



National Youth Christian Sports Association – (NYCSA) Basketball Administrative - League Rules

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The “NYCSA” is a national youth organization that will setup leagues in (200) cities over the next four (4) years! Leagues will be formatted to house six (6) age groups playing games over a fourteen (14) week period to crown the best in the country! Our Champions will be considered **“National Champions”**

Are you looking for travel basketball league for your high school and middle school program? The National Youth Christian Sports Association will be seeking programs with 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th grades boys & girls teams around the nation in thirty - two (32) states. Players will have the opportunities to compete within their region to have a chance to win a Regional, State and National Championship. To find out about our organization, go to the About Us page. League will start in March of 2027!

All coaches must attend a mandatory coaches’ certification class before being allowed to coach in the NYCSA. During this certification class the following will take place;

- A. Coaches clinic & introductions of NYCSA Facility Directors
- B. Rules of the league & Coaches Code of Conduct will be discussed
- C. League Badges & League schedules issued

Facility address and directions

NYCSA will rank all the teams that play within our organization. Ranking teams will be based on teams win / loss record, quality of players, and team points scored and points given up during league games. This is **“National League”** that will spread around the country, so rankings will be at the local, state, and national level. Teams will be ranked each week and updated on our website. This is the only true ranking system!

Our league will have six (6) age groups. We will offer a boys & girls divisions. Here are our divisions;

- A. 5th Grade - cannot turn twelve (12) years of age before September 1st of current travel ball year.
- B. 6th Grade - cannot turn thirteen (13) years of age before September 1st of current travel ball year.
- C. 7th Grade - cannot turn fourteen (14) years of age before September 1st of current travel ball year.
- D. 8th Grade - cannot turn fifteen (15) years of age before September 1st of current travel ball year.
- E. 9th Grade - cannot turn fourteen (16) years of age before September 1st of current travel ball year.
- F. 10th & 11th Grades - cannot turn eighteen (18) years of age before September 1st of current travel ball year.

All teams must be registered by the first game of the season by a league official of the NYCSA. Teams will be given player registration cards. The cards will consist of the following information;

1. Player Name
2. Player's Number
3. Date of Birth
4. Current Address
5. Player's Picture
6. Player's School Information with school registrar name & number
7. Parent's Information
8. Coach's Signature
9. School Waiver of Liability

Coaches must have the following documents to register their teams before league play;

Player's original birth certificates are needed. (Copies will be made by the NYCSA official) **If you don't have the original birth certificate the player will not be able to register! All certificates must have the State Seal on them!**

A completed and filled out player's registration card with signatures of the player, head coach, and parent. Player's picture should attach to the card.

Proof of address from the parents is needed. (Utility bill with the parent name on it)

Copy of the parent's driver license is needed

Please bring thirty - five (35) copies of your team roster. Please be advised that the season consists of twenty - two (22) games plus the playoffs. Your team could possibly play over thirty - five (35) games. A roster will be exchange before each game to the opposing coach. Roster sheets will be provided by the NYCSA.

Foster or adopted parent documents must be present at time of registration. ***These must be the signed court documents and they must be the originals.***

All registration cards and rosters are the property of NYCSA and at anytime a league official can request to see or take in possession of the team players cards!

Teams will be required to have insurance for their teams. The league will provide insurance within the registration fee.

Leagues fees for each team are due at the time of the registration. Fees can be pay in a form of a money order, cashier check, or team check. **No cash or personal checks will be accepted.**

Each age group will consist of eight (8) teams in each city! Only one thousand and twenty – four teams (1,024) teams from around the country will make up each age group. This is not AAU, YBOA, or any other association, and any of the following organization teams cannot participate in the NYCSA! Team tryouts for our league will be conducted by our certified league coaches from within their respected program.

All teams will play a twenty - two (22) games schedule that will span over the travel ball season. The unique aspect of our league is we are not looking for the all star teams to play, just local programs that want to play in a well organize and structure league. Our playoff format is like the NCAA, all of the teams will make the playoffs, regardless of their record. All teams will seeded in the regional tournament in one & done format, to crown regional champions in each grade division. The Regional Champions in each grade group will represent their respected city in the "State & National Championship Tournaments". Each team will be given "new uniforms" by the league to wear representing their "City Team" for the tournament. Also we will provide funding for the Regional Champions to attend the event, who else is doing that?

The NYCSA will provide "Coaches Championship Rings" for winning the Regional, State and National Championship Tournaments. The NYCSA will also hold its annual end of the year banquet to honor all the winning coaches and teams. Championships Rings will be given out at the banquet.

The integrity of the NYCSA is critical as in any organization! As we build our Brand it important that coaches, players, and parents know that cheating hurts everyone. ***Falsifying player's documents to win will not be tolerated at any level. We have a no non – sense policy that if any coach is caught cheating by playing a player that is too old for a certain age group the coach & player will be removed from the NYCSA and the team will forfeit all the games the player has participated in. This is our version of the "Death Penalty" and the Head Coach and the player will not be able to participate ever again in the NYCSA.*** Coaches it your responsibility to research your players' background to make sure they are who they say they are. The NYCSA official will only register a player with the documents you present them with, the burden of proof is still your responsible, not the NYCSA! Teams holding information about other team's eligibility and wait to the last minute to present this information doesn't help the league. NYCSA wants to help, enhance, teach, inspire, and educate our youth to do the right thing, so it important that we as coaches and parents lead by example, so the officials of the NYCSA asked that you make sure your players are of the right age before you register your team.

The NYCSA is not like other organizations were as other circuits allow players to play up and down; our organization only will allow a player to play on one (1) team. Our reasoning is to protect the rankings! Coaches must decide what best for their team (s) before registering in the NYCSA. If you feel you have a player that can play at the next level you have the ability to move the player up, but once the player is **registered** on a team he must stay with that team for the entire travel ball season. A player can play in an upper age group, but can't play in a lower age group if they are over the age limit, no exceptions. The only way a player can change roster to another team the player must have moved to another NYCSA city that has a league already established in it. In this situation the player can play on the closet NYCSA team to player's new resident. Teams cannot drop players to add a player from another NYCSA city. The player can only be added if the new team has a spot on their latest roster! If the closet team can't accommodate player the next closet team will be contacted to see if there is available spot to accommodate the player. If the player can't be accommodated he will have to sit out the remainder of the season. An NYCSA official will institute the change. Players that move within an NYCSA city cannot change team within the NYCSA city. They can continue to play for the team that register them or have to sit out the remainder of the season! No player can live in one NYCSA city and travel back and forth to play for another team from another NYCSA city. Any player / coach caught doing this will be removed from the league and all games the player played in will be forfeited. A team cannot register to play from outside a NYCSA city that doesn't have NYCSA league in it, but it the responsibility of the teams to be at all schedule games. If a player changes team the next year the former program must sign release for the player. The only way a player can't be release is due to the following;

A. Player owe monies to the organization for last year team's registration

B. Player hasn't turn in the organization uniform or equipment

Release forms must be sign by the former Head Coach or organization President and must accompany with the player's new registration card at the time of the certification of the player. The NYCSA will have the final say on any player release, so it important for the former team to have documentation that the player has committed an infraction to this rule. NYCSA recommend that team have player, parent, and former program organization President or Program Director sign for letter of release.

The NYCSA doesn't sanction events. We don't provide weekend tournaments; we are a well – run organization that understands the economics of the game. We provide all the venues around the nation, so you can concentrate on coaching. Are only goal is to provide a league that make sense to the youth and the coaches of today.

What makes us successful is our ability to have the support of the local high school coaches in the area. As we said early, we not looking to compete with other organizations, but provide a safe and competitive product around the nation.

Rosters can contain a maximum of twelve (12) players. The NYCSA will give out awards for this many players at every level.

All rosters must be final by the fourth week of the season. Only the active players may be on the roster. An active player is a player who has been certify by a NYCSA official. Anytime you add any new players, a new roster must be also submitted for certification. Coaches are to bring minimum amount rosters that equal the amount of games they have left on the schedule. When trying to add players the coach must notify their NYCSA official at least twenty – four (24) advance to have a player (s) add to your team. Players cannot be added on game – day, no exceptions!

There will be an admission charge for all NYCSA games.

A. League Games / \$10.00 per adult & any child over six (6)

B. Playoff Games / \$12.00 per adult & any child over six (6)

