

**Basketball FAQ**  
**2019/2020**  
**CCYL Developmental League (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

**What League Do We Play In?**

Chicago Catholic Youth League (CCYL)

<http://chicagocatholicyouthleague.teamsnapsites.com/basketball/>

**How Long is the Season?**

Practices begin the week of October 28<sup>th</sup> and will continue through February followed by a post season (there is no post season for 4<sup>th</sup> grade). Last possible game would be March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**GAMES**

- Games begin Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**PLAYOFFS**

- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams participate in the playoffs; 4<sup>th</sup> grade teams do not have playoffs
- Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> – CCYL Developmental League Playoffs
- Saturday, February 29 and Sunday, March 1 - CCYL Developmental League Playoffs continue with championship games on Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>.

*\*There will be no games or practices over Christmas Break, Thanksgiving Break, or President's Day Weekend. You should expect to play over MLK Weekend.*

**When are the Practices?**

Each team practices 2 days a week following the schedule below:

**4th grade:**

Hardey: Wednesday 3:45 - 5:00 & Friday 3:00 - 4:15

Academy: Tuesday & Thursday 3:45 - 5:00

**5th grade:**

Hardey: Monday 3:45 - 5:00 & Wednesday 5:00 - 6:15

Academy: Monday 5:00 - 6:15 & Friday 4:15 - 5:30

**6th grade:**

Hardey: Tuesday & Thursday 5:00 - 6:15

Academy: Monday 4:00 - 5:30, Wednesday 4:00-5:30, & Friday 3:15 - 4:30

*\*Sixth grade girls practice in this combination of days, depending on team: M/W, W/F, M/F*

### **When and Where are the Games?**

- Games are on Saturday mornings/early afternoons at school gyms in our conference.
- Game schedules (once available) can be found on the CCYL League Website <https://chicagocatholicyouthleague.teamsnapsites.com/>
- Addresses and info on each gym can be found here: <http://chicagocatholicyouthleague.teamsnapsites.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/445/2017/08/CCYL-Gym-Locations-Updated-08092017.pdf>

### **How Do We Put Teams Together?**

All students who are in good academic standing and can commit to the team are welcome in our Basketball program. The first two weeks of practice will be evaluation time. Coaches and athletic administration will run practices, drills and scrimmages for the entire grade's players together and evaluate those players based on a number of factors. Given our large percentage of participation in basketball, we usually end up making multiple teams per grade. Taking into consideration the evaluation and the number of players in a grade, a team of coaches and athletics staff will work to split all eligible students in each grade into "equal teams". As this is our Developmental League, we seek to make teams as equal as possible in numbers and talent. As our numbers are very different every year, we can't always predict the number of teams or their size, but our goal is to keep teams larger than 8 members, but no more than 14.

### **How is Playing Time Determined?**

In our Developmental League, each student begins the season with an expectation of "equal playing time" in the games. However, any player who misses practices or games is forfeiting their right to equal playing time. Any student who misses practice does so understanding that any absence means they will have less playing time that week and won't be eligible to start at the next game or play in the first quarter. Student missing both practices should not expect to play in the first half or receive "equal" minutes.

Please have patience with your team's coach as they attempt to be fair with minutes as well as effectively coach a game. Given that there are many moving pieces in a basketball game, "Equal Time" should also be looked at cumulatively over a whole season rather than in every game.

Please understand that less playing time in one game should mean more playing time in a subsequent game and we are actively working with coaches to help manage their minutes throughout the season.