

Whitfield County Recreation Department Participation Policy, and Draft Procedure.

1. Participants will sign up and play with-in their Middle and or High school district.
2. Participation will be determined by the school one attends.
3. Participants in Dalton schools will be placed where they sign up, and will not be allowed to change. An eligibility form will be signed by the parents. Includes all sports.
4. Home schooled participants will be treated the same as Dalton schools participants.
5. Christian Heritage will try to field teams with their school. If teams cannot be formed they will be treated like City School participants. Choose were they play, but will not be allowed to change for any sport. Out of district participants cannot play at Christian Heritage without going thru the Recreation Department.
6. Surrounding Non-County residents will be allowed to participate for the Whitfield County Recreation Department. They will be allowed to choose were they sign-up except CHS, but will be required to play in that district throughout their time in the program and for all sports.
7. Participants that move schools with-in the county system will be allowed to continue to play at their previous school . Participants that move in the county system will have to play for the school they move in to.

Participation Districts -

Valley Point – Valley Point Elementary, Dug Gap Elementary

Eastbrook – Antioch Elementary, Eastside elementary, Cedar Ridge Elementary

North Whitfield – Cohutta Elementary, Varnell elementary, Beaverdale elementary, Dawnville

New Hope – Pleasant Grove Elementary, New Hope Elementary

Westside – Westside Elementary, Tunnel Hill elementary

Christian Heritage – Christian Heritage schools

Draft Procedure:

1. The first procedure used will be the school a participant attends.
2. The second procedure will be with-in participation districts.
3. If placement is still needed, the schools feeding the same high will be used.
4. When two or more teams are formed in the same age group, the following will be done:
 - A. An assessment will be done by the coaches if needed.

- B. Coaches will draw and draft in selected order.
- C. Two coaches kids can be protected, and two returning kids from last year roster can be protected. This will be in all sports except basketball which will be one.
- D. The Recreation Department staff will preside over all drafts.
- E. Late list participants will be placed where needed, but will be just a one sport placement. They will move back to their school the next sport. Schools that combine will also follow this rule.
- F. The Recreation Department reserves the right to balance teams when needed.

Coaches Selection:

1. Returning coaches will be the first choice, as long as the coach is in good standing with the program.
2. Community leaders and the Recreation Department staff will select coaches for all sports including All-star Coaches.