develop a love for the game and the skills to play it well. At this level, as the season progresses we will also incorporate a more competitive perspective.
Playing Time: Nearly equal depending on practice attendance, effort and skill. Every player will have some extended playing time in each half.
Teams: If more than one team is needed, player talent will be divided equally among teams. No cuts will be made at this level.
Tournaments: Each player will play in up to four tournaments.
- Grade 6:** Emphasis: Individual and team skills. We pay much more attention to fundamental skills. At this level, as the season progresses we will also incorporate a more competitive perspective.
Playing Time: Playing time depends on practice attendance and effort, dedication and skill. Every player will have some playing time in each half. Skill becomes a more significant but not an overriding factor in playing time.
Teams: Teams will vary from even talent to “A” and “B” teams. The decision to keep the teams equal or split into ‘A’ and ‘B’ teams will be at the coach’s discretion. The “A” team may have an additional tournament. . No cuts will be made at this level. However, if there are more than 10 kids on only one team, the coach has the discretion to use a group of core players for all tournaments and rotate other players equally among tournaments.
Tournaments: Each player will play in up to five tournaments.

Grade 7: Emphasis: Individual and team skills, competition. We pay much more attention to fundamental skills. Competition is an important part of this level. We want to teach the players how to be competitive; how to maximize their roles on the team.
Playing Time: Playing time depends on practice attendance and effort, dedication and skill. Skill is a more significant factor in playing time.
Players will know their role and be expected to fulfill it.
Teams: Teams will vary from even talent to “A” and “B” teams. The decision to keep the teams equal or split into ‘A’ and ‘B’ teams will be at the coach’s discretion. The “A” team *may* have a couple of additional tournaments. Depending on registrations, player cuts may be necessary.
Tournaments: Each player will play in up to six tournaments.

Grade 8: Emphasis: Individual and team skills, competition. We pay even more attention to fundamental skills. This is the most competitive level. Competition is a very important part at this level.
Playing Time: Playing time depends on practice attendance and effort, dedication and skill. Skill is a more significant factor in playing time.
Players will know their role and be expected to fulfill it.
Teams: Teams will vary from even talent to “A” and “B” teams. The decision to keep the teams equal or split into ‘A’ and ‘B’ teams will be at the coach’s discretion. The “A” team *may* have a couple of additional tournaments. Depending on registrations, player cuts may be necessary.
Tournaments: Each player will play in up to seven tournaments.

State Tournament Team

Throughout the tournament team season, players at each grade level will be observed and evaluated in order to select a team to participate in the Wisconsin State Invitational Championship Tournament (WSICT). Not all coaches will choose to go to this tournament - the decision to have the team participate in the state tournament will be up to the coaches of that grade, starting at the 5th grade level. If a grade level has more than one team the coaches may elect to have the group of players going to the WSICT play together in a tournament or two leading up to this tournament.

Hoops Club Expectations of Individuals

Players

- Academics are a priority.
- Come on time to all practices and games prepared to hustle and learn.
- Be respectful of your parents, coaches, teammates, opponents and officials.
- Be respectful of your facilities; we are responsible for any damage to the schools in which we practice.
- Be neat in appearance. No jewelry on the court.
- Report injuries to your coaches immediately.
- If you are unable to practice, call a coach well before practice time and do not communicate through a coach's son or daughter at school. **You must call your coach directly.**
- Communicate any problems or concerns in a respectful manner.
- Never quit – always have fun.

Parents

- Assist your children in meeting expectations.
- Be respectful of the team, coaches, officials and opponents.
- If you have concerns raise them early in a respectful manner. You may not agree with a coach but you need to listen and help your child earn a larger role on the team.
- **Use the 24-hour rule** – do not confront a coach during or right after a tournament. Wait to discuss any issues until players aren't around.
- Be sportsmanlike in the stands. Do not yell at officials, the team or their opponent. Cheer in a positive manner.
- **ANY PARENT GETTING EJECTED FROM A GAME BY AN OFFICIAL OR TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND THEIR CHILD'S NEXT TOURNAMENT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN YOUR CHILD BEING REMOVED FROM HOOPS CLUB WITHOUT A REFUND OF ANY FEES.**
- Volunteer as required and as needed.
- Get the fees in on time.
- Make sure that your child is physically fit to play.
- Support your team.
- **Be sure uniforms are turned in on time.**

Coaches

- Abide strictly by the LCHC's Guidelines.
- Learn the game - teach your players.
- Model good sportsmanship, work ethic and respect.
- Be respectful of players, parents, opponents and officials.
- Be prepared for practice and games.
- Communicate with players and parents.
- Encourage leadership, sportsmanship and good judgment.

Selections Guidelines

If necessary, a tryout session will be held at an appropriate time for each grade level to ensure that teams are selected in a timely manner.

Selection will be based on: (in order)

1. Player participating on a school team. (REQUIRED)
2. Basketball Skills
3. Attitude and effort.
4. Position(s) played
5. Physical attributes (size, athleticism, strength)
6. Contact / input from school coaches and traveling team coaches.
7. Addition(s) to the roster made by coach's selection.

A FINAL THOUGHT

Player playing time will not be equal, but it will be based on the philosophies listed for each grade on pages 2-3. Because of the cost involved for families (club membership, jersey / equipment, travel expenses) it is imperative that this privilege has been earned. **The level of competition that is seen with Hoops Club is at a much higher level than what is seen during league seasons and the athletes should be able to demonstrate that they are able to compete at this higher level.** Because this is a club sport and is not affiliated with the school district, all questions should be directed to the LCHC board of directors. **The Little Chute Area School District does not run this program or make decisions in the program. Please do not contact them regarding the program**

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