

Basketball FAQ-
2019-2020
CCYL Skyline/Lakefront League (7th/8th Grade)

What League Do We Play In?

-Chicago Catholic Youth League (CCYL)

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

CCYL offers two leagues:

“Lakefront” league is the most competitive

“Skyline” is less competitive

How Long is the Season?

Regular Season practices begin October 28th and run through February 12th.

Games begin November 11th.

Playoffs- Begin February 18th and continue through March 1.

Skyline Championships TBD

Lakefront Boys Championship games-March 4th @St. Ignatius College Prep

Lakefront Girls Championship games- March 3rd @St. Ignatius College Prep

**There will be no games or practices over Christmas Break, Thanksgiving Break, or President’s Day Weekend.

When/Where are the Practices?

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

7th grade:

Hardey: Tuesday & Thursday 6:15 - 7:45

Academy: Tuesday & Thursday 4:00 - 5:30

8th grade:

Hardey: Monday & Wednesday 6:15 - 7:45

Academy: Monday 5:15-6:45 & Wednesday 4:00-5:30

Hardey teams will practice at Sacred Heart

Academy teams will practice at St. Andrews (5649 N Sheridan Rd)

When and Where are the Games?

-Games can be any day of the week at one of our conference schools.

Game schedule will be available here on Nov 1st:

<http://chicagocatholicyouthleague.teamsnapsites.com/post-325/>

-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 to accommodate our numbers. In 7/8th grade, our teams are created with talent in mind. If numbers allow for two teams, students will be evaluated by talent and position and placed on either the "Red" team, which will compete in the 'Lakefront' division, or the "White" team, which will compete in our 'Skyline' division. Talent, position, numbers and potential impact will all be taken into account when making teams. If numbers require 3 teams to accommodate all the players, teams will be broken up into one "A" team, with the remaining players split equally between two "B" teams.

As our numbers are very different every year, we can't always predict the number of teams or their size. Our goal is to keep teams larger than 8 members, but no more than 14.

How is Playing Time Determined?

-Our Lakeview and Skyline leagues are "play to win". While all students who are coming to practice regularly and working hard can expect to contribute to games, we no longer maintain the promise of equal playing time that comes in the Developmental League. Discipline, hard work, attitude and teamwork will be stressed along with talent development. Playing time and game management is left to the coach's discretion. Maintaining regular attendance is still expected and any player who misses practices or games is forfeiting some of their playing time. Any student who misses practice should do so knowing 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. A Student missing a whole week of practice should definitely not expect to play in the first half and any other playing time decision will be made on a game-by-game basis by the coach.