

2023-2024 Warriors for Christ Basketball Guidelines

Vision Statement

The Warriors for Christ Basketball program is committed to the task of the Great Commission. Through our weekly focus moments and our team meetings before and after practices and games, we hope to give each participant the opportunity and knowledge to become a follower and disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ. The focus will be on their hope of eternal life through accepting Christ's substitutionary death for the forgiveness of their sins and building and displaying Christ like character on and off the basketball court.

Our Goals Are

- To share the gospel
- To build Christ like character
- To learn basketball skills and build teamwork skills
- To learn Christian sportsmanship skills and to have fun

Team Member Qualifications

1. Player must be homeschooled more than 50% of their classes each year and maintain a pursuit of his education with three or more homeschooled subject areas, not including physical education.
 - a. Homeschooled means taught at home or someone else's home by one or more of the student's parents, grandparents, older sibling (18 or older), legal guardian or another homeschool parent or tutor.
 - b. Player may be taught at a central location for a particular subject, take a correspondence/online course, participate in an apprenticeship or attend tutored classes at coop programs.
 - c. Homeschooled does NOT mean college classes taken at a University or College or vocational/technical classes taken outside the home or classes taken at a private, Christian or public school.
2. Player must be a live-in dependent of one of their parents or legal guardians and have their permission to play.
3. Player must not be employed full-time, must not have graduated from High School level education or recognized as a high school graduate in any way, must not have been expelled from public or private school during the school year of the current sports season and must not be a member of a basketball team associated with a public or private school in the same season they are playing for the Warriors for Christ.
4. Players who played the previous year will be given the opportunity to sign up before new players will be added, provided they submit completed registration and payment before the given deadline date.
5. Each team shall consist of up to 15 players. Tryouts will be used, if needed.
6. Age Requirements:
 - a. Varsity players (18U) cannot be 19 before September 1, 2023.
 - b. Junior Varsity players (16U) cannot be 17 before September 1, 2023.
 - c. Junior High players (14U) cannot be 15 before September 1, 2023.
 - d. Elementary players (12U) cannot be 13 before September 1, 2023.
 - e. Elementary players (10U) must be 8 before September 1, 2023 but cannot be 11 before September 1, 2023. (Note: younger boys may be considered if 10U team is short in numbers. Priority for younger boys will be first for coach's sons followed by brothers of players currently on a team).

7. Non homeschool players and their families may be allowed to play on a team that does not have at least 8 players by the registration deadline. Non-homeschooled families that play a season may be grandfathered in to play future years as well but are not eligible to play in homeschool basketball tournaments.

Cost and Supplies

1. The cost for the season is to offset expenses for gym rental, referee expenses, liability insurance, supplies, uniforms and banquet fees. Also included are the Regional and State Tournament fees. Varsity's fee includes the Butternut Tournament and League fee. Varsity National Tournament fee is NOT included in this cost.
2. Uniforms are the full ownership of the Warriors for Christ basketball program and must be returned promptly in good condition at the end of the season.
3. Admission will be charged at home games, except for the immediate family of current players, who pay a flat fee included in their registration costs.

Code of Conduct

It is the goal of the Warriors for Christ basketball program to reflect the character of the One from whom we take our name. Participating families are asked to read Ephesians 5:1-12 and Galatians 5:19-26 and to abide by them.

Actions that may be met with detention or suspension are: immorality, impurity, coarse joking, sensuality, enmity, strife, drunkenness, carousing, abusive speech, partaking in drugs, pornography, or alcohol. Each situation will be brought before the advisory board and president to determine the necessary penalty and/or suspension.

The qualities that we will be striving for are: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Being imitators of God as beloved children.

Coach Responsibilities

1. Head Coach must be a born again Christian* and conduct themselves in a Christ like manner.
2. Coach will hold regularly scheduled practices.
3. Coach will communicate all information in a timely manner.
4. Coach will pray with the team at practices and games.
5. Coach will encourage and work with all players to improve their skills.
6. Coach agrees to allow for a back-ground check to be conducted.
7. Coach will abide by parents or guardian's requests to assist with disciplinary actions for their child (e.g. reduced playing time, sitting out games, etc.)
8. Elementary (12U and 10U) team coaches will focus on the development of all players which will include striving to give team members reasonably equal playing time each game, except for the state tournament and one or two games leading up to the state tournament.

Team Member Responsibilities

1. Player must be a biological male (boy teams) or biological female (girl teams) and conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner.
2. Player must attend practices to play in games (Occasional excused absence may be accepted but shall be communicated with coach).
3. Player must wear team uniform and athletic shoes to participate.
4. Shirts worn under uniform shall be black.

5. Player should pay attention to the coach's instructions and give his best effort.
6. Player must display proper attitude of respect towards the coach, other players, and referees.
7. Foul language will not be tolerated.
8. Player is expected to be willing to help out when needed in setting up for a game, for cleaning up after a game, and various other tasks.
9. Player is accountable to his parents and studies first.
10. Player must avoid appearance or conduct that detracts from team unity. No jewelry. No unnatural coloring of hair.
11. (Boys Teams) No ponytail style or facial hair. Hair is to be kept off the neck and ears. No makeup or nail polish.

Parent Responsibilities

1. Parents will get their players to practices and games in a timely manner. (Players should arrive at games 30 minutes before starting time.)
2. Parents must be willing to help throughout the season: Coaching, collecting admissions at home games, running the game clock, working concessions, fundraising, keeping score, help to set up before a game, help to clean up after a game, helping with the banquet, uniform distribution, etc.
3. Parents will show respect towards players, coaches, referees, and other persons involved in practices and games.
4. Parents will conduct themselves in a Christ like manner.
5. Parents should direct any concerns to the Advisory Panel.
6. Parents will read and make sure their player(s) reads and understands the contents of this Warriors for Christ Basketball guidelines document.

Board Member Responsibilities

1. Should be made up of at least the President, Treasurer and Secretary.
2. Board members must be a born again Christian* and conduct themselves in a Christ like manner.
3. The board will establish the Warriors for Christ Basketball Guidelines each year.
4. The board shall carry-out essential responsibilities of the program.
5. President shall oversee the Warriors for Christ program and make many executive decisions and ensure the vision and goals and the necessary tasks of the program are being carried out efficiently and effectively.
6. President shall, as necessary, schedule and facilitate board meetings.
7. President shall conduct and retain copies of all coach's background checks.

Advisory Panel Responsibilities

1. Advisory Panel will be made up of up to three individuals.
2. Advisory Panel members must be a born again Christian* and conduct themselves in a Christ like manner.
3. Advisory Panel will receive ideas, advice, concerns and complaints and help resolve any disagreements and relay decision to applicable parties.

*Born again Christian is believing and accepting that Salvation is entirely a work of God's grace and is not the work, in whole or in part, of human works, effort or religious ceremony (Ephesians 2:8-9) and that God imparts righteousness to those who put their faith and trust in Christ's sacrificial death on the cross alone for Salvation (1 Corinthians 5:21)