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Volunteer Positions

The Camarillo Youth Basketball Association (CYBA) is a community service organization run completely by volunteers. Before a season can begin, each league must be fully staffed with a Commissioner and Coaches. Additional volunteers are needed at the team level. [How can you help?](#)

- *League Commissioner* - Each League must have a Commissioner who is responsible for all teams at a particular Grade level, and who oversees the gym during that league's playing times. (Two persons can share the role as Co-Commissioners if necessary.) If no Commissioner is found for a League, the League cannot have a season. Please contact our **CYBA Program Director** via email at cybatoday@gmail.com if you are able to volunteer as a Commissioner.
- *Coach/Assistant Coach* - Each must have a Head Coach who is 18 years or older AND has already graduated from High School. Head coaches are encouraged (but not required) to recruit one or more assistant coaches from the parents of their players. All coaches must submit and pass a background check prior to being approved for the position. The CYBA pays the background check fees for the Head Coach and one (1) assistant coach. Additional assistant coaches are required to pay for their background checks. Note that assistant coaches are identified only after the teams have been formed (CYBA does not allow coaches to pre-select their assistant). Please indicate on your registration form if you are interested in a Head Coaching position. (You may also contact the **CYBA Program Director** via email at cybatoday@gmail.com if you did not check this box at registration time but have since decided that you want to volunteer
- *Scorekeeper* - Each team must provide a scorekeeper / timekeeper at every game. It is therefore advised that two (2) to three (3) , persons from each team be trained as score/time keepers. (CYBA provides training for this position prior to the start of the season).

- *Board Positions* – In addition to League Commissioners, the CYBA Board also consists of an “Executive Board” and several appointed “Committee” positions to handle various responsibilities. An example of some of the Committee positions include Uniform Order and Distribution Coordinator, Picture Day Coordinator, Equipment Manager, Website / Social Media Coordinator. These are just a sample of the types of volunteer opportunities. Please contact us to get more information about currently open positions via email at cybatoday@gmail.com.

Are all volunteers vetted?

Yes, all coaches, assistant coaches, and CYBA board members must pass a background check.

Referees

Who are the referees?

Our referees are recruited from our local High Schools and consist of many players from the High School teams or other students who have played basketball. Upon High School graduation, many of these referees continue to Referee CYBA games while attending local colleges. Referees receive both in-class and on-court training, and beginning referees work alongside and are mentored by senior referees. Referees are the only paid positions in CYBA.

Our High School league uses certified CIF referees who also provide training and mentoring for our student volunteers.

How can I apply?

Please contact us via email at camarillo_cyba@yahoo.com if you are interested in refereeing. You should receive a reply from our **Rules and Referees Director** in mid to late October.

League Registration

How long is the season I am registering for?

Team selection is performed during the 3rd week of November with scheduled in-door practices starting immediately after. Games start the first weekend after January 1st and include 8 consecutive Saturdays of “Regular Season” play. Following the Regular Season is the post season double elimination tournament (“Playoffs”) played over two weeks culminating with “Championship Saturday”. The entire program completes the following weekend with “All-Star Saturday” where each League hosts their own all-star event.

Which League do I register for?

CYBA policy mandates that all players play at their school grade level. There are no exceptions.

Who can receive the Sibling Discount, and how?

CYBA offers this discount in order to give families with more than one child in the Program a financial break. We are not able to make exceptions for other relationships. Multiple children registered at the same time automatically receive the discount. If another child is registered in a separate session, the system charges the full price. A sibling discount refund request can be submitted to camarillo_cyba@yahoo.com.

What is the waitlist process?

The registration period is August 1st through September 15th. Once the registration period ends, all registrants are placed on the waiting list. If the league you are registering for fills up prior to the end of the Registration Period, you are also placed on the waiting list.

Unless the league is full, there are always players added from the waiting list to fill out a full league roster. Waiting List players are added to their league in the order in which they registered. So even if you miss the regular registration, it is important to register on the Waiting list as soon as possible.

Waiting List registrations are generally accepted up until the time that Teams are formed (as documented above). If you have not been placed on a team after the selection process you can still remain on the waitlist pending potential cancellations prior to the start of the season. Waiting list players who are not selected to a team receive a full (100%) refund. If you paid by credit card, your registration is credited back to that card. If you paid by e-check, we issue you a check.

What is the registration cancellation policy?

The current refund policy for registration cancellations is as follows:

- August 1st – November 15th – full refund less the \$10 processing fee
- November 16th – day of first game – 50% refund
- No refunds after the 1st game of the season.
- Waiting list players not placed on a team receive a full 100% refund
- Players who make their High School team and are therefore ineligible per CIF rules receive a full 100% refund.

Team Selection

How are teams formed?

The main goal of the team selection process is to produce evenly balanced and matched teams so that all teams can fairly compete. To form balanced teams, end-of-season player evaluations are used for returning players, while new players are required to do a pre-season skills assessment. The selection process factors these evaluations along with player size (and age in multiple age leagues) to produce balanced teams.

Can I request to be on a team with my cousin, friend, coach's kid with assistant coach's kid?

We are not able to honor requests to play with friends, play for a specific coach, accommodate car pools, or allow coaches to pre-choose their assistant coach. Please understand that we are

not being insensitive to such desires, but in the interest of ensuring the best environment and most enjoyment for everyone it is important that selecting balanced teams be the priority.

Can both of my children play on the same team?

Twins of like gender or siblings who are in the same “multi-grade” league are always placed on the same team (unless there is a special request to separate them). Sibling pairings are most common in the Girls JR (grades 3-5), Girls SR (grades 6-8), and Boys High School leagues.

When will I find out what team my child is on?

Team formation only happens once the league is fully staffed with a commissioner and all head coaches. You are typically contacted by your head coach between the middle to end of November depending on how quickly we are able to recruit the required volunteers.

Practice and Games

How long is the season?

See League Registration above

When are practices?

For fully staffed and formed Leagues practices begin the final week of November. Each team is given 1 hour of weeknight **gym time** at one of the local middle school or Boys & Girls Club gyms. The time and place for your practice is communicated to you from your team's coach. The practice schedule cannot be set until all team coaches are in place so your schedule information may not be known until the last minute. We cannot guarantee what night your child(ren)' practice(s) will be and are not able to accommodate requests to change to another team that practices on a specific night.

When are games?

Games begin on the first Saturday after January 1st and are held in local middle school and the Boys & Girls Club gyms. Each league is assigned a gym and either a morning or afternoon time period which is effective for all regular season games. Regular Season games are played on eight consecutive Saturdays.

How long are games?

Games generally complete in about an hour. Depending on the number of players on each team, your league plays either five (5) or four (4) period games.

Are there playoffs/finals?

A double-elimination playoff tournament begins immediately after the final Saturday of the Regular season. All teams compete over the next two weeks on weeknights and Saturdays. During the playoffs, teams do not get their one hour of weeknight practice, as all gyms are used for the playoff tournament.

Two teams make it to the finals which is played on “Championship Saturday”. One of the teams is undefeated while the other team has lost one game and played their way through the “loser” bracket to the finals. The one-loss team must beat the undefeated team twice, with the second game being played sometime on that same Saturday. The time of the game is dependent on the results from other leagues and gym availability.