

Section A: About CYB

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Part 1. CYB Volunteers

Administration

CYB is a volunteer organization and its activities are managed and overseen by its **Board of Directors** (referred to as “The Board”). A directory of the CYB Board members is available on the CYB website at www.claremontyouthbasketball.com.

CYB as an organization is governed by a set of Bylaws.

Role	Responsibility
Board of Directors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Governance of all aspects of Claremont Youth Basketball including but not limited to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Rules○ Scheduling○ Finances○ Registration○ Facilities (Practice and Games)○ Equipment (Uniforms and Basketballs)○ Disciplinary actions○ Website/social media○ Post-season tournament○ All-star games○ Promotion and fundraising
President	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Preside over all CYB League proceedings
Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● CYB financial responsibilities including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Payment of vendors○ Deposit of registration fees○ Presenting Finance Report to CYB Board
Registrar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● In charge of registration decisions and logistics

Referee Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Communicate the following with referee coordinator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CYB game schedule ○ CYB Rules and rule updates ○ Feedback on referees ● Serve as CYB contact on any discussions involving technical fouls, coach-referee relations, and in-game calls.
Board Member(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide guidance and oversight of CYB League proceedings. ● Responsibilities include but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vote on items presented to The Board ○ Chaperone CYB games
Commissioners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Field all matters related to the division in conjunction with The Board as necessary. ● Manage the logistics associated with the division they are commissioner of including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Secure sufficient coaches for the division. ○ Player evaluations ○ Administer the division draft ○ Determine the process for selection of All-Stars from the division. ○ Determine playoff seeding and post-season tournament bracket.

Coaches

Good, positive coaching is the key ingredient to any successful recreational youth sports program, and CYB is indebted to the many outstanding individuals who have volunteered their time and expertise to coach in CYB.

For head coaches in the **B2 and B3 Boys Divisions** and the **G2 Girls Divisions**, CYB expects all head coaches to have at least a fundamental understanding of the game of basketball and to be able to work with youth on individual skills development as well as basic team play. If a coach does not have a background in basketball, but is still interested in coaching, CYB has several resources to help get a new coach started.

For head coaches in the **B1 Boys and G1 Girls Divisions**, CYB expects all head coaches to have prior head coaching experience and/or a more advanced background in basketball and to be able to work with the team on more advanced skills development and more advanced team play.

Minor Coaches

Volunteer coaches who are under the age of 18 are considered *Minor Coaches*. **Minor coaches must coach alongside an adult coach (19 years or older) who must also be registered as a volunteer.** Adult coaches supervising a minor coach must still perform the criminal background check and concussion training. **See Part 2. Volunteer Background Screening**

Additionally, minor coaches must have a parent/guardian written, expressed consent to allow their child to coach within CYB. Parents/guardians should contact CYB at claremontyouthbasketball@gmail.com.

Finally, CYB expects all head and assistant coaches to have a commitment to modeling and developing positive sportsmanship, which includes the following expectations:

- Apart from commonly accepted displays of sportsmanship (e.g., shaking hands at the end of a game), coaches should never physically touch or threaten to touch any player, coach or official.
- Coaches should not yell or use profanity with their teams.
- Coaches should treat other coaches, players, officials, and fans with respect and good sportsmanship.

Coaches have many responsibilities as outlined above, but the following are some of the critical roles and responsibilities:

- Be a positive role model.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship.
- Conduct appropriate practices
 - Teach age-appropriate skills
 - Focus on fun while learning the game of basketball
- Promote the CYB Mission and Principles
- Support the CYB Division Commissioner and the CYB organization
- Adhere to the Coaches Code of Conduct (*See Appendix 1.*)

Part 2. Volunteer Background Screening

Providing a safe and secure environment for players is a critical priority for CYB, and we make every reasonable and good faith effort to provide a safe and secure environment for our youth.

CYB's Protection Program includes background screening for volunteers as well as CYB's policies, procedures, and guidelines related to the prevention and mitigation of abuse, molestation, or sexual misconduct, and the rejection of any volunteer who has been found responsible for child abuse, molestation, or other sexual misconduct

The CYB Youth Protection Program includes the following elements:

- All CYB Volunteers (Board Members, Commissioners, Head Coaches, and other volunteers) who are in a position to supervise or oversee CYB players must complete a criminal background screening process.
- All CYB Volunteer Head Coaches are required to complete an online Concussion Training each season. Either a CYB provided training or a program outside of CYB will be accepted. Minor Coaches are exempt from background screening.

- All CYB Volunteers who are in a position to supervise or oversee CYB players MUST review and acknowledge CYB's:
 - CYB Protection Program, Background Screening Policy and Concussion Training
 - CYB Code of Conduct
 - Youth Protection Policies and Procedures for CYB Directors, Commissioners, Head and Assistant Coaches
- In addition, CYB's safety and security program includes the following elements:
 - All official CYB practices and games scheduled at facilities (within the city of Claremont only) are covered by appropriate general liability insurance.
 - The Head Coach in charge of practice maintains an emergency supplies kit at practice; CYB also maintains emergency supply kits at scorer's table during games.

Alternative Proof of Background Screening

CYB will accept documented proof of background screening/clearance from another recognized youth sports league (i.e., Little League organizations, AYSO organizations, etc.) in lieu of a CYB conducted background screening provided the proof is provided in writing and is not more than 18 months old.

Part 3. CYB Programs

Division	Grades	Description
Clinic	1 st and 2 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 weeks that run from Season Week 3 through 10 • The primary goal is to expose new players to basketball and help build some skills so that they are ready to play in the League by 3rd grade. • Co-ed and larger group clinic format.
Boys 3 (B3)	3 rd and 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youngest Boy division part of League play. • This is the first level of organized and officiated games for boys. • Some of the rules are modified to facilitate learning and development. See Section C.
Girls 2 (G2)	3 rd , 4 th , and 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youngest Girl division part of League play. • This is the first level of organized and officiated games for girls. • Some of the rules are modified to facilitate learning and development. See Section C.
Boys 2 (B2)	5 th and 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intermediate Boy division part of League play. • This division is a step up in both rules and competition from B3.
Girls 1 (G1)	6 th , 7 th and 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oldest Girl division part of League play. • The most advanced level of play for Girls.
Boys 1 (B1)	7 th and 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oldest Boy division part of League play. • The most advanced level of play for Boys.

Part 4. Players and Family Members

Players

CYB's fundamental goal is to expose youth to the wonderful game of basketball and develop skills in and a lifelong love of basketball.

Although CYB does not expect or require players at any level to have prior basketball experience, we do expect players to have an interest in learning about the game of basketball and a commitment to developing positive sportsmanship, which includes the following expectations:

- Regularly attending practices and games, and, where practical, letting the coach know in advance of any anticipated absences (either the player or the parent).
- Having a positive attitude and being open and receptive to coaching and instruction.
- Developing and demonstrating positive sportsmanship with teammates and opposing teams.

Residency Requirements

CYB does not restrict registration based on player residency. Any player that can consistently attend team practices and games is able to play in CYB.

Participant Eligibility for CYB Programs

A player is eligible to play in the CYB division that is based on the current grade within which that player is enrolled.

Players require parental consent to play in CYB.

To be eligible to play in CYB, a participant must be an amateur in basketball. An amateur participant is one who engages in CYB solely for the educational, physical, mental, social, and recreational benefits derived thereof.

Players participating in other basketball leagues, including travel ball (AAU) teams, are eligible to participate in CYB.

Parents, Guardians and Spectators

Parents/guardians and other family members or fans (referred to as "Family members") of CYB players play a critical role in the success of CYB. CYB's primary hope and expectation is for family members to serve as positive supporters and role models for their children, which includes the following expectations:

- Making a good faith commitment to have your child regularly available to participate in team practices and games.

- Providing positive cheering and support at games.
- Working cooperatively with the head coach to respond to any potential issues that may arise in relation to your child.

We also encourage interested family members to become involved as volunteers with CYB through coaching or other volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact claremontyouthbasketball@gmail.com.

Adherence to the **Parent Code of Conduct** (See *Appendix 2.*) is paramount for fostering a positive, respectful, and supportive environment for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators. By committing to sportsmanship and constructive sideline behavior, parents directly contribute to the league's mission of skill development and fun. Failure to follow this code may result in disciplinary action, up to and including removal from the gym or suspension from attending future games.

Part 5. Referees/Officials

Referees (also known as officials) are a critical part of the CYB experience. CYB is fortunate to be able to supply referees to each official league game played. **The referees are not volunteers and are supplied through an organization independent from CYB and are therefore not an agent of CYB.** The cost for referees is covered through registration fees. CYB believes having paid and independent referees ensures unbiased officiating of all CYB games.

Coverage for Regular Season

Referee coverage for CYB regular season games is according to the following schedule:

<i>Division</i>	<i># of Referees</i>
Clinic	NA
B3	1
G2	1
B2	2
G1	2
B1	2

Coverage for Playoff/ Tournament

<i>Division</i>	<i># of Referees</i>
Clinic	NA
B3	2
G2	2
B2	2
G1	2
B1	2

It is always acceptable to have an additional referee for any game.

CYB works with a referee organization to make every effort to cover playoff/tournament games with referees that have officiated that division's regular season games. This is especially important at the B3/G2 level due to the CYB specific rule modifications that are in place in those divisions.

Minimum Referee Protocol

If circumstances require it, upper divisions (B1, B2, and G1) may be conducted with **less than the standard two (2) referees**. The game will proceed under the supervision of the available referee and designated CYB Board Member Chaperone. The decision to play will ultimately rest with the sole present referee or, if no league referees are present, the consensus of the opposing coaches, always prioritizing the safety and sportsmanship of the young athletes.