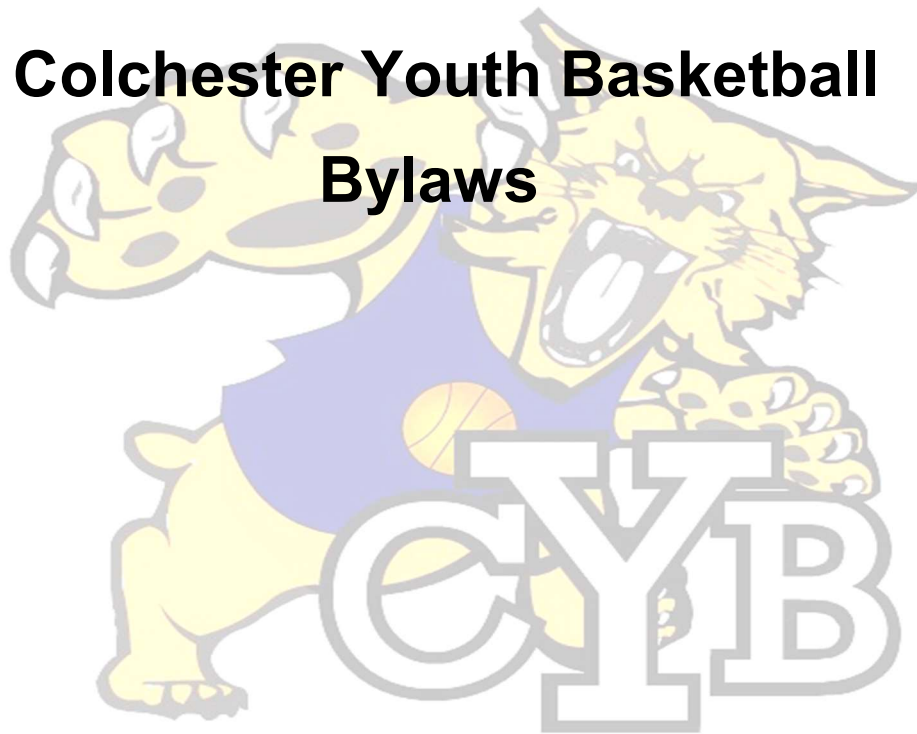


Colchester Youth Basketball Bylaws



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P.O. Box 816, Colchester CT, 06415

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Article I – Name and Location

Section 1: Name

The name of the organization shall be Colchester Youth Basketball

Section 2: Address

Colchester Youth Basketball is located at P.O. Box 816, Colchester, CT 06415.

Article II – Purpose

Sec 1 Mission

Colchester Youth Basketball is a non-profit basketball program that provides an opportunity for boys and girls, grades 1 through high school, to learn the fundamentals of basketball in a positive environment.

Sec 2 Objective

The objective of this organization is to provide the youth of Colchester the opportunity to learn and play the game of basketball. Colchester Youth Basketball strives not only to teach rules of the game and the skills and tactics involved in becoming a successful basketball player, but to also foster an environment where kids learn about teamwork, sportsmanship and developing a good work ethic.

Article III – Membership

Sec. 1 Classification of Membership

The use of the term “Member” shall describe all classes of membership unless otherwise detailed.

(a) Player

- 1) Any Colchester resident, within the defined playing age requirements of Colchester Youth Basketball, who is successfully registered. Successful registration requires the submission of all Colchester Youth Basketball mandated forms and fees.

(b) Member in Good Standing

- 1) Any parent or guardian of a successfully registered Colchester Youth Basketball Player, having attended and signed the attendance sheet to at least one (1)

general meeting in the past twelve (12) months. Any individual serving, participating in or actively endorsing Colchester Youth Basketball policies and/or interests

- 2) Any individual volunteering and having attended and signed the attendance sheet to at least one (1) general meeting in the past twelve (12) months.
 - 3) An individual on the Colchester Youth Basketball Executive Board and Officers.
 - 4) In order to remain a Member in Good Standing, the following requirements must be maintained:
 - a. The individual shall not have any outstanding Colchester Youth Basketball obligations on behalf of themselves or as a parent or guardian of a Player
 - b. The individual shall not have had their status of member in Good Standing revoked during a disciplinary hearing conducted by the Board of Directors
- (c) Executive Board and Officers
- 1) Any Member in Good Standing having attained an open position on the Executive Board or Officers through a majority vote of current Executive Board or Officers.
- (d) Voting Member
- 1) Any member of the Executive Board or Officers

Article IV – Executive Board and Officers

Sec. 1 The following officers will comprise Colchester Youth Basketball.

1. President (**Executive Board**)
2. Vice President (**Executive Board**)
3. Secretary (**Executive Board**)
4. Treasurer (**Executive Board**)
5. Registrar (**Executive Board**)
6. Recreation Basketball Program Referee Coordinator
7. Travel Basketball Program Referee Coordinator
8. Gym Space Facilitator
9. First and Second Grade Instructional Clinic Director

10. Equipment Manager
11. Uniform Manager
12. Girls 3rd/4th/5th Grade Coordinator (“Divisional Coordinator”)
13. Girls 6th/7th/8th Grade Coordinator (“Divisional Coordinator”)
14. Boys 3rd/4th/5th Grade Coordinator (“Divisional Coordinator”)
15. Boys 6th/7th/8th Grade Coordinator (“Divisional Coordinator”)
16. Boys High School Recreation Coordinator (“Divisional Coordinator”)
17. Girls High School Recreation Coordinator (“Divisional Coordinator”)
18. Sponsorship Coordinator
19. Accountant

Sec. 2 All Executive Board and Officer positions shall carry a two (2) year term.

Sec. 3 The following positions shall be elected in even numbered years:

- 1) President
- 2) Secretary
- 3) Registrar
- 4) Gym Space Facilitator
- 5) Recreation Basketball Program Referee Coordinator
- 6) Equipment Manager
- 7) Girls 3rd/4th/5th Grade Coordinator
- 8) Boys 6th/7th/8th Grade Coordinator
- 9) Girls High School Recreation Coordinator
- 10) Accountant

Sec. 4 The following positions shall be elected in odd numbered years:

- 1) Vice President
- 2) Treasurer
- 3) Travel Basketball Program Referee Coordinator

- 4) First and Second Grade Clinic Director
- 5) Uniform Manager
- 6) Girls 6th/7th/8th Grade Coordinator
- 7) Boys 3rd/4th/5th Grade Coordinator
- 8) Boys High School Recreation Coordinator
- 9) Sponsorship Coordinator

Sec. 5 There shall be no limit on the number of terms served.

Sec. 6 Executive Board and Officer position vacancies may be filled by using one of the following options

(A) A current member of the Executive Board and Officers shall assume the duties of the vacant position until the next scheduled election for that position.

(B) The position shall remain vacant until the next scheduled election for that position.

(C) The position shall be filled on an interim basis with a Member in Good Standing, not currently holding an Executive Board or Officer position.

Sec. 7 Members assuming a new Executive Board or Officer position during the middle of a term shall serve the remainder of the term until that position is next scheduled for election.

Sec. 8 Members shall be able to hold dual positions if voted on as set forth in these Bylaws.

Sec. 9 The Executive Board and Officers shall formulate and approve the policies of Colchester Youth Basketball. Policy changes shall be announced to the general membership during the following general meeting and/or the Colchester Youth Basketball website or social media platform.

Sec. 10 Any Member in Good Standing shall be eligible for nomination to a vacant position.

Sec. 11 Nominations for all Executive Board and Officer positions shall occur at the September General Meeting.

Sec. 12 Election of candidates to the available Executive Board and Officer positions shall be by a majority vote of Voting Members in attendance at the October General Meeting. Newly elected members of the Executive Board and Officer positions shall assume the duties of the position immediately upon election. .

Sec. 13 Recognized Sub-Committees

(A) Recreation Basketball Program Player Promotion subcommittee

(B) Registration Fees subcommittee

(C) Recreation Basketball Program Disciplinary subcommittee

(D) Travel Basketball Program Player Promotion subcommittee

(E) Travel Basketball Program Disciplinary subcommittee

Sec 14. Confidentiality

Executive Board members and Officers shall maintain the confidentiality of information entrusted to them by Colchester Youth Basketball and its Members. All confidential information that comes before Colchester Youth Basketball and its Executive Board and Officers shall remain private except when disclosure is authorized or required by laws or regulations. A special executive meeting will be held to address violations.

Article V – Officer’s Duties

Sec. 1 The President shall:

- a) Be the Chief Executive Officer of the league
- b) Preside over all meetings.
- c) Administer Colchester Youth Basketball in such a way that it operates under its Bylaws.
- d) Serve as the Coordinator for Colchester Youth Basketball’s Recreation Basketball Program. Such responsibilities will include, but are not limited to being the main point of contact with the Recreation Basketball Program Divisional Coordinators, liaise with Recreation Basketball Program Referee Coordinator to ensure referees are secured for all Recreation Basketball Program regular season and playoff games and all other duties and responsibilities logically connected with the Recreation Basketball Program.
- e) Serve as the Chairperson for the subcommittee to consider player requests to play in a Recreation Basketball Program division higher than what the player is eligible to play in (hereinafter to referred to as the “Recreation Basketball Program Player Promotion subcommittee). The Recreation Basketball Player Promotion subcommittee shall also include the Divisional Coordinator for the division the player is requesting to play in and the Divisional Coordinator for the division the player is eligible to play in. The President and Divisional Coordinators must recuse themselves if the player requesting to play in a higher division for which they are eligible is the child or relative of the President or Divisional Coordinators. The President shall be replaced by the Vice President in this circumstance and the Divisional Coordinators shall be replaced by Divisional Coordinators who are not conflicted. The Player Promotion subcommittee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Executive Board members whose majority vote shall be determinative.

- f) Serve as the Chairperson on the subcommittee to consider requests for an alternative arrangement of payment of Recreation Basketball Program or Travel Basketball Program fees or requests for a hardship scholarship (hereinafter referred to as the "Registration Fees subcommittee"). The Registration Fees subcommittee shall also include the Treasurer and Accountant. The President, Treasurer and Accountant must recuse themselves if the player requesting alternative arrangement of payment or a hardship scholarship is the child or relative of the President, Treasurer or Accountant. The President shall be replaced by the Vice President in this circumstance and the Treasurer shall be replaced by the Secretary and the Accountant by the Registrar if they are conflicted out. The Registration Fees subcommittee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Executive Board members whose majority vote shall be determinative.
- g) Serve as the Chairperson on the subcommittee to review and recommend punishment to players and coaches who receive a technical or flagrant during a regular season or playoff game in the Recreation Basketball Program or otherwise conducts themselves in a manner that is detrimental to the interests of Colchester Youth Basketball (hereinafter referred to as the "Recreation Basketball Program Disciplinary subcommittee"). The Recreation Basketball Program Disciplinary subcommittee shall also include the Secretary and the Divisional Coordinator that the player or coach is in. The Recreation Basketball Program Disciplinary subcommittee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Executive Board members whose majority vote shall be determinative.
- h) Direct the other Executive Board Members and Officers, including but not limited to helping them complete their respective duties as outlined in these Bylaws.
- i) Be responsible to appoint a Chairperson for a new subcommittee whose formulation was approved by a majority of the Executive Board members. The Executive Board members shall specify the mandate of any such subcommittee once approved and prior to the appointment of a Chairperson.
- j) Be responsible for all training to Recreation Basketball Program coaches and players upon request or if such need for training is brought to the President's attention.
- k) Coordinate with Colchester Youth Basketball selected photography vendor to set a date, time and location for Colchester Youth Basketball individual player and team photos.
- l) Be Colchester Youth Basketball's representative to the community.

Sec. 2 The Vice President shall:

- a) Assume the duties of the President in the absence or incapacity thereof
- b) Assist with the operation of Colchester Youth Basketball under the direction of the President.
- c) Serve as the coordinator of Colchester Youth Basketball's Travel Basketball Program for both boys and girls. Such responsibilities will include, but are not limited to being the main point of contact with the travel basketball conference(s) Colchester Youth Basketball is a part of, being the main point of contact for all Colchester Youth Basketball travel coaches, liaise with Colchester Youth Basketball Referee Coordinator to ensure referees are secured for all home travel basketball regular season and playoff games and all other duties and responsibilities logically connected with the Colchester Youth Basketball Travel Basketball Program.
- d) Serve as the Chairperson on the subcommittee to determine player's request to play on a travel basketball team of a grade level higher than that player currently is in (hereinafter referred to as the "Travel Basketball Program Player Promotion subcommittee"). The Travel Basketball Program Player Promotion subcommittee shall also include the 8th Grade Girls Travel Basketball head coach and the 8th Grade Boys Travel Basketball head coach. The Vice President and head coaches must recuse themselves if the player seeking to play up is their child or relative. The Vice President shall be replaced on this subcommittee in this circumstance by the President and the coaches will be replaced by the 7th Grade travel basketball coach of their same league (*i.e.* Boys or Girls) in the case of a conflict. The subcommittee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Executive Board members whose majority vote shall be determinative
- e) Serve as Chairperson on the subcommittee to review and recommend punishment to Travel Basketball coaches and Travel Basketball players who receive a technical or flagrant foul during any game that is officiated by certified refs, whether regular season, playoff or tournament game or otherwise conducts themselves in a manner that is detrimental to the interests of Colchester Youth Basketball (hereinafter referred to as the "Travel Basketball Program Disciplinary subcommittee"). The Travel Basketball Program Disciplinary subcommittee shall also include the 8th Grade Girls Travel Basketball head coach and 8th Grade Boys Travel Basketball head coach. The Vice President and head coaches must recuse themselves if they are related to the player or coach in question. The 8th Grade Girls Travel Basketball head coach and 8th Grade Boys Travel Basketball head coach must recuse themselves if it is their assistant coach or player who is assessed a technical or flagrant foul or otherwise conducts themselves in a manner that is detrimental to the interests of Colchester Youth Basketball. The Vice President shall be replaced on the subcommittee in this circumstance by the President and the coaches will be replaced by the 7th Grade Travel Basketball coach of their same league (e.g. Boys or Girls) in the case of a conflict. This subcommittee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Executive Board members whose majority vote shall be determinative.

- f) Be responsible for all training to Travel Basketball Program coaches and players upon request or if such need for training is brought to the Vice President's attention.
- g) Be the backup signatory of all approved checks and/or debit transactions for Colchester Youth Basketball in the absence of the Treasurer.

Sec. 3 The Secretary shall:

- a) Keep the minutes at all meetings and provide copies of all general meeting minutes to the Executive Officers and Board for the purpose of public reporting as appropriate.
- b) Publicize general Colchester Youth Basketball meetings, registration events, evaluation sessions and all other Colchester Youth Basketball events, notices and communications to players, players' families and coaches through all medium, including but not limited to newspapers, emails, social media and the Colchester Youth Basketball website.
- c) Conduct all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with all meetings and arising out of requests from Executive Officers and Board Members. Be responsible for managing the Colchester Youth Basketball official website, <http://www.colchesterbasketball.org>
- d) Coordinate with Registrar to publish what teams registered players are on in both the Recreation Basketball Program and Travel Basketball Program.
- e) Publish a Master List of Practice Schedules and Games on the Colchester Youth Basketball official website and social media accounts after coordinating with the Gym Space Facilitator, Vice President, President and Divisional Coordinators.

Sec. 4 The Treasurer shall:

- a) Maintain all accounts in the name of Colchester Youth Basketball
- b) Provide an oral report of the current state of Colchester Youth Basketball finances at the Executive Board and Officer meeting and maintain an electronic copy of such report for Colchester Youth Basketball official records. Such report will list current balances in all Colchester Youth Basketball accounts, the total of monthly deposits and the total of monthly payments.
- c) Create and Present the annual budget at the August General Meeting. Such budget shall be reported orally and be maintained in electronic format. A hard copy of which shall be provided to the Executive Board and Officers upon request.
- d) Provide an annual report at the September General Meeting. Such report to be made orally and maintained in electronic format. Hard copies of such reports may be requested in advance by any member of the Executive Board or Officer.

- e) Assist the Accountant in the preparation and filing of Colchester Youth Basketball's taxes and any other documents that must be filed with the local, state or federal government to comply with the laws thereunder and maintain Colchester Youth Basketball's non-profit status.
- f) Renew and pay for Colchester Youth Basketball's insurance policy.
- g) Pay all of Colchester Youth Basketball's expenses, including but not limited to approved items requested by the Uniform Manager and Equipment Manager.

Sec. 5 The Registrar shall:

- a) Establish pre-season registration dates after approval from the Executive Board
- b) Ensure that all data needed from registrants is included in the online registration process. This includes, but is not limited to player name, date of birth, home address, grade the child will be in during the upcoming Colchester Youth Basketball Recreation or Travel basketball season, uniform jersey/t-shirt size, uniform shorts size, area where players can indicate days and times that they are unable to practice, area where players can request alternative payment arrangements or a hardship scholarship, parent or guardian name, address and contact information (including email and phone number).
- c) In the case that Colchester Youth Basketball website will not permit an area in which players or parent/guardians can request alternative payment arrangements or a hardship scholarship, the Registrar shall immediately notify the President of any such requests.
- d) Assemble player registration lists to be provided to the President and Divisional Coordinators for Recreation basketball and the Vice President and Travel basketball head coaches for the purposes of assessments and drafts for Recreation basketball and tryouts for Travel basketball.

Sec. 6 The Gym Space Facilitator shall:

- a) Work with the Executive Board to assemble a list of the gym space requirements for the season.
- b) Submit the season gym requests to the Town of Colchester Parks & Recreation Department at the Fall/Winter/Spring/Summer Indoor Facility Scheduling Meetings each year.
- c) Work with the Parks & Recreation Department and the Colchester Schools throughout the season to ensure that the league gym requirements are obtained and confirmed. Communicate to schools that gym space reserved will not be utilized with a minimum of 10 business days prior to reserved date.
- d) Work with the league Treasurer to ensure that the dates and times set forth in the invoices from the Colchester Schools is accurate before any payment is made.

- e) Establish the Recreation Basketball and Travel Basketball league practice schedules based on the number of teams. All efforts should be made to have the teams in the lower grade divisions practices be held earlier in the evening.
- f) Provide the Recreation Basketball Program time blocks to the Divisional Coordinators.
- g) Work with the Vice President to schedule home games for the Travel Basketball Program
- h) Work with the Secretary to upload Practice and Game Schedules to Colchester Youth Basketball's website and social media outlets.

Sec. 7 The Division Coordinators shall:

- a) Solicit coaches for each team, the approval of which shall be made by the Executive Board.
- b) Supervise the player evaluation process during the Recreation Basketball assessment process with the selected head coaches.
- c) Assist with equipment and uniform distribution for his/her division.
- d) Assist with equipment returns
- e) Administer division playing rules and policies with head coaches.
- f) Responsible for cascading league communication to coaches

Sec. 8 The Recreation Basketball Program Referee Coordinator is responsible for the recruitment, training and scheduling of referees for all regular season and playoff games in the Recreation Basketball Program.

Sec. 9 The Travel Basketball Program Referee Coordinator is responsible for selecting and utilizing an organization that provides Board Certified Referees that can supply Board Certified Referees for all home regular season and playoff games for Colchester Youth Basketball Program's travel basketball teams, both boys and girls.

Sec. 10 The Equipment Manager shall be responsible for the assessment of equipment needs at the beginning of each season, purchasing of additional equipment after approval from the Executive Board distribution and collection of equipment for the season, and purchasing of trophies for the Recreation Basketball league

Sec. 11 The Uniform Manager shall be responsible for the assessment of uniform needs for Colchester Youth Basketball players, coordinate with the President, Divisional Coordinator, Vice President and Travel Basketball head coaches to confirm the exacts uniform needs for all teams therein, and purchase all uniforms after approval from the Executive Board.

Sec. 12 The First and Second Grade Instructional Clinic Director shall:

- a) Develop a curriculum for the program
- b) Find a qualified person to assist in the Instructional Clinic. Such person must be approved by the Executive Board
- c) Determine whether the Instructional Clinic will utilize parent volunteers to assist or players in good standing from the Bacon Academy Boys and Girls High School Basketball teams.
- d) Coordinate with the Registrar to ensure there is an option for parents to note that they would like to volunteer to assist with the Instructional Clinic.

Sec. 13 The Sponsorship Coordinator shall:

- a) Secure unique sponsorships, if possible, for all Recreation Basketball league teams and for the First and Second Grade Instructional Clinic.
- b) Establish a Raffle to serve as a fund raiser for Colchester Youth Basketball.

Sec. 14 The Accountant shall:

- a) File Colchester Youth Basketball's taxes and annual reports. The Accountant shall work with the Treasurer to get all information and documents necessary to file taxes.
- b) Make Colchester Youth Basketball aware of any changes to the state or federal tax code that may affect Colchester Youth Basketball in any way, including its status as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization under the Internal Revenue Code.
- c) Accomplish any and all other tasks related to being an Accountant for a 501(c)(3) organization.

Article VI – Meetings

Sec. 1 Monthly meetings will be held on the first Wednesday from August through April in the Colchester, CT Town Hall from 6pm to 8pm.

Sec. 2 The first thirty (30) minutes of the monthly meeting shall be open to the public. The next hour of the meeting shall be open only to Members in Good Standing and the Executive Board and Officers. The last thirty (30) minutes of the monthly meeting shall be for the Executive Board members.

Sec. 3 The Annual Meeting will be held in September of each year.

- a) The Treasurer and Accountant will report on the state of Colchester Youth Basketball's finances, tax filings and filing of the Annual Report.

b) Nominations and elections of new Executive Board members and Officers will be held.

c) Regular order of business will continue after the above has been completed.

Sec. 4 Special Executive Board meetings may be called by the President or with the written request of any Executive Board member. The purpose of the meeting will be stated in the notice. Four days minimum notice must be given with time and location.

Article VII – Parliamentary Authority

Sec. 1 The rules contained in the Modern Edition of Robert's Rule of Order shall govern the league in all cases where they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

Article VIII – Voting

Sec. 1 All members with voting privileges will be entitled to one (1) vote.

a) All votes are to be done by a voice vote

b) Voice votes may be challenged, and a show of hands or ballot may be requested and must be taken

c) A quorum of no less than 33% of all eligible voting members shall be required to conduct any general membership voting session.

d) Failure to attain a voting membership quorum shall result in the voting session being forwarded to the Executive Board and Officers for vote and finalization.

e) Proxy or electronic ballots shall not be allowed. Only ballots cast from voting members, in-person at a scheduled voting session, shall be considered eligible.

f) Simple majority of all votes cast as verified by the Executive Board and Officers shall constitute the full approval of Colchester Youth Basketball.

g) A voting session is classified as:

1) Executive Board and Officer elections.

2) Special issues as defined by the Colchester Youth Basketball Executive Board and Officers

Article IX – Bylaws

- Sec. 1 All Bylaw modifications shall be drafted by a Bylaw Review subcommittee and forwarded to the Executive Board and Officers for review and approval prior to the April General Meeting. The current Bylaws shall be in until such time as the proposed Bylaw modifications are approved as per below.
- Sec. 2 All suggestions for Bylaw revisions shall be submitted by February General Meeting.
- Sec. 3 Bylaw approval shall require a quorum of seventy-five percent (75%) of the total number of Executive Board members and Officers. Approval of Bylaw modifications require a sixty six percent (66%) rate of approval of those in attendance for the vote.
- Sec. 4 The Executive Board shall resolve any dispute involving Bylaw interpretation.

Article X – Coaches

Sec. 1 Every team in the Recreation Basketball Program and Travel Basketball Program shall be supervised by one (1) Head Coach and no more than two (2) Assistant Coaches, all of which are approved by a majority vote of Executive Board members.

- (a) Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches must be eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- (b) Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches shall be selected on the basis of their own good character, ability to work well with children and adhere to these Bylaws.
- (c) No Head Coach or Assistant Coach shall be granted tenure.
- (d) Head Coaches will be responsible for all actions of their players and Assistant Coaches that are in their control.

Sec. 2 Selection of Head Coaches

All managerial openings will be filled in the following manner:

- (a) The Executive Board members will accept nominations upon the commencement of Player registration for the upcoming Recreation Basketball Program and Travel Basketball Program season.
- (b) All Head Coach selections will be voted upon by Executive Board members. Head Coaches shall be nominated in no more than one (1) Recreation Basketball Program division or Travel Basketball Program team. Head Coaches may only be nominated in more than one (1) Recreation Basketball Program division or Travel Basketball Program team with the approval of a majority of Executive Board members.
- (c) Head Coaches do not have to have a child on the team they are seeking to coach.
- (d) The Executive Board members retain sole discretion for filling all Head Coach openings in Colchester Youth Basketball. The Executive Board members may request interviews of Head Coach nominees as part of the evaluation and approval process.
- (e) Criteria used to select Head Coaches will be as follows:

- 1) Ability of the individual to teach the fundamentals of basketball.
- 2) Ability of the individual to discipline the team fairly.
- 3) Ability of the individual to impart good sportsmanship and the team concept
- 4) Prior managerial history at any level; and
- 5) Board recommendations and evaluations.

Sec. 3 Selection of Assistant Coaches

- (a) Assistant Coaches shall be nominated by the Head Coach after Colchester Youth Basketball teams (both Recreation Basketball Program and Travel Basketball Program teams) are selected.
- (b) Assistant Coaches must consist of at least one (1) parent of a player who is on the team.
- (c) Assistant Coaches shall be approved by a majority of Executive Board members.

Sec. 4. Resignation or Removal of Head Coach or Assistant Coach

- (a) The Executive Board members may, by a majority vote, remove a Head Coach or Assistant Coach for conduct detrimental to Colchester Youth Basketball
- (b) In the case of a Head Coach being removed or resigning, an Assistant Coach may assume the role of Head Coach for the remainder of the season.
- (c) If multiple Assistant Coaches vie for the Head Coach, they shall be interviewed by the Executive Board members and a majority vote determining which Assistant Coach is to assume the role of Head Coach for the balance of the season.
- (d) If an Assistant Coach is removed or resigns, the Head Coach can choose to nominate a replacement for that position.

Article XI – Participation/Structure

Sec. 1 Participation as a player in CYB is open to any youth residing in the town of Colchester in Grades 1 through High School.

Sec. 2 CYB recreational league consists of the following Divisions:

1. Girls 1st/2nd Grade Instructional Clinic
2. Girls 3rd/4th/5th Grade

3. Girls 6th/7th/8th Grade
4. Boys 1st/2nd Grade Instructional Clinic
5. Boys 3rd/4th/5th Grade
6. Boys 6th /7th/8th Grade
7. Girls High School Recreation League
8. Boys High School Recreation League

Players participating on a high school Freshman, Junior Varsity, or Varsity team cannot play in the High School Rec League

- Sec. 3 Players may only play in the Recreation Basketball Program division or Travel Basketball Program team that corresponds with the Grade they are in school. No exceptions shall be made unless approved by a majority of Executive Board members after hearing the findings made by the corresponding Player Promotion subcommittee.
- Sec. 4 Players in the Travel Basketball Program may not participate on a team in the Recreation Basketball Program.
- Sec. 5 Players in the Recreation Basketball Program may finish the season if they move to another town. Players in the Travel Basketball Program are no longer eligible to play on their team if they no longer reside in Colchester.
- Sec. 6 Recreation Basketball Program players will be assigned to a team in a draft among the Head Coaches of each particular division.
- (a) Recreation Basketball Program players will attend an assessment at a time to be designated by Colchester Youth Basketball.
 - (b) The Assessment will be conducted by the Head Coaches in the Division, the Divisional Coordinator and President.
 - (c) The Divisional Coordinator shall do their best to make teams equitable based on the result of the player assessments.
- Sec. 7 Travel team selection will be determined by two open tryouts. The tryouts will be assessed by the Head Coach, Vice President and another Executive Board member requested by the Vice President. The Vice President and other Executive Board members must recuse themselves of evaluating the participant in the tryout if they have a child or relative trying out for the team. The Vice President shall be replaced by the President in this instance and another Executive Board member shall be selected in place of one that is conflicted.
- (a) Selection of a players will be based upon the collective assessment of evaluators.
 - (b) In the case of disagreement among evaluators, the Head Coach shall have the final say in the selection process.

(c) A Head Coach's selection or refusal to select a player may not be based on preferential treatment or unfairness.

(d) The Executive Board members reserve the right to overrule a Head Coach's selection of or refusal to select a player is, in the opinion of both the Vice President and Executive Board member evaluating the participants in the tryout, motivated by preferential treatment or unfairness.

Sec. 8 Payments:

(a) All payments for the Recreation Basketball Program must be made at the time of registration. Failure to pay at the time of registration will result in a late fee of twenty-five (25) USD. No player is permitted to practice or play in a game until payment has been made in full. Players and their parents or guardians may request an alternative payment arrangement or hardship scholarship, approval of same must be granted by a majority of Executive Board members. Late fees shall not apply to players who move into town after the registration deadline and before the assessments for their corresponding division.

(b) Payments for the Travel Basketball Program shall be paid in installment as determined by the Colchester Youth Basketball. Such installment of payments shall include the payment of an initial fee after a player is selected on a travel team and further installment of payments until the total fee for the Travel Basketball Program is met. A late fee of \$25 shall be assessed if the initial fee upon selection to a travel basketball team is not made. No player shall be permitted to practice or play in a game unless the required payments at that time have been made. Players and their parents or guardians may request an alternative payment arrangement or hardship scholarship, approval of same must be granted by a majority of Executive Board members

(c) An NSF charge of \$35 will be assessed for any checks that don't clear. Families who register more than one child in Recreation Basketball Program and/or Travel Basketball Program shall receive ten dollars (\$10) off the registration for each additional child. For example, a family that registers three children in the Recreation Basketball Program shall pay full price for the first child, full price less \$10 for the second child and full price less \$10 for the third child.

Sec. 9 Refund Policy

A refund will be granted if 1) a season-ending injury occurs before the 2nd practice or 2) the program for which the player is registered is cancelled.

Sec 10 Code of Conduct

All players must sign and adhere to code of conduct agreement.

Article XII – Playing Rules for Recreation Basketball Program

Sec. 1. Playing Rules

Regular High School rules apply except for the following CYB specific changes:

(a) All Divisions

1. Games shall be four (4) quarters, with each quarter being nine (9) minutes in duration
2. Quarters shall be running time except in the following circumstances:
 - a) The clock shall stop for foul shots in the last two (2) minutes of the first half.
 - b) The clock shall stop on all whistles in the last two (2) minutes of the game.
3. Each team shall be provided with a 30 second timeout for each quarter. The clock shall be stopped during a timeout.
4. Each player must play fifty percent (50%) of the game
5. Each game shall have a three (3) minute halftime.
6. There will be no overtime played in tie games during the regular season.
7. All regular season games must be completed fifty (50) minutes after the scheduled start time
8. There will be no calls for five (5) second closely guarded infractions.
9. There will be no single bonus foul shots at seven (7) team fouls during the half. There will be a double bonus awarded to the team when the opposing team has ten (10) team fouls.
10. A two (2) minute overtime shall be played at the end of regulation in a tied playoff game until there is a winner. Each team shall have one (1) 30 second timeout per overtime.

(b) 3rd/4th/5th Grade Boys and Girls Divisions

- Person to person defense only
- In the first month of the season, the defensive team shall only defend offensive players within the defensive area from under the basket and not beyond the three-point line.

- For the remainder of the season, the defensive team may defend offensive players within the defensive team's half-court area.
- No double-teaming shall be permitted.
- No full court press shall be permitted.
- An offensive team forfeits possession of the ball if they are deemed by the referee to be stalling in an effort to run out the clock in a game they are leading.
- 3rd through 5th grade boys and girls may step over line after foul shot but cannot touch ball first after missed attempt.
- The 3-Point Shot is not in effect (will not be scored) for the 3rd/4th/5th Grade Boys and Girls