



Summer 2026 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 6/12. 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 May 26
- **How many practices per week?**
 - Teams receive one 1 hour practice a week
- **Where do we practice?**
 - Ethridge Elementary
 - 6001 Ethridge Drive, The Colony, Texas 75056
 - Recreation Center
 - 5151 North Colony Blvd, The Colony, Texas 75056

Important Season Dates - Practices

- Week of 5/26 - Practices begin
- 5/25 - No Practices - Memorial Day Holiday
- 6/19 - No Practices - Juneteenth Holiday
- 7/22 - No Practices Rec Center - Back to School Bash

*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?**
 - June 13
- **Where do we play?**
 - Strike Middle School
 - 8798 Scotty's Lake Lane, The Colony, Texas 75056
 - The Colony Recreation Center
 - 5151 North Colony Blvd, The Colony, Texas 75056
- **How many games for the season?**
 - 6 regular season games

Game Day Information

- **Game Schedule**
 - The game schedule will be released by June 3.
- **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

- 6/13 - First day of Games
- 6/20 - Games
- 6/27 - Games
- 7/4 - No Games
- 7/11 - Games
- 7/18 - Games
- 7/25 - Games
- 8/1 - 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.**

Rules - Division Breakdown

Division	Ball Size	Basket Height	Game Length	Free Throw	Lane Violation	Full Court Defense
6U Coed	27.5	8'6ft	4 Six Minute Quarters	No Free Throws	5 seconds	Not Allowed
8U Boys	28.5	8'6ft	4 Six Minute Quarters	13.5	5 seconds	Last minute of each half (Exception- 15 point spread)
9U Girls	28.5	8'6ft	4 Six Minute Quarters	13.5	5 seconds	Last minute of each half (Exception- 15 point spread)
10U Boys	28.5	10ft	4 Eight Minute Quarters	13.5	5 seconds	Last two minutes of each half (Exception- 15 point spread)
12U Boys	29.5	10ft	4 Eight Minute Quarters	15	3 Seconds	Played anytime (Exception- 15 point spread)
12U Girls	28.5	10ft	4 Eight Minute Quarters	15	3 Seconds	Played anytime (Exception- 15 point spread)

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 interface for the 'Cougars Summer 2025' team site. The left sidebar contains navigation options: Home, Calendar, Communications, Teams, Family & Friends, Organizations, Messages (with a notification badge), Help, and Sign Out. The main content area features a top navigation bar with icons for Home, Roster, Events, Attendance, Files, Stats, Payments, Announcements, Links, and Pictures. Below this is a welcome message and a yellow banner with a question mark icon and the text: 'Got a question? Contact a team Staff member or Contact The Colony Park & Recreation Department for assistance.' The central part of the page displays an 'Announcements' section with a welcome message and a table of events. The table has columns for Date, Time, Event name, Home/Visitor, and Results. The right sidebar contains a 'Player' list with columns for Name and #, and a 'Staff' section with fields for Coach Name, Assistant Coach, and another Coach Name.

Date	Time	Event name	Home/Visitor	Results
6/14/2025 (Saturday)	12:00 PM	Vs Mavs	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

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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