

“The mission of the Crested Butte Parks and Recreation Department is to provide a variety of high quality and year-round recreational amenities and programming for the residents and visitors of the Upper East River Valley. Our values include access for all, regardless of ability or income; the promotion of healthy lifestyles for all ages; responsible stewardship of public lands and public funding; enhancement and support of regional economic vitality; and fair play, sportsmanship and fun at all levels.”

Playing Time, Coach Involvement, Competition

The Parks and Recreation Department strives to provide team sport programs that uphold our values as defined in our Mission and Values Statements, including fair play and sportsmanship at all levels. A progression towards more competitive play promotes healthy lifestyles and develops positive character values in young people. As such, the competitive nature of each sport grows as athletes get older and garner a more developed skill set. Our mission and the National Alliance for Youth Sports National Standards have guided us in developing the following game, playing time, coach involvement, and competition policies for athletes, coaches and other stakeholders.

Exceptions to these policies may be made due to reasonable constraints and questions, concerns or complaints may be directed to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Just as all sports are different, so are all coaches and their instruction styles. Our goal is to provide fun, safe programs for our kids while teaching them valuable life lessons and developing quality citizens. Our coaches have agreed to work to meet these goals. If you are interested in volunteering for CB Parks and Rec in any capacity, please reach out to the department anytime.

Pre – Kindergarten through 2nd grade (3-8 years):

- **Focus** will be on sportsmanship, fair play, fun, motor skill development, learning rules/game structure and positive character traits.
- **Playing time** will be distributed during games as equally as possible regardless of ability or commitment to the team.
 - Exceptions may be made for: health issues, severe unsportsmanlike conduct or if the athlete arrives late for the contest.
- **Scores and Standings** will not be kept by coaches or officials. Any scorekeeping by the kids themselves should be deemphasized or redirected by those in leadership roles.
- Coaches are always permitted on the playing surface to provide effective instruction.

3rd and 4th grades (8-10 years):

- **Focus** will be on sportsmanship, fair play, fun, learning rules/game structure, positive character traits and fundamentals.
- **Playing time** will be distributed during games as equally as possible regardless of ability.
 - Exceptions may be made for: missed all the practices that week, severe unsportsmanlike conduct, health concerns or if the athlete shows up late for the contest.
- **Scores and Standings**
 - Scores may be kept, standings will not be kept
- Coaches are permitted on the playing surface when appropriate to guide participants.

5th and 6th grades (10-12 years):

- **Focus** will be on sportsmanship, fair play, fun, positive character traits, fundamentals, basic strategic structure, team play and some competitive play.
- **Playing time** will be distributed during games as equally as possible regardless of ability.

- Exceptions will be made for: repeated tardiness or entirely missing practices, unsportsmanlike conduct, health concerns, or if the athlete arrives late for the contest.
- **Scores and Standings**
 - Scores will be kept during competitive play, standings may or may not be kept and will not be posted or emphasized.
- Coaches are not permitted on playing surfaces during contest but are allowed on surface during internal scrimmaging.

7th and 8th grades (12-14 years):

- **Focus** will be on sportsmanship, fair play, fun, positive character traits, strategic structure, team play and competitive play.
- **Playing time** will be distributed during games as equally as possible regardless of ability.
 - Exceptions will be made for: repeated tardiness or entirely missing practices, unsportsmanlike conduct, health concerns, or if the athlete shows up late for the contest.
- **Scores and Standings**
 - Scores will be kept during competitive play, standings will be kept but may or may not be posted depending on season, sport, and program goals.
- Coaches are not permitted on playing surfaces during contests



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