



**BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION
2026-2027 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 \(tcpara.org\)](#)
 - **To upload a birth certificate, go here:** [PARA Birth Certificate Submission Form \(wufoo.com\)](#)
- **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

(K,1 COED, 2nd & 3rd Grade Boys and Girls)

- **How will teams be formed?** The short answer is that these Teams are formed by school zone. The specific breakdown is as follows:
 - **K- COED, 1 COED** – These leagues are 3 on 3 and played half court. Coaches administer the games and no officials are present. 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 6 players.
 - **2nd & 3rd Grade Boys and Girls** – These are four separate leagues. However, depending upon the number of players 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 a draft. Coaches will 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 combined with another school zone with a team. This merger, if needed, will be done by the PARA Director of Athletics. The 2nd and 3rd grade groups will draft 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?** No evaluation will be conducted for these age groups.

(Competitive 4th grade – 6th grade)

- **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 will form teams based on HIGH school zones. This will 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 can 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 depend upon the number of registered players. Conferences below represent the maximum number per age group.
 - **Capstone Conference** – “Competitive” rated team or teams for each school zone
 - **Black Warrior Conference** – “Recreational” rated team or teams for each school zone
 - **Black Warrior Conference** – Should a school zone not have enough registered players to form a team; players will be combined with another school zone with a team. This merger, if needed, will be done by the PARA Director of Athletics. The 4th, 5th and 6th grade groups will draft in the same manner as other teams.
 - **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/or High School coaches will 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 Capstone 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 Capstone Conference, they will be able to do that.
 - Players that attend a private school that has a TBA league must play for that school team. If the private school does not have a league team, TBA/ PARA staff will place the players in the school zone league they will play in.
- **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?** No. Teams will play an in-conference schedule only.
- **My child attends a private school locally; can they play in the Capstone League?** Absolutely. Players that attend a private school that has a TBA league must play for that school team. If the private school does not have a league team, TBA/ PARA staff will place the players in the school zone league they will play in.
- **When and where will tryouts take place?** Each school zone will set a date and time for Capstone evaluations. These dates and times will be announced once registration close

