



2022-2023 FAQ

All Leagues

- **How do I register?** Families can register their children by visiting one of the seven PARA Activity Centers or by registering online. A birth certificate is required for each registration.
 - **To register online:** [Tuscaloosa Basketball Association | Tuscaloosa County Parks & Recreation Authority \(tccpara.org\)](https://www.tuscaloosabasketball.com)
 - **To upload a birth certificate go here:** [PARA Birth Certificate Submission Form \(wufoo.com\)](https://www.wufoo.com)
- **When I try to register my child, the system states that there are no eligible family members for that purchase. What do I do?** The error indicates that the child's grade level is not listed in their profile. Because our basketball league registration is done by grade level, children must be registered by grade level. To correct the issue, follow these steps:
 - Login to your account – Click on Household & Member – Go to child's profile – enter grade level

Futures League (K-1 COED, 2nd & 3rd Grade)

- **How will teams be formed?** The short answer is that the Futures League teams are dictated by school zone. The specific breakdown is as follows:
 - **K-1 COED** – A head coach and assistant coach may reserve two spots on their roster for their own two children. The rest of the team will be formed via a draft. School zone specific coaches will receive a list of the players registered in their school zone. They will then meet or conduct a call and draft players. Maximum roster is 10 players.
 - **2nd & 3rd Grade Boys and Girls** – These are four separate leagues. However, depending upon the number of children registered, 2nd and 3rd grade may be combined to ensure there are enough teams. A head coach and assistant coach may reserve two spots on their roster for their own two children. The rest of the team will be formed via an evaluation followed by a draft. School zone specific coaches, along with members of the Advisory Committee, will conduct an evaluation of each registered player. Coaches will then meet in person to conduct a draft. Maximum roster is 10 players.
 - **ALL** – Should a school zone not have enough registered players to form a team, children will be grouped in the following manner to create teams: City – County – Private. The 2nd and 3rd grade groups will be evaluated and drafted in the same manner as other teams.
- **Where will teams practice and play games?** Practices and games depend on school zone. PARA has been able to gain access to many school zone gyms by partnering with the school systems. PARA's goal is to have children practice and play at school campuses or the nearest PARA facility.
- **When and where will evaluations be done for the 2nd & 3rd grade groups?** Evaluations will be done at a combination of school campuses and PARA facilities in October. Check the PARA website

(www.tcpara.org/athletics/basketball/youth) for specific dates and locations for your grade and school zone by the second week of October.

Capstone League (Competitive)

- **How will teams be formed?** The Capstone League will have 4th, 5th, and 6th grade teams for boys and girls. The core philosophy behind the Capstone League is to form teams based on school zones in order to help our high school basketball programs around the county build for the future. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO NOTE: Every team playing in our league is a Tuscaloosa Basketball Association team which is the basketball league for PARA. However, high school head coaches and their staff will be hands-on with the teams playing for the TBA who represent their school zone. As teams are formed, they will be put into conferences. Below is a brief explanation of each conference and an example to help you better understand the process. Note: Having multiple conferences will be dependent upon the number of registered players. Conferences below represent the maximum number per age group.
 - **Druid City Conference** – “A” rated team or teams for each school zone
 - **Black Warrior Conference** – “B” rated team or teams for each school zone
 - **Assembled Teams Conference** – (New name coming) – In some situations teams will not be formed via school zone. Should a school zone not have enough players to form a team, we will utilize an evaluation of those players and form teams. Additionally, we will still allow coaches to bring their teams in the grade appropriate divisions to the Capstone League. However, because these are hand-picked teams and not teams that have gone through an evaluation and draft, they will play in a separate conference.
 - Example:
 - 30 players register for the 4th grade team in a particular school zone
 - Enough players have registered throughout the league to sustain multiple conferences
 - The coaches and Advisory Committee conduct a tryout day for these 30 players
 - The coaches determine that 10 players have separated themselves as the top 10 players in that school zone so those 10 become a team and get placed into the Druid City Conference. The coaches then decide to evenly divide up the remaining 20 players into 2 teams of 10 players each and they get placed into the Black Warrior Conference. NOTE: Coaches will be given the choice to decide the team draft/placement process. Should they decide there are enough quality players to place multiple teams in the Druid City Conference, they will be able to do that.
- **Where will teams practice and play games?** PARA has been able to partner with most of the schools across the county. The plan will be for as many school-zone related teams to practice and play games on campus when possible. Practice availability charts will be given to coaches at the conclusion of

player team announcements. Games will be played at a combination of school campuses and PARA activity centers.

- **Will teams in different conferences play each other?** Absolutely. Teams will play an in-conference schedule as well as an out of conference schedule. Additionally, the goal will be to have teams play games with teams from other areas.
- **My child attends a private school locally, can they play in the Capstone League?** Absolutely. Most of our coaches with children in private schools have indicated they fully intend to have teams play in the Capstone League. In a situation where not enough players from a particular private school register for the Capstone League, any players from that school wanting to play Capstone level basketball will be able to attend an evaluation with other city, county, and private school players in their grade to be drafted onto teams that will play in the Assembled League.
- **When and where will tryouts take place?** Dates and locations will be posted on the PARA website (www.tcpa.org/athletics/basketball/youth) by the second week of October. The plan is to allow registration to mostly run its course before tryouts take place. Tryouts will take place at a combination of school campuses and PARA Activity Centers.

Recreational League

- **What is the purpose of the Recreational League?** Not all players want to play in a competitive league (Capstone League). This league will provide a place for children in grades 4-7 to play with their friends and just enjoy the game of basketball.
- **How are teams formed?** There will be four leagues (same as last year): 4th & 5th grade Boys & Girls and 6th & 7th Grade Boys & Girls. Coaches can bring a roster of up to seven players and then add up to three additional players via free agency. Players that are on a coach's turned in roster will register via team registration and do not have to attend evaluations. Should a player not have a team to join, they can sign up via Free Agent registration and then attend the evaluation day at the Belk Center on the date posted on the website (this will be on the website by the second week of October). Coaches and Advisory Committee members will conduct the evaluations which will be followed by a draft conducted by league coaches.
- **Where will teams practice and play?** Recreational teams will practice and play exclusively at PARA Activity Centers.

