

La Center Youth Basketball League - Participant Placement RULES:

(Adapted 2008 basketball season)



The philosophy of this league is to teach have good sportsmanship, develop fundamentally sound basketball skills, to encourage character based personal/social skills and to have fun! Whenever there is an imbalance in skills and abilities of the participants on one or maybe two teams, the league believes this undermines its fundamental purpose as stated above. Therefore, it is important to have placement rules that are designed to balance the teams in a way as to “level the playing field” relative to the participants’ skills and abilities as best possible. These are not rules to work around, but they are essential to follow in order to support the mission of the La Center Youth Basketball League.

Participant Placement Rules:

1. After separating all participants by gender, they are organized into groups based on grade level. All third and fourth graders play together and are considered one level of the league. All fifth and sixth graders play together and are considered another level within the league. Boys and girls teams will not be scheduled to play each other.
2. Head Coach’s Child – Any child of the head coach may be placed on the team of the head coach if they are in the appropriate grade level.
3. Assistant Coach’s Child (maximum of one recognized Assistant Coach per team) – Any child of the assistant coach may be placed on the team of the assistant if they are in the appropriate grade level.
4. All other participants are either assigned to a team based on their previous year’s placement (if still eligible to participate at that level) or they are placed into the participant pool to be drafted.
5. Participants are assigned to a team and not to a coach (except for the children of any coaches). Participants who have played on a team the previous year, and are still in the appropriate grade for that level of play are allowed to continue to stay on that particular team. If the coach leaves the team, all participants who are still eligible to play on the team may chose to remain on the same team or go into the pool for redraft.
6. To provide grade level balance on all teams, every effort will be made to have five participants from one grade and five from the other grade. The only time this will vary is if there are fewer registrations from one particular grade level compared to the other.
7. Coaches will draft participants in order determined by a random drawing. Coaches will then pick one player at a time. The children of the coaches that are assigned to that team will count as the team’s first pick(s). Example: On a 3rd/4th grade boys team, the head coach’s son is a 3rd grader and the assistant coach’s son is a 4th grader, then their first and second round picks are already selected. Their next available pick will occur in the third round.
8. All remaining 3rd graders and all 4th graders new to the league will go into the pool to be drafted.
9. All remaining 5th graders and all 6th graders new to the league will go into the pool to be drafted.