

Winter 25/26
Youth Basketball
Parent Meeting



Meet the Athletics Team!

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We don't have traditional 9-5 hours and aren't always in the office.

Where can I find information?

- **Website - PlayTCsports.com**
 - Game Schedule
 - Rules
 - Season Information on the basketball specific page
- **Other Department Contact Information**
 - Athletics Team Email: playtcsports@thecolonytx.gov
 - Main Department Line: 972-625-1106
 - Answered: M-F 6:30am - 9 :00pm & Saturday 8:30am-6:00pm

Age Verification

- If you have played a previous season with us this year and have already submitted you do not need to resubmit!
- We have sent out emails to anyone that still needs to submit!
- The deadline to receive age verification is by 11/14. If we do not receive a birth certificate or passport the child will **NOT** be able to play until we receive it and verify the age. *Please don't wait until the last day!
- What we will take?
 - Birth Certificate
 - Passport
- Parents have these options to submit:
 - Email it to playtcsports@thecolonytx.gov
 - Stop by the recreation center for staff to make a copy.

Birth Certificates or passports are required for anyone to play!

Age Qualification

What is the aging date for this season?

9/1/2025

How does the aging date work?

Whatever age your child was on 9/1/2025 is the division they qualify for.

- **Example: My child was 10 on 9/1/2025, but he will be 11 years old during the season. He technically qualifies for the 10U division. If you would want to play up in the 12U division you would have to get approval from the Athletics staff PRIOR to registration.**

Are there any exceptions?

- **We only have a few exceptions for someone to be able to play up a division.**
 - You can find an informational sheet with more information on exceptions on playtcsports.com!
- **We NEVER allow a child to play down and age division due to safety reasons.**

Playing Up Requirements

Playing up requirements:

For any child playing up, they have to qualify for one of the below requirements:

- Directly requested by the coach
- The parent will be the head coach
- They turn the required age during the season (ex: they are 10 and turn 11 the 2nd week of the season, they can play in 12U)

All players requesting to play up must go through the athletic staff directly PRIOR to registering for the season. They will not be able to register online.

Coaches

We rely on volunteer parent coaches for this league to run! All teams in the league are coached by volunteers!

- **Coach Requirements**
 - **All coaches are required to do a background check in order to coach for the season!**
- **We require each team to have assistant coaches.**
 - **If there is not a cleared assistant available to take over for your team the game will be considered a forfeit.**
- **Anyone who would like to assist on the sideline at games or assist at practice must go through the background check process!**
- **The background check process can take 2-5 business days.**
- **Anyone that is not officially cleared will not be allowed on the sideline.**

Thank you to all of those who have volunteered their time to coach!

Team Formation

Each season is a fresh start for team formation! This means you are not guaranteed to be placed on a team that you have always played with or your friend request! We try our hardest to accommodate all requests that come through, but at a point it becomes impossible when we are trying to accommodate 100-200 requests.

Factors we use to determine teams:

- Number of Players registered
- Number of coaches
- Number of teams
- Coach Request
- Friend Requests
- Age
- Seasons Played
- School
- Height
- Weight

*Teams can possibly have a max of 10 on a roster. *10 is not guaranteed

Team Formation Cont.

Example

Team 1:
7

Players

Team 2:
7

Players

Team 5:
8

Players

Team 3:
10

Players

Team 4:
7

Players

39 Total
Participants

Team 1:
8

Players

Team 2:
8

Players

Team 5:
8

Players

Team 3:
8

Players

Team 4:
7

Players

39 Total
Participants

Unfair Player Distribution

Fair Player Distribution

“Why am I not getting the full 10 on my team?”

If we don't receive an equal amount of players per team we won't accommodate the full 10 player requests. We try to even out the teams as best as possible and accommodate as many request possible. As well as to not promote “stacking teams” as the parents refer to it.

If coaches have more than 10 kids requesting to be on their team it is the coach's final decision on who makes it on their team

Practice Information

- **When can practices begin?**
 - The week of October 27th
- **How many practices per week?**
 - 6U & 8U Two 45 min practices a week
 - 10U & 12U Two 1 hour practices a week
- **Where do we practice?**
 - Camey Elementary
 - 4949 Arbor Glen Road, The Colony, Texas 75056
 - Ethridge Elementary
 - 6001 Ethridge Drive, The Colony, Texas 75056
 - Griffin Middle School
 - 5105 North Colony Blvd, The Colony, Texas 75056
 - Recreation Center
 - 5151 North Colony Blvd, The Colony, Texas 75056

Important Season Dates - Practices

- Week of 10/27 - Practices begin
- 11/4 - No practices at Schools - School Holiday
- 11/24-11/26 - Special Holiday Practice Schedule
- 11/27 & 11/28 - No practices - Thanksgiving Holidays
- 12/15-12/20 - Special Holiday Practice Schedule
- 12/22-12/27 - Special Holiday Practice Schedule
- 12/24 & 12/25 - No Practices - Christmas Holidays
- 12/29-1/2- Special Holiday Practice Schedule
- 1/1 - No Practices - New Years Day
- 1/19 - No Practices - MLK JR Day

*Note: Some days throughout the season we will not have access to some schools.
This information will be passed along to coaches to select makeup times.

Game Day Information

- **When is the first weekend of games?**
 - November 15th
- **Where do we play?**
 - Strike Middle School
 - 8798 Scotty's Lake Lane, The Colony, Texas 75056
 - Rosemeade Recreation Center - (Girls divisions only)
 - 1330 E Rosemeade Pkwy, Carrollton, Texas 75007
 - Crosby Recreation Center - (Girls divisions only)
 - 1610 E Crosby Rd, Carrollton, Texas 75006
- **How many games for the season?**
 - 8U-12U Teams will be scheduled 8 games
 - 6U Teams will be scheduled 6 games

Game Day Information

- **Game Schedule**
 - The game schedule will be released by November 5th.
- **Where can I find the game schedule?**
 - [PlayTCSports.com](https://playtcsports.com)
- **Who makes the playoffs?**
 - The top 4 teams in each division will make the playoffs.
 - 6U does not have playoffs
- **Will there be double headers or byes?**
 - **Yes, there is a possibility of having double headers and byes. This depends on how many teams are in each division and certain requests by coaches.**

Please do not screenshot or print the schedule! Our goal is not to make any changes for the season, but there is a chance that changes might happen. The schedule online is the most up to date always!

Important Season Dates - Games

- 11/15 - First day of Games
- 11/22 - Games
- 11/29 - No Games
- 12/6 - Games
- 12/13 - Games
- 12/20 - No Games
- 12/27 - No Games
- 1/3 - No Games
- 1/10 - Games
- 1/17 - Games
- 1/24 - Games
- 1/31 - Games
- 2/7 - Last day of games

*Note: There might be weekends that teams have byes or double headers.

Facility Reminders

Please remember that we are all guests at the practice and game facilities! Please ensure you are abiding by these rules to ensure we can still utilize these facilities!

- All players should have a guardian present in the facility for practices or games.
- The only areas that participants, parents, family members, spectators, etc should be in at these facilities are in the gymnasium and the hallways next to the gymnasiums. No one should be in any other part of the schools. This is labeled on the map at the end of this presentation.
- Please check your area when leaving that all items and trash are picked up.

Spectator Guidelines

- Please remember that we are there for the kids to have a fun time learning a sport and playing with their friends!
- **All players MUST have a guardian sign the spectator code of conduct for them for the season or they will not be able to play!**
- All Spectators must sit on the bleachers opposite of the team benches. Only players and background checked coaches may be on the team sideline.
- Any spectator in an unauthorized area will be asked to go back to the spectator zones. If the spectator does not immediately return to the spectator zones they will be asked to leave the facility.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct from parents will not be tolerated. Depending on the severity of the conduct we will ask the individual to leave the facility. Play will not resume until they leave.

Ejection/Consequences

- If a parent is ejected from a game they will not be able to attend the next game. Once allowed back if they get ejected for a second time they will not be able to attend any games for the remainder of the season.

***The aforementioned suspensions will be the minimum penalty enforced and may be increased in each situation due to the severity of actions.**

DIVISION INFORMATION

TYPE	6UCOED	8U BOYS/GIRLS	10U BOYS/GIRLS	12U BOYS/GIRLS
FORMAT	4v4	5v5	5v5	5v5
BASKET HEIGHT	8FT. 6IN.	8FT. 6IN.	10FT	10FT
BALL SIZE	JUNIOR 27.5	WOMEN'S 28.5	WOMEN'S 28.5	BOYS - MEN'S 29.5 GIRLS - WOMEN'S 28.5
GAME LENGTH	4 SIX MIN. QUARTERS	4 SIX MIN. QUARTERS	4 EIGHT MIN. QUARTERS	4 EIGHT MIN. QUARTERS
FREE THROW	NO FREE THROWS	13.5 FT LINE	13.5 FT LINE	15 FT LINE
LANE VIOLATION	5 SECONDS	5 SECONDS	5 SECONDS	3 SECONDS
FULL COURT DEFENSE	NOT ALLOWED	LAST MINUTE OF EACH HALF & OVERTIME (EXCEPTION 15PT SPREAD)	LAST 2 MINUTES OF EACH HALF & OVERTIME (EXCEPTION 15PT SPREAD)	ANYTIME (EXCEPTION 15PT SPREAD)
KEEP SCORE	NO	YES	YES	YES

Jerseys/Equipment

- Each team will receive a new set of jerseys.
- We will **NOT** have extra jerseys at games so please make sure your child is wearing their jersey or has their jersey for the game. *If they do not have their jersey, they cannot play.*
- Please make sure your players are **ONLY** using the jersey provided for this season. All teams are given specific jersey numbers which means if you use a jersey from a previous season someone else on the team might have that same number. Teams are not allowed to play with duplicate numbers.
- **Basketballs**
 - **We do not provide basketballs. We highly suggest you purchase a basketball for your child for practices.**

Team Sites

Team Sites is a new feature to our program we are offering this season!

- **What is Team Sites?**
 - This will be a site you can go to specifically for your team! It will have roster information, contact information, practice schedules, game schedules, and you will be able to communicate with your team directly from this site!
- **How do I view the Team Site?**
 - You can view it by going to the playtcsports.com website and logging in to your account or you can download the Teamsideline App and see the information from there!
- **Who can access the Team Site?**
 - Coaches and parents will be able to access the Team Site. Coaches will have access to more information than the parents.

Team Sites (CONTD.)

- When will we have access?
 - You will receive access once rosters are created. We will send out emails once the sites are live and ready to be used.
- See the how-to on how to get your Team Site Account setup and to view your team information. Visit this Link:

The screenshot shows the TeamSideline website interface for the Cougars Summer 2025 team site. The interface includes a dark blue sidebar on the left with navigation links: Home, Calendar, Communications, Teams, Family & Friends, Organizations, Messages, Help, and Sign Out. The main content area is light blue and features a top navigation bar with links: Team Home, Roster, Events, Attendance, Files, Stats, Payments, Announcements, Links, and Pictures. Below the navigation bar, there is a welcome message and a table of events. The events table has columns for Date, Time, Event name, Home/Visitor, and Results. To the right of the events table, there is a section for Player information, including a list of players and a section for Staff information.

Cougars Summer 2025

Use this Team Home page to see a consolidated view of your team information. All of the items on this page are visible to your Team members, family and friends on this Team Home page. As a Staff member, you can click on the other Team tabs to add or remove Staff or Players, Team Events, or Team announcements.

Get a question? Contact a team Staff member or Contact The Colony Parks & Recreation Department for assistance.

Announcements

Welcome to the Cougars Team Site!
Use this site as your online Cougars Home for information about games, practices, and announcements from your Cougars Staff. Click the Online Help link or Online Training link for more information about how to get the most out of your site. For example, you can also click Family & Friends to invite family and friends to register and see information about team events. Enjoy! (Updated by George, Kacy)

Date	Time	Event name	Home/Visitor	Results
6/14/2025 (Saturday)	12:00 PM	Vs. Mares	Visitor	To be played
6/21/2025 (Saturday)	9:00 AM	Vs. Team Houston	Home	To be played
6/21/2025 (Saturday)	10:00 AM	Vs. Hawks United	Home	To be played
6/28/2025 (Saturday)	10:00 AM	Vs. King Cobras	Visitor	To be played
7/12/2025 (Saturday)	9:00 AM	Vs. Team Meyer	Home	To be played
7/19/2025 (Saturday)	9:00 AM	Vs. Tigers	Visitor	To be played

Player

Player	#
Player	
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Staff

Coach Name	Coach
Coach Name	Assistant Coach
Coach Name	Coach

End of Season Survey

We will be publishing a survey near the end of the season that we would appreciate everyone fill out! We value your feedback and are always looking for ways to improve the league!

***We will send out a link to the survey around the 2nd to last week of the regular season!**

Awards & Sportsmanship Initiative

- **Awards**
 - The first place and second place team will get medals in each division.
 - 6U - All teams will get medals
- **Sportsmanship Initiative**
 - This season it will be the responsibility of the coach to nominate two players for exemplifying good sportsmanship. The coach will nominate one for the first half of the season and then for the second half of the season.

Any Questions?

Contact us at

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