MS Basketball 2026

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Hello Basketball Families,
I know many of you but for those that I haven't met, I have been coaching Middle school and High school basketball at CBCS for the last 10 years. Playing Middle school basketball is now a chance for our boys to wear the official school jersey to compete against other schools/towns officially representing the school as Crested Butte Titans.

The number of teams we will have is based upon the number of kids that participate. Usually we have 4 teams: 8A ,7A, 8B, 7B. (On a side note: CBMS and GMS are the only teams that allow 6th graders to play middle school sports.) Our 6th graders will usually be playing kids older than them. All kids are eligible for the "8" teams but 8th graders are not eligible for the "7" teams. Most schools make their "A" teams the competitive teams and the "B" teams the development teams. Kids can play "up in grade", they cannot play down in grade level. Historically, our top players are on the 8A team and our youngest kids are on the 7B team.

We have a very abbreviated season and will be done before Thanksgiving, so we cram in a lot of basketball during practices. Some instances we may only have 1 practice between games. Boys must have attended and participated in at least 5 practices prior to their first game. I've posted the schedule below and you can see how quick the games start once we get back from break. Please have your child make every effort to come to practice even if they can't stay for the entire session.

We will have optional practices starting on September 28. Official practices will start on Oct 5. The first week of optional practices will be for kids to get back into the swing of basketball or for kids new to basketball to attend and decide if they want to participate for the full season. (Optional practices count towards the 5 practice minimum)

Practices for the week of September 28

Monday Sept 28 1:00-2:30 High School Gym
Tuesday Sept 29– 3:45-5:00 High School Gym
Wednesday Oct 1 – 5:00-6:30 **Elementary Gym**
Thursday Oct 2 – 3:45-5:00 High School Gym
Friday Oct 3 – 3:45-5:00 **Elementary Gym**

Practices from Oct 5 onward
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 3:45-5:15 **Elementary Gym** School Gym
Wednesdays – 2-3:30 – High School Gym

(these times are subject to change depending on games, or other activities with gym conflicts like High School Volleyball)

Your child must have a physical on file with the school (dated within 1 year of the start of practice), all paperwork completed in Arbiter sports and the MS basketball fee on MyPaymentsPlus paid. The physical and paperwork can be uploaded to the Arbiter Website

Some kids are still playing WESA soccer, Cross country, Lacrosse and GMS football, some kids won't be able to make it to every practice due to conflicts. With the optional practices and practices before break, kids should have plenty of opportunity to meet the 5-practice minimum. Additionally, I do allow Kids to leave practice early to attend other practices if they need to.

Games Scheduled* (subject to change/additions/cancellations and time changes)

Tuesday Oct 20 Columbine (Montrose)- Home
Thursday Oct 22 Olathe - Away
Wednesday Oct 28h Cedaredge – Home
Tuesday Nov 3 North Fork - Home
Thursday Nov 5 @Cedaredge - Away
Saturday Nov 7th Game Day - @Gunnison and Home (Centennial and Columbine)
Tuesday Nov 10th Gunnison - Home
Saturday Nov 14th Montrose Tournament
Monday Nov 16th @ Custer County (8) Lake City Home (7)
Thursday Nov 19th @Gunnison - Away
Saturday Nov 21nd Final Tournament – Olathe (7) / Paonia(8)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.