

# CHAMP Basketball Season

Welcome CHAMP Coaches!

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Winter 2025-26

# Season Schedule

- Practices Begin: Week of December 1
- Uniform Distribution: Week of December 1
- Game Schedules: Week of December 1
- First Game Day: Saturday, December 13
- Winter Break: December 15 - January 1
- Practices Resume: Friday, January 2
- Picture Day: TBA
- End-of-Season Celebration: Saturday, February 14 (Room 1300)
- Season Ends: Saturday, February 14

# Devotions

## God: the Builder (Ezra and Nehemiah)

- Historical overview
- Themes in Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai, and Zechariah
- Applications to our lives and this season



# Practices

- December 1 - February 13
- Practice start times: 5:30, 6:30 or 7:30 PM
- Practice format (50 min.): Warm-ups (5 min.), Drills (25 min.), Scrimmage (20 min.), Devotions (10 min.)
- Coaches arrive 10 minutes early
- Teams practice one night a week
- There will be a container outside of the gym with cones and pinnies
- Buzzer will sound at the beginning and end of practice
- After practice has ended, all teams will exit from Court 1 and go around the corner to Room 1300 for devotions. “Team Devotion” signs will be posted.
- Please depart quickly after practice ends so that teams coming in can start on time
- Pick up from Gym Office: Uniforms (if player ordered); coach shirt; handbook; wristbands; devotions, basketballs, Bible memory verse cards
- Materials on CHAMP Website: Coaching Tips; Basketball Handbook; Devotions; Basketball Drills: [Coaches Corner](#).

# Game Days

- First Game: December 13
- Last Game: February 14
- Coaches arrive 10 min. early and meet your team outside of the gym at Court 1 or Court 2 entrance.
- During halftime, coaches will meet with their players at the benches. Time will be allowed for players to use the restrooms and get water.
- After the game has ended, all teams and families will exit from Court 2 and go down the hallway for team snacks. “Team Snacks” signs will be posted.
- Always say something positive about the game
- Allow players an opportunity to recite the weekly Bible memory verse. If they say the verse correctly give them a coupon.

# Game Times (Ages 5-11)

- 5/6 9:00, 10:00 AM \*Goal Height 8ft
- 7/8 boys 11:00 AM, 12:00, 1:00 PM \*8ft
- 7/8 girls 1:00, 2:00 PM \*Goal Height 8ft
- 9-11 girls 2:00, 3:00 PM \*Goal Height 9ft
- 9-11 boys 3:00, 4:00 PM \* Goal Height 10ft



# Welcome Email

- Introduce yourself
- When is your first practice?
- What day is your practice?
- What time does practice start and finish?
- Which court?
- Include week's Bible memory verse
- Players should bring water

# Weekly Email

- Send email weekly on Wednesday or Thursday from Sport Connect (CHAMP Registration Website)
- Include the week's Bible memory verse and spiritual emphasis
- Include something positive from recent time together
- What time is the game and what time to arrive
- Which Court
- Who has team snacks
- Remind families whether to wear blue (home) or silver (away) jersey at the next game
- Bring water



# General Information

- Team assignments will be sent on November 26.
- I will send an email to all the coaches on November 26 with information to include in your welcome email. Coaches need to email their team over the weekend through the CHAMP registration website.
- Game schedules will be available on December 9.
- Bring a copy of your roster to practice.
- Have a brief parent meeting at your first practice to cover general information.
- If anyone has uniform questions, have them email me or they can meet me at the gym office after practice.
- If you still have a player's uniform after the first game, please return to me.

# General Information

- If you need an assistant coach, please reach out to the team. If anyone offers, please provide their name and I will handle the rest. Each team can have up to three coaches.
- If you need a team parent, please reach out to the team and let them take care of the team snacks. Please no peanut products.
- If you are running late to practice or game and do not have an assistant coach, text Kelly at 704-301-6074 and be sure to include your name.
- If you will miss a practice or game and do not have an assistant coach, let Kelly know as soon as possible so I can make arrangements.
- Coaches are to wear their coach shirt for all games. Please wear your coach shirt for the first two practices.

# General Information

- All players should receive equal playing time.
- Only registered players on your team are permitted to play.
- All coaches will receive 2 sets of wristbands.
- Coaches need to have wristbands on players prior to lining up on the court.
- If your team is ahead, rotate your players and make more passes. There are tools in place to make the game enjoyable.
- If your team is ahead by 20 points before halftime the score will be reset to 0-0 to start the second half.
- Once a team is 20 points ahead, no more points will be added to their score until the other team scores. A 20 point lead is the max lead allowed.



# General Information

- Teams with 10 players or less will sub at the end of the period.
- Teams with 11 players will be able to sub halfway through the period at the 3 ½ minute mark.
- Games will end with both teams lining up to high-five one another and saying “great game.”
- Referees and scorekeepers are off limits! If you have a concern, please address with Kelly.
- Remember all eyes are on you! If you lose your cool, think how this reflects on your players and parents.

# General Information

- Games can end in a tie due to games occurring every hour.
- Challenge Day: February 14 (Ages 7-11)
- We will try to create competitive games based on the standing from the past 7 weeks of games.
- I will send the Challenge Day schedule on February 10.
- 5/6 games: I will ref  $\frac{1}{2}$  of each game. One coach from each team can be on the court. Only turnover is when the ball goes out of bounds.

# General Information

- If you need help, I am available on practice nights and game days.
- All players need to keep their water bottles with their parents in the bleachers.
- First aid kit in gym.
- Whistles are optional.
- Relax and have FUN!



# Weather Info

- Weather Hotline - 704-341-5473
  - Updated at 3:00 PM Weekdays & 7:30 AM on Saturdays
  - (If we have to cancel due to inclement weather, we will send out an email and update the Weather Hotline.)
  - All cancelations due to weather will come from the CHAMP office. Please do not personally cancel any practices or games.
- <https://www.champsportsinfo.com/?p=3> (Weather icon on CHAMP website)

# Questions?

<https://www.champsportsinfo.com/basketball>