



BUNCOMBE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

INSTRUCTIONAL MITES/MITES POLICY

Player Eligibility: To play basketball at Buncombe Street United Methodist Church, players are required to attend a minimum of 50% of at least one church activity per month between October and February. This applies to both church members and non-church members alike. We encourage all players to attend all possible activities! These activities include, but are not limited to the following:

- Sunday Morning Worship Service
- Sunday Night Program
- Music & Choir

Teams (ages): The Instructional Mites program is for K5 and 1st grade children. The Mites program is for 2nd and 3rd grade children. Player will not play above his or her age group. (The only exception will be when someone may be asked to play up when a player is needed to complete a team. If a player is asked to “play up” to an older age group, he/she is expected to play on his/her age specific team first. This team will be given priority.)

Registration: Signups will have a strict deadline and no student will be allowed to sign-up and play for a team after the deadline. (That means both registration and payment must have been received by the registration deadline). An exception is made for new members of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church, or late players registering to complete a team.

Team formation: Teams will be divided by the number of persons BSUMC believes will afford everyone the opportunity to play. (The smaller the team numbers the more play time everyone will get.) Teams will be formed with the idea of optimizing the players’ opportunity to succeed and to reach their full potential. When multiple teams are in a certain age group, every effort will be made to group teams by grade and for each team to have an opportunity to compete at their specific talent level. Final decisions will be made based on coaches’ input and at the direction of the Sports, Recreation, and Leisure Ministry Director.

Playing Time: Suggestions for equal playing time include

- Play all players for shorter times. Each player should play in both halves of the game.
- Ask a parent or coach to keep a record of minutes played. This serves as a great tool in planning your substitutions for each game.
- Evaluate players so they can be placed in a position to succeed.
- Each session will include devotion and prayer.
- **Specific rules for each group can be found online at the CLBBY website: www.clbby.org under Downloads.**

Community Mission Project: Each player is expected to participate in at least one community mission project.

Coaches Attendance: Members of Buncombe Street UMC who coach are required to attend a minimum of 50% of at least one church activity per month between November and March. These activities include, but are not limited to the following:

- Sunday Morning Worship Service.
- Sunday Night Program

Non-members of Buncombe Street UMC who coach are more than welcome to join us in these worship and ministry opportunities and are invited to participate.

BSUMC Safe Sanctuary Policy: All coaches are expected to abide by the church Safe Sanctuary policy and meet all requirements for approval.

Volunteer Time for Gym Operation: Each parent may be asked to work a certain number of volunteer hours to help maintain the smooth operation of the BSUMC gyms, depending on the need. Every effort will be made to keep these hours to a minimum.

CLBBY League Compliance: areas not specifically noted in this policy will be in accordance with CLBBY league rules and are to be addressed through the Basketball Commissioner.