



2023-2024 TBA FAQ

How do I register? Families can register their children by visiting any of our seven PARA Activity Centers OR by registering online. Your child must have a birth certificate on file in order to register.

- To Register online: <https://www.tcpa.org/athletics/basketball/youth>
- To Upload a copy of a Birth Certificate: <https://paratuscaloosa.wufoo.com/forms/para-birth-certificate-submission-form/>
- Note: When you upload a copy of the birth certificate it will take our team 2-3 business days to receive it, process it and have you ready to register within our system.

When I try to register my child the system states that there are no eligible family members for that purchase. What do I do? This error indicates that the child's grade level is not listed in their profile or is inaccurate in our system. Because our basketball league registration is done by grade level, the grade level listed on their profile must be accurate. To correct the issue follow these steps: Log in to your account - Click on Household & Member - Go to child's profile - enter grade level (For Kindergarten enter .5, enter the number for all other grade levels.

How will teams be formed? The short answer is that players in grade K-6 will be on teams dictated by the school they attend and the high school it feeds into. The 7-8th Grade league is a recreational league not dictated by school zone. A more detailed breakdown is below:

- Our K-3rd Grade program is called our **FUTURES LEAGUE**.
- Kindergarten COED and 1st Grade COED – The Kindergarten league will be a 3V3 league. Max 6 roster. The 1st Grade league will be a 5V5 league. Max 8 roster. In each school zone, Head Coaches and their Assistant Coach can freeze their 2 children for each team with the rest of the players selected via a draft. Should a school zone only have enough players for one team no draft will be needed.
- 2nd-3rd Grade Boys and Girls - This age is where we begin to separate the kids into boys leagues and girls leagues. In each school zone, Head Coaches and their Assistant Coach can freeze their 2 children. In school zones where there are enough players for more than one team an evaluation day will take place with the coaches then they will conduct a draft afterwards.
- Our 4-6th Grade program is called the **CAPSTONE LEAGUE** and will be broken down into two conferences: Capstone Conference and Black Warrior Conference. Each grade is a stand alone league unless grades need to be combined based on registration numbers. Details are as follows:
- Since every player in these grades will play on teams dictated by the school they attend and the high school it feeds into, we will conduct an evaluation day or two as needed for these grades. The evaluations will be conducted by school zone specific coaches along with advisory board members if possible. A coach CANNOT conduct evaluations for the grade for which they plan to coach in and cannot evaluate their own child. Example: If I want to coach a 4th grade team I can help evaluate the 5th and 6th graders but I cannot evaluate the 4th graders. This will help to eliminate any bias, perceived or otherwise.

- Once evaluations are concluded should a school zone have enough players for multiple teams in that grade teams will be selected based strictly on evaluation grade. The top players graded out will play on that school zone's top team or teams and play in the Capstone Conference. The rest of the players will be formed into teams via a draft and play in the Black Warrior Conference. Example: 28 5th graders are evaluated. It is determined that 9 of those 28 grade out high enough to play in a more competitive environment of basketball. Those 9 players will represent the school zone in the Capstone Conference. The other 19 players will first be divided up by: 2 Head Coaches and their 2 Assistant coaches children will be frozen. Then the rest selected via a draft. NOTE: There is always the chance that a school zone could have enough players grade out high enough to have multiple teams from one grade in the Capstone Conference. Should that happen the Head Coaches and their Assistants will conduct a draft to even out the teams as closely as possible.
- Our 7-8th Grade program will strictly be a recreational league. This league will have a max roster of 10 players. Coaches can bring me a roster of up to 7 players with the rest of the team filled out via a player draft. Any registered players not already on a turned in roster will be invited to attend an evaluation day that league coaches will attend. Coaches will then conduct drafts afterward to fill out rosters.

What if my school zone doesn't have enough players signed up in a grade to form a team? Should a school zone not have enough registered players to form a team children will be grouped on teams in the following manner: City - County - Private. If needed evaluations will take place at a PARA facility with a draft process to follow. EVERY kid who wants to play basketball will get to play basketball.

When and where will evaluations take place? Evaluations will be conducted at a combination of school campuses and PARA facilities in October. The basketball portion of the PARA website will be updated periodically with updates on these dates and locations but you will also be emailed at the email you used during the registration process.

Where will teams practice and play games? Practices and games depends on the school zone. We have had a lot of success gaining access to many school zone gyms by patterning with the school systems. The goal of our league is to have players practice and play at school campuses or the nearest PARA facility.

What is the Druid City League? This is a new league we are introducing this season that will begin in January and run through the end of the season. It is an invitation only league for both players and coaches. Myself along with my Advisory team will identify the top coaches who will help us to identify the top players from around the league to invite to this highly competitive league. Beginning in January these teams will play games on Sunday afternoons at the Belk Activity Center as well as have the opportunity to play some games against teams from other cities elsewhere. These details are being hammered out now.