



BUNCOMBE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MINORS THROUGH SENIORS POLICY

Student 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. These activities include, but are not limited to the following:

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

We encourage all players to attend all possible activities!

Teams (boy and girls):

- Minor Teams (4th & 5th grades)
- Junior Teams (6th through 8th grades)
- Senior Teams (9th through 12th grades)

Note: players must not have graduated from high school or received their GED.

Player will not play above or below 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.)

Teams

- Teams that return a core group of players who have been together in past years will be kept intact whenever possible.
- 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.

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.

Note: If you are trying out for middle school or high school basketball, you still must sign up and pay by the deadline. (If student makes the school team, you will be given a full refund).

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.**

General Game Information: per CLBBY league rules (see Website at www.clbby.org)

Each practice will include devotion and prayer.

Community Mission Project: Each team will do one community mission project during the season.

Coaches Attendance: To coach basketball at Buncombe Street UMC, coaches are required to attend a minimum of 50% of at least one church activity per month between October and February. These activities include, but are not limited to the following:

- Sunday Morning Worship Service
- Sunday Night Program

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

Volunteer Time for Gym Operation: Each team will be required to work a certain number of volunteer hours to help maintain the smooth operation of the BSUMC gyms. These hours may be worked by either players or parents, 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.