

CEBL Winter League 2026 • Frequently Asked Questions

Will there be a Winter League and when will registration open?

CEBL has the intention of hosting boys & girls basketball leagues for various age groups this winter. Please visit PCCS.REG.ELEYO.COM/COMMUNITYED for program details and to enroll. Registration for the 3rd-12th grade boys leagues, and 3rd-6th grade girls leagues will open 10/13. Enrollment will remain open until all spaces are filled (or just prior to evaluation night in December).

Note: The K-2nd Co-Ed League we are looking for interest for a spring league after Spring Break. Please add your name to the interested list. If we have enough interest, we will consider running an additional session.

I tried to register but it only gives me the option for WAITLIST. What should I do?

We are opening registration to a set number of participants to start, based on how many volunteer coaches we have secured. As we confirm we have enough coaches to accommodate additional students who are interested, we will aim to open more spots for registration.

Please put your name on the WAITLIST! In the event someone drops out or additional openings are created, we will rely on that list and reach out to families with more information.

If you are planning to **try out for your middle school or high school basketball team**, we highly recommend that you **STILL enroll in Winter CEBL**, as the spots fill quickly. Contact us if you make your school team and you will be issued a refund, since you are not able to play in both leagues.

What is required of a Volunteer Coach?

We are in need of Volunteer Coaches and Assistant Coaches to help mentor our players / lead a team! The number of teams we run will depend on how many coaches we have – so please consider helping us out this season!

Coaches will need to complete a background check with the district each year (will be emailed to you from the CEBL Director). Primary responsibilities are included below; a handful of other small tasks may also be required throughout the season.

- -Communicate with players regarding team specific items (ie. introduction at start of the season, practice & game schedule via TeamSnap, schedule changes and coach conflicts).
- -Run practice one night per week (grades 3-8th) & coach players at weekend games. Track attendance at practices / games to make sure playing time rules are being followed..
- -Reach out to team to get a volunteer to run the score table (game sheet) & clock each week (can be 1 or 2 people).
- -Ensure health & safety measures are being adhered to (as required).
- -Display / share the importance of good sportsmanship and help players grow in the sport.

If you are interested in coaching, please indicate when registering your player, or email CEBL@pccsk12.com with questions.

What health & safety protocols are being followed?

- -CEBL follows P-CCS district protocols for health & safety; any changes during the season will be communicated to families. It is expected that all participants and spectators abide by any protocols that are established and/or are updated by the district throughout the season.
- -All parties (players, coaches, spectators) should be doing a general illness self-screening prior to attending practices and/or games. We ask that those not feeling well with multiple symptoms please remain home.

CEBL is a great opportunity for players to try the sport or get back on the court. We appreciate everyone working together to follow any required guidelines so a fun and successful season can be had by all!

How many games and practices will take place?

-For 3rd-4th grade boys and girls leagues...

- The Winter '26 season will consist of teams where the Volunteer Coach can bring in up to 5 players (including their own player / assistant coach's player). Remaining spots are placed at the discretion of the league director using information provided.
- Grade 3rd-4th boy and girl teams will practice 1 hour per week at a P-CCS elementary or middle school location in the **evening**; practices will take place sometime **between Monday-Friday**, **6-9pm**. Practice night will be dictated by the coach's availability.
- 7 practices and 7 games (no playoffs). Games on **Saturdays (morning / early afternoon)** at a local P-CCS middle school. Team shirt included.
- Estimated season dates are week of January 6th through week of February 23rd.

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How many games and practices will take place (continued)?

-For 5-6th grade boys and girls leagues...

- The Winter '26 season will consist of an evaluation night (November 17th) and placement via a coach's draft.
- No friend / coach requests are accepted at this level, with the exception of the head coach's child & 1 assistant coach's child.
- Grade 5-6th boy and girl teams will have practice 1 hour per week at a P-CCS location in the **evening**; practices will take place sometime **between Monday-Friday**, **6-9pm**. Practice night will be dictated by the coach's availability / team placement.
- 7 practices and 7 guaranteed games (with playoffs starting at game 6). Team shirt included.
- Games on Saturdays (morning / early afternoon) at a local middle school. Potential for one week night game during the season.
- Estimated season dates are week of January 5th through potentially the week of March 16th (depending on playoff advancement).

-For 7-8th grade boys...

- The Winter '26 season will consist of an evaluation night (December 15th) and placement via a coach's draft.
- No friend / coach requests are accepted at this level, with the exception of the head coach's child & 1 assistant coach's child.
- Grade 7-8th teams will have practice 1 hour per week at a P-CCS location in the evening; practices will take place sometime between Monday-Friday, 6-9pm. Practice night will be dictated by the coach's availability / team placement.
- 7 practices and 7 guaranteed games (with playoffs starting at game 6). Team shirt included.
- Games on Saturdays (morning / early afternoon) at a local middle school. Potential for one week night game during the season.
- Estimated season dates are week of January 5th through potentially the week of March 16th (depending on playoff advancement).
- Contact Community Ed if you make your school team; you will be refunded, since you cannot play for both.
- Estimated season dates are week of January 5th through potentially the week of March 16th (depending on playoff advancement).

-For 9-12th grade boys...

- The Winter '26 season will consist of an evaluation night (December 1st) and placement via a coach's draft.
- No friend / coach requests are accepted at this level, with the exception of the head coach's child & 1 assistant coach's child.
- Grade 9-12th boys season runs from the week of January 6th through March (final date depends on playoff advancement).
 *Limited potential practice times will be available for coach sign up in late December.
- This league consists of weekend games only no regular weeknight practices during the season (teams will practice periodically based on coach availability) 7 guaranteed games (playoffs starting at game 7). Games have moved to West Middle School in Plymouth on SATURDAY mornings / afternoon; late season playoffs. Team shirt included.
- Contact Community Ed if you make your school team; you will be refunded, since you cannot play for both.
- Estimated season dates are week of January 5th through potentially the week of March 16th (depending on playoff advancement).

-For **7-8th grade girls**: In the past few years, we have not registered enough participants to host during the winter within our district, due to many girls already playing for their school team. We encourage you to look at neighboring communities (ie. <u>Northville Parks & Rec</u>) that normally hold winter girls leagues – to see if their season schedule works around middle school teams.

-Please note: CEBL may need to make changes to the winter program for grades 3rd-12th (including but not limited to location, game or practice adjustments, postponements, or cancellations) based on the latest district, county, or state guidelines. Make-ups will be scheduled where possible but may not be guaranteed.

How will teams be formed for the winter season?

3rd-4th Boys & Girls Leagues:

- -Volunteer head coach is allowed to enter the league with their child and up to 4 additional friends/players. If they have an assistant coach who is also bringing in a player, max number of additional friend requests is 3, for a total of 5 players entering the team. The remainder of the players will be placed by the CEBL Director. (10 players per team, 5 vs 5 game structure).
- -Height, experience level, and school may be taken into account as teams are created. *Please answer registration questions honestly when you sign-up.* With a growing level of complexity to coordinate the large number of requests, we will allow players to request up to 1 friend during registration, but we cannot guarantee placement. Any friend requests by players enrolling in the league MUST have practice nights that match (ie. no conflicts, can practice on similar nights of the week) to even be considered.
- -If you have any potential *practice night conflicts during the week*, please indicate <u>during registration</u>. We will take into account during team creation but cannot fully guarantee they can be honored.
- -Once teams are formed, *placement will be shared towards the middle of December. No changes will be made to teams once communicated.* Players will be contacted by their coach and will be given access to TeamSnap to see the full practice and games schedule. All season updates will be posted on that site.
- -The player will be assigned a team shirt, which will be distributed prior to the first game in January.

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How will teams be formed for the winter season (continued)?

5th-12th Grade Boys & 5th-6th Grade Girls Leagues

- -Volunteer Coaches are allowed to enter the league with their child and 1 assistant coach & their child (10 players per team, 5 vs 5 game structure). The remainder of the team will be placed by the Evaluation / Draft process.
- -At this level, participants are not allowed to request another participant or coach. Any practice night conflicts must be noted during registration and/or before evaluation night to be considered.
- -Player evaluations and a coaches' draft are used to form teams. During the evaluations, coaches observe and rate each player, and then proceed to create their team through a snake draft.
- -An email will inform you of evaluation times and locations, so registered players should watch for this information in late November I early December. Grades 5-8th and HS evaluations are tentatively planned as follows: 5-6th graders = $\frac{11/17}{1}$; 7-8th graders = $\frac{12/15}{1}$; and 9-12th graders = $\frac{12/1}{1}$. This will be verified as the date approaches.
- -Those that do not participate in the Evaluation night will not be able to be drafted by coaches, but will be auto placed to a team by the CEBL Director. All registered players will be placed on a team, no players are cut.
- -When necessary (large number of participants), a specific league may divide into two separate conferences. If this occurs, players will be randomly assigned to a conference.
- -Teams will be formed notified 2 weeks AFTER the draft night occurs. Placements are estimated to be shared the week of December 8th for grades 5-6th and 9-12th. Placements for 7-8th are estimated to be sent in late December. No changes will be made to teams once communicated. Players will be contacted by the CEBL Director and will be given access to TeamSnap to see the full practice and games schedule. All season updates will be posted on that site.
- -The player will be assigned a team shirt, which will be distributed prior to the first game in January.

Where can I find information or updates about the season once assigned to a team?

- -Your coach will send you a link to Team Snap, a great online and mobile tool where you will be able to see schedules and more.
- -There will also be other important details housed on the TeamSnap site, including league rules, health & safety updates, etc.

I also participate in other activities. Can I indicate my schedule conflicts during registration?

Any potential practice night conflicts should be noted during registration and/or before evaluation night. We will consider during team formation, but cannot guarantee special schedule requests can be accommodated. Ideally, players should be able to practice during evening hours Mon-Fri and be able to attend games on the designated weekend days per league. If you receive your team assignment and there is a major conflict, please contact CEBL@pccsk12.com right away so the CEBL director can evaluate if a change can be accommodated.

I plan to try out for my school basketball team. Can I still register for CEBL?

The WINTER '26 Registration will open prior to school tryouts. It is recommended you STILL register / sign-up for CEBL to hold a spot – you will be REFUNDED if you make your school team (since you cannot play for both). Space is limited per league and once we meet our cap through the age groups, we cannot guarantee we will be forming any additional teams.

If we are waitlisting and you did not previously register for the league, continue to add your name to the waitlist. If any openings become available, we will reach out if room becomes available.

What is your cancellation/withdrawal policy if we choose not to participate in the season?

Grades 3rd-12th Boys & Girls:

- Up until 11/16, a full refund, less a \$25 cancellation fee, will be issued to anyone who withdraws from the Winter league.
- If a player withdraws between 11/16 & 12/14, a refund will be issued, less a \$50 cancellation fee.
- If a withdrawal request is made between 12/15 & 1/4/26, a refund will be issued, less a \$100 cancellation fee.
- After 1/4/26, no refunds will be issued.

Exception: For middle and high school students who make their school team, a full refund will be given since a player cannot participate for both teams.