

# Christ Community Church

## Winter Basketball League



# 2024

Christ Community Church  
2065 Lee Rd  
Cleveland Hts, OH 44118

## League Distinctive:

### *Pep Rally:*

Pep rally is an opportunity for teams to interact in a noncompetitive way and for teams to introduce players. The Pep Rally is held at the church of a participating team. This year the Pep Rally will be on **Saturday, January 13, 2024** at 11 am. Details about location will be communicated to coaches.

### *Pre and Post Prayer Huddles:*

*The Winter Basketball League* emphasizes the importance of prayer and faith. Therefore, before each game players participate in a prayer huddle before and after each game. Prayer Huddle occurs on the game floor with the opposing team and all coaches. It is an opportunity to demonstrate our need for God and the unity of the league. Regardless of the final score, players are encouraged to demonstrate sportsmanship and character by ending in prayer after the game. This also reenforces our commitment to developing young people to depend on God regardless of the struggles of life.

### *Rap Sessions:*

Rap sessions are mandatory small group discussions held an hour before each game for players. Coaches are expected to also attend the rap session if they plan to coach that day. Coaches that don't attend the rap sessions will not be allowed to coach the game. Players arriving late or not attending rap sessions will not be allowed to play in the game that day.

### *All-Star Game:*

All-Star Games are opportunities for players to have fun in a less competitive setting. Rewards and trophies are given out at the All-Star game.

### *Sunday Worship Day:*

On Sunday Worship Day, a church within our league hosts and invites players, coaches, and their families to their church service. It is a great opportunity for the league to worship together and to model the importance of the Sunday morning gathering.

# Coaches Code of Ethics

Each player should be treated with the utmost respect and his or her welfare should be considered in decisions by the coach at all times.

**The Coach** shall be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the education of the student and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.

**The Coach** shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco use.

**The Coach** shall respect and support contest officials. The coach shall not indulge in conduct which would incite players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of officials or players is unethical.

**The Coach** shall should meet and exchange cordial greetings with the opposing coach to set the correct tone for the event before and after the contest.

**Purpose:**

Making winners in the game of life through proclaiming Christ and teaching character.

**Main Focus:**

Christ - The Winter Basketball League is a ministry of Christ Community Church and has a strong faith focus. We believe that Jesus Christ can change a person's life, therefore we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in everything we do in the league (Romans 1:16).

Character - We believe your character matters. Your character is the sum total of all your moral qualities. We teach young people that their character is more important than their basketball talent. We model this by encouraging players to win with humility and to lose with dignity.

## **General Rules:**

- Each team may consist of no more than 15 players.
- 2 technical fouls will expel a player from the game.
- Each player will be allowed 5 personal fouls.
- Players may be suspended or expelled from the league for any use of profanity, fighting, or any other disruptive behavior.
- Any player ejected or disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible for all contests for the remainder of the day. In addition, the player shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels in the league for the next regular season/tournament and could possibly face expulsion for the remainder of the season. (*Subject to the discretion of the Commissioner*)
- Any coach ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be suspended from coaching in all contests for the remainder of the day. If a coach is ejected from a contest and no other coach or a person authorized by the league can take their place the contest shall be forfeited.
- A coach who has been ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct must be seated in the spectator area and may not give instructions to the players or the individual who has been assigned to coach the team any time prior to or during the contest including halftime and intermission. Failure to comply may result in forfeiture of the contest.
- If it is found that a team has an ineligible player during the season, the player shall be expelled from the league and the team may not be eligible to advance to the playoffs.
- Every player participating in the contest must wear their jersey or the team forfeits the contest.
- Teams with more than three (3) forfeits will not be allowed to advance to the playoffs.
- Players and participating coaches are expected to attend the Rap Session. Players that miss or are late to the Rap Session will not be allowed to play in the game that day.

## **COVID Rules:**

- No more than 15 players on a roster.
- If a player, coach, or staff member of any team contracts COVID-19 or any variant of the virus, he/she must notify the league, quarantine for ten (10) days as instructed by the CDC, and provide a negative COVID-19 test in order to enter the facility where games are held.
- Players, coaches, and staff that exhibit any COVID like symptoms are encouraged to stay home.
- All players, coaches and staff that are part of the team of a person that contract COVID-19 or any variant, must provide a negative COVID-19 test in order to enter the facility where games are held.
- Opposing team players, coaches and staff that played a team in which a person contracted the virus must also provide a negative COVID-19 test in order to enter the facility where games are held.
- Rules may be adjusted and/or added as deemed necessary.

## **Eligibility:**

Students are eligible if they meet the following requirements

- Turn in a copy of their birth certificate, state ID, driver's license or some form of official documentation stating the players date of birth (*all documentation must be approved by league management*).
- Turn in signed contract agreements and medical release forms.
- Be between the ages of 10-19 and in middle or high school (*post-high school students are not eligible for the Winter Basketball League*)
- Cannot be born in or before the year 2004 and cannot turn 20 during the calendar year (January – December)
- Senior players must present documentation written on their school's letterhead stating they did not play any interscholastic basketball for the year or a current team roster from their high school.
- Senior players that played any interscholastic high school basketball during the school year are not eligible for the Winter Basketball League

## **Targeted Age Group and Number of Teams:**

The Winter Basketball League consists of two leagues\*.

Jr. League (Boys ages 10-14)

Sr. League (Boys ages 14-18)\*\*

\*Age of player at the start of the season will determine what league he plays in.

\*\* Players age 14 may play for either the junior or senior league. This decision is at the coaches' discretion provided that the student doesn't turn 15 during the season. All players that are 14 turning 15 during the season must play in the Sr. League.

## **Requirements:**

1. Coaches must meet with league management or attend league orientation meeting.
2. Entry fee of \$750.00 must be submitted by December 31, 2023. Checks can be made out to Christ Community Church or submitted in person or by mail to 2065 Lee Rd, Cleveland Hts., OH 44118.
3. The following must be completed and submitted by January 13, 2024.
  - Complete roster with each players' number, full name, age and grade.
  - A copy of each players' birth certificate, state ID, driver's license or some form of official documentation stating the players date of birth, proof they did not play any interscholastic basketball for the year or a current team roster from their high school. All documentation must be approved by league management.
  - Signed contract agreements and medical release forms.
4. Coaches and players are expected to adhere to the following rules:

- Smoking is not allowed anywhere on the grounds or in the building where basketball games are held.
- Profanity is prohibited by coaches and players.
- Sportsmanship is expected towards fellow teams..



## Contract Agreement

Player name \_\_\_\_\_ Jersey # \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Team \_\_\_\_\_

By joining a team entered into the Winter Basketball League, I am committing to the following league standards:

- 1) Regular and cooperative involvement in my rap session group meetings.
- 2) Continued enrollment and attendance in school (Middle or High school).
- 3) I have not played or will not play interscholastic high school basketball at any time during the current school year.
- 4) I was not born in or before 2004.
- 5) I am at least 10 years old at the start of the season.
- 6) I have submitted a copy of required documentation verifying my required age.
- 7) I will refrain from the use of profanity in building or on grounds.
- 8) I will demonstrate sportsmanship toward my coach, team members, other teams and officials. I will avoid arguing, taunting, complaining, disrespectful gestures, threats, fighting and accusations.
- 9) I will wear proper shoes and clean up behind myself.
- 10) I will communicate to family members, and others who come to watch me play, about the standards and expectations of this league.
- 11) I will keep track of my own belongings and valuables.
- 12) I will observe no smoking regulations in the building and on the grounds.
- 13) I will participate in pre and post game prayer circles.

Player's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_





## Medical Release

My son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in the Winter Basketball League for the 2024 season. To my knowledge he/she has no physical or medical conditions that would prevent him/her from participating in a weekly basketball league. I give my permission for emergency medical treatment in case of accident, injury, or illness. I will not hold the sponsors of the team, Winter Basketball League, their employees and volunteers, or league officials liable for accident, injury, illness, theft, contracting COVID -19, or counsel on or off the premises. I understand that the philosophy of the league is to meet the spiritual needs of the players through teaching the Bible and Christ-centered principles and to teach and expect sportsmanship. I also give permission to Winter Basketball League to use photos, videos, or any other form of recording of my child for the purpose of flyers, boards, or other forms of media. I also confirm that my child meets the eligibility requirements out lined in the Contract Agreement. I understand that failure to observe league standards may mean dismissal.

Name of parent/legal guardian (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

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Emergency Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

# 2024 Roster

Team Name:			
Coach Name:		Phone #:	
Asst. Coach:		Phone #:	
Players' Name	Jersey #	Age	Grade
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