



Basketball Club

2013 Handbook

CHAMPIONS ELITE BASKETBALL CLUB

“It takes more than the norm to be a champion”

MISSION

Champions Elite Basketball Club (CEBC) is a non-profit, non-liability basketball club that has been developed to give youth the opportunity to compete in a competitive environment both individually and as team in the sport of basketball. Our main objective is to provide a service to the youth in our community, so that they can excel in three major areas: academically, athletically, and as a person. We believe that success in those three areas mentioned will lead to long-term success in the many challenges that we face in life. Champions Elite Basketball Club also strives to prepare each individual in our club for college and the opportunity to earn a scholarship.

PROGRAM GOALS

1. Emphasize a higher level of competitiveness.
2. Teach individual skills.
3. Focus on the development of team concepts and ideals.
4. Teach players to be respectful to each other, opponents, and officials.
5. Learn to win or lose with class and good sportsmanship.

ABOUT US

Champions Elite Basketball Club (CETC) was developed by the ownership and management of Champions Group. The idea came from Reginald (Reggie) Knighten, a current football and track coach in Avon Park who has had much success during his coaching tenure. In his first two years as a head coach, Reggie led the Avon Park Mitey Mites to undefeated back – to – back Super Bowl Championships in 2010 and 2011, and a runner up National Championship in 2010. In their league (Mid Florida Football and Cheer Conference), the boys from Avon Park have not lost a game in 28 outings.

CEBC's staff also includes Athletic Director Chris Hawthorne who heads the basketball operations of our club. Hawthorne, a former stand-out athlete from Lake Placid High School has the knowledge and experience necessary to lead our Basketball Club in a positive direction. Coach Hawthorne and produced several outstanding basketball players including Norris Taylor who has won several MVP awards at many of the top basketball tournaments throughout the state of Florida and Shamar Hawthorne, who has played most of his years on older teams and has been selected to many All-Tournament Teams and MVP awards.

Kevin Dewberry brings much success as well as a basketball coach leading a couple of teams in past years to prominent status. Dewberry has a combined 12 years of coaching experience ranging from the youth levels through high school. His accomplishments include 2 AAU State Runner Up finishes, league Coach of the Year, and several tournament championships throughout his years of coaching. He has guided athletes such as Malcolm Dewberry and Johnny Brown who has also been selected to many All-Tournament Teams throughout the state of Florida as well as MVP awards.

With a staff knowledgeable staff, Champions Elite Basketball Club is primed to establish an elite group of basketball players that will be skilled, disciplined, and recognized as some of the best players throughout the state and throughout the United States.

CEBC STAFF

President:	Reginald Knighten
Vice President:	Felita Knighten
General Manager:	Israel Santiago
Director:	Chris Hawthorne
Treasurer:	Melissa Hawthorne
Secretary:	Delsie Fletcher
Registration Coordinator:	Aisha Council-Butler
Athletic Director of Basketball Operations:	Chris Hawthorne

CEBC COACHES

Kevin Dewberry

Chris Hawthorne

Israel Santiago

NOTE: Additional coaches will be added to the CEBC staff.

GENERAL INFORMATION

There will be tryouts for our boy's 4th and 5th grade in December 2012. Each team will have 10-12 players. It is mandatory that your child attend tryouts to be considered for the team. All tryouts will include a skills evaluation and brief scrimmage. Players will be contacted by their Head Coach as rosters will also be posted on our organizations website directly following the selection of teams. NOT ALL PLAYERS are guaranteed placement onto a team. Primary criteria for player selection will be performance at tryouts in addition to other factors such as, balance of team skills, sportsmanship & attitude, player's availability, and commitment to making basketball their #1 athletic priority during the season.

Players are required to participate in tryouts; however, under extraordinary circumstances (injured player, or unavoidable conflict). In the case they cannot participate in tryouts, Champions Elite Basketball Operations reserves the right to allow a private tryout with members of the coaching staff. Players when registering for tryouts must specify what team they plan on trying out. All players must follow the AAU age calendar to ensure that they are deemed legal to participate in tournament play.

Items Required for Tryouts:

1. Copy of Birth Certificate
2. Completion of Application

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is an extremely important part of our program. It is the basis for continuity, structure, discipline, and establishing necessary routines. All players are expected to abide by

the following guidelines:

1. Practices, games, and team meetings are mandatory (unless otherwise noted).
2. Notify the coach in advance of any planned absence from a practice, team meeting, or game.
3. The expectations are that CEBC players will make basketball their priority sport during the spring season and players must notify their coach of any conflicts or potential conflicts well in advance of scheduled practice and game times promptly when there are unanticipated absences.
4. Excessive unexcused absences may result in the suspension or dismissal of a player from the program.

SPORTSMANSHIP

All players must pledge to demonstrate good sportsmanship and respect for the game, referees, coaches and teammates. No swearing or profanity, outward displays of anger (such as temper tantrums and/or throwing of equipment or any other objects), nor derogatory remarks or behavior towards teammates, coaches, and referees will be tolerated at practices or games. As a player on our team, you are also a representative of Champions Elite AAU Basketball Club. The following guidelines pertaining to sportsmanship should be followed at all times:

1. Players are expected to show good sportsmanship towards their teammates and opponents at all times. Taunting opponents and/or instigating an altercation are unacceptable.
2. Players are expected to show respect for their coaches as well as opposing coaches at all times.
3. Players are expected to respect the officials at all times and should never openly question or argue an official's call.
4. Any violation of these guidelines may result in disciplinary action taken upon the player by the coach

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

On occasion, issues may come up among player, parent or coach. Players and parents are encouraged to communicate directly with their coach to resolve these issues. Issues that cannot be resolved among the parties should be communicated to the proper member of the Basketball Operations Department.

PRACTICE

Practice will start in the beginning of January 2013. Practice is mandatory for all players. Practice time will be designated for each individual team by their coaching staff. It is the players' responsibility to know of each scheduled practice. All players should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled practice time, to enable them to stretch and be ready to go at the appointed time. For further clarification, please see the section on Attendance.

PLAYING TIME

Playing time in tournaments and games is at the coach's discretion and may be determined by performance, attendance and attitude at games and practices as well as the specific competitive situation.

Best way to maximize playing time:

Practice and play hard – lead by example

Maintain a positive attitude...no excuses

Be a good teammate – encourage and be positive toward teammates.

Be a good sport – treat coaches, teammates, referees & opponents with respect

Be on-time for practices and games...ready to "go-in" at any moment Stay fit and healthy

Focus: Listen to and learn from your coach

Know the plays...where you should be and what you should be doing on the court

Practice independently to improve skills

PLAYERS RESPONSIBILITIES

In addition to the guidelines mentioned in previous sections, players are responsible for the following:

Players are expected to work hard and focus during practice and games.

Listen attentively to instructions and follow directions.

Consistently review and follow your team's plays.

Spend time outside of practice improving their skills.

PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Encourage your child positively.

Ensure that your child is on time to practices, games, team meetings, and related events.

Ensure that your child eats properly at tournaments.

Ensure that your child has the proper uniform.

Parents must participate in fundraising and are strongly encouraged to help where needed.

When attending an out-of-town tournament:

Reserve hotel accommodations and coordinate travel arrangements.

Enforce curfew as designated by the coaching staff.

PARENT/FAN CONDUCT

Parents and fans are encouraged to attend games and support the players and teams.

Parents and fans are encouraged to cheer positively for their team.

Negative comments or cheers will not be tolerated.

Parents are not to coach their children during the game.

CHAMPIONS ELITE AAU BASKETBALL OVERVIEW

Definition: "AAU" stands for "Amateur Athletic Union" -- a nationwide non-profit organization dedicated to promoting athletics and fitness programs.

In basketball, AAU teams have risen to great prominence as powerhouse programs in many cities and attract rosters full of blue-chip NCAA recruits. Performance in AAU play may be more important to those recruits than their own high school careers. AAU basketball is like a national league for players with high potential. You travel the state and play in tournaments with the best youth players in the country and that's where NBA and college scouts go to assess talent. All tournaments will take place out of our local area. Travel will be required to participate in the meets. Parents are responsible for paying travel expenses and getting their athlete to each event. We will hold fundraisers to try and offset the cost of these expenses.

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