



## **Wrestling Terms and Conditions 5th-8th Grade Boys & Girls 2025-2026**

**Welcome!**

The Office of Sports Administration (OSA) is excited to welcome you to another season of CPS SCORE!

Please review the included Terms and Conditions document for key program information and requirements.

Non-compliance with any of the following information may result in the forfeiture of coaches' season stipend.

Any and all questions can be directed to the Athletic Program Administrator (APA) or Commissioner of your Network.

Thank you for your support of our student-athletes and programs across the District!



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## Sportsmanship Statement & Guidelines

The Chicago Public League asks all of its students, officials, coaches, spectators and school staff to promote sportsmanship before, during and after every game. Offensive language including profanity and/or derogatory or intimidating remarks of any kind directed at officials, event staff, student-athletes, coaches or team representatives will not be tolerated. In order for sportsmanship to prevail, all coaches, students, staff, and spectators must display respect and civility in an effort to enthusiastically support our student-athletes to create a safe and inclusive environment.

[Click Here For Full Sportsmanship Policy](#)



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## 2025-2026 Points Of Emphasis

Prior to the start of each season, the Office of Sports Administration will prepare a form to collect anticipated/interest sports for each school.

This interest form will generate a spreadsheet based on teams interested in participating that season. Any team that does NOT complete an interest form/submit a principal/asst principal signed Aspen Roster by the communicated deadlines, are subject to non approval and may not be included in the league schedule.

**Non-compliance with any of the following may result in a coach/liaison delay or forfeiture of their athletic stipend. Any of the following may also require the school to have a supervisory conference with OSA.**

- Students, Officials, Coaches, Spectators and School Staff are expected to promote **sportsmanship**. Any unsportsmanlike behavior may result in immediate removal from the property, and further investigation may result in the potential suspension of SCORE! program at your school.
- Teams that opt-in are expected to participate in the program in its entirety. Teams that drop out will be **subject to further** consequences. More details can be found in the **Forfeits and Penalties** section. See Page 7 for details.
- All participating teams that have met roster minimums are required to upload rosters to Aspen, complete the Coaches Directory, complete column "D" of the Attestation Form, and upload this information into the correct school folder located in the Google Classroom, by the communicated deadlines. **Updated, signed rosters by the principal, must be turned in to the designated cps admin weekly.**

**Mandatory Certification-** Sports Liaisons must keep certificates in a file pending OSA audit and can be found under the Extra Training Tab in [SafeSchools](#).

- PCA Workshop Completion - Separate Training Outside Of Safe Schools
- Concussion Training \*required every **2** years - Athletics Sub Tab In Safe Schools
- CPR/AED Training - Health Sub Tab in Safe Schools

[Aspen Guide](#)



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## Media / Social Media Expectations

The Chicago Public League (CPL) is proud to offer in-depth coverage of all of our student-athletes across each sports season. In order to continue to tell these stories, the CPL Sports Communications team asks the following of all participating coaches and student-athletes:

- Ensure all student media consent forms are signed via the standard CPS enrollment packet.
- Make coaches / players available as requested for pre and post game interviews.
- Share accomplishments and milestones with the CPS Sports Communications Team so they can highlight your school.
- Interact and follow all CPL athletics content via our website [CPSAthletics.com](http://CPSAthletics.com) or via Twitter [@CPLAthletics](https://twitter.com/CPLAthletics).

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## Calendar

### CPS Calendar - Regular Season Information

BTS Form Registration Open	Jan 12, 2026
BTS Registration Closed (deadline)	Feb 27, 2026
First Official Practice	Feb 9, 2026
Aspen Roster/Coaches Directory	Nov 7, 2025
SCORE! Regular Season Competition Starts	Feb 28, 2026
SCORE! Regular Season Competition Ends	Mar 7, 2026
SCORE! Regular Season Competition Starts	Mar 14, 2026

### CPS Calendar - Post Season and Championship Information

SCORE! City Championship	Mar 21, 2026
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## Beat the Streets Chicago

Since 2016, Beat the Streets Chicago and CPS Score! have collaborated to offer wrestling programming for students 5th-8th graders across the city. Our wrestling program offers three Saturday regional tournaments, and a City Championship serving hundreds of students across our 20+ sites.

[Beat the Streets Link](#)



# League Terms and Conditions:

## Section One: Forming A Team

This section identifies general program rules and requirements associated with the SCORE! Elementary School Sports Program. The rules and requirements contained in this section apply to all CPS SCORE! Elementary school sport offerings.

### **CPS SCORE!+**

The CPS SCORE!+ program is the official interscholastic athletics league for 5th-8th graders. Students will participate in practices during the week and gameplay each Saturday at a select site, featuring other schools from within their network. Teams are broken up into respective grade level teams and leagues (Cross Country 5-8) and will compete in a regular season, playoffs and CPS SCORE!+ City Championship. 15 players are eligible to be on the roster for Saturday games for indoor events and 20 players are eligible to be on the roster for outdoor events. Coaches may rotate players should they have 15+ / 20+ students in the program or CPS SCORE!

### **Participation Time**

The CPS SCORE! Program strongly encourages that all student-athletes have an opportunity to participate during game competitions. Students who register to participate in a sport will be provided the opportunity to participate during both practices and games. Coaches are encouraged to provide each athlete with the opportunity to learn and compete in different positions during the practices and games.

### **Student-Athlete Eligibility**

Students must satisfy several criteria to be eligible to participate in the CPS SCORE! Program. The student criteria is as follows:

- Age / Grade
  - CPS SCORE! Sports are for 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grade students **only**. Students must be registered at the school in which they are participating.

#### **5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Level**

- All 5/6th grade students are eligible for CPS SCORE! Sports.
- 5th grade students are not allowed to play up on the 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade level during the regular season and conference playoffs.
  - **EXCEPTION:** 6th graders are allowed to participate on the 7th/8th grade level. But they cannot go back down a level once they come up.

- Any student that starts the academic school year at the age of 13 has “aged out” of participating at the 5/6<sup>th</sup> grade level and **must be enrolled and participate** on the 7/8<sup>th</sup> level.
- If there are not enough 5/6<sup>th</sup> grade registrants at a particular school, this **does not** permit a school to allow 5th grade students to play up on the 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade level. **EXCEPTION:** 6th graders are allowed to participate on the 7th/8th grade level. But they cannot go back down a level once they come up.

### 7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Level

- Any student that starts the academic school year at the age of 15 has “aged out” of participating in CPS SCORE! Sports.
- All current 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade students registered at the school in which they are participating.
- All 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade students are prohibited from playing down on the 5/6<sup>th</sup> grade level.

**NOTE: Schools violating any student-eligibility rules shall receive a forfeit for that game and all games in which the rules were violated (violation of the spirit of the rules may result in removal from playoffs per the discretion of OSA). Teams will be removed from the remainder of the schedule upon their 2<sup>nd</sup> forfeiture.**

- School
  - Be a full-time student or registered as a homeschooled student at the registered CPS elementary school.
- Academic Standing
  - Be academically eligible based on their school’s eligibility standards.  
**NOTE: Each participating elementary school principal shall set academic eligibility standards for their school.**
- Medical Requirement
  - According to school records, student-athletes must have approval by a physician to participate in physical education to participate in SCORE! sports.
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### Student Registration

- Participating elementary schools are responsible for registering participating students using the method(s) designated by the Office of Sports Administration:
  - Schools are required to submit students and coach registration information in ASPEN.
- Each participating school’s final roster must be signed by the school principal and submitted to their assigned CPS Conference Commissioner prior to the start of the season. Signed rosters are also required on a weekly basis. The liaison shall make team rosters available to the assigned coach(es).



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### **Team Rosters**

- Each student registered in ASPEN to a sport/team MUST remain on that team roster for the remainder of that athletic sport season.
- Once all interested participants are entered in ASPEN and an Official Roster has been submitted, a coach may begin conditioning and practice. Conversely, if an Official Roster has not been submitted, students are not insured by the Chicago Public Schools insurance policy and coaches are not allowed to begin conditioning and practices until above stated requirements have been completed.
- Students must be added prior to the second game of the season
- The coach is responsible for bringing the most recent ASPEN team roster to each contest. The roster must be signed by the school principal. Any athlete whose name does not appear on the game day roster, is not permitted to participate.

## Section Two: Program Regulations

### **Regular Season Dates**

- No practices will be permitted before the official start date of each season or after the official end date of each season, as communicated by the Office of Sports Administration.
- The Office of Sports Administration will establish and communicate the girl's and boys' soccer season dates each year.
  - Each 7/8th grade team will be scheduled to play a minimum of five (5) games.
  - Game times and opponents will be determined at random prior to the creation of the official schedule.
  - Note- It is the responsibility of the coach/school to read the schedule each week; if you miss a double-header game, you will be issued a forfeit.

### **Equipment/Uniforms**

- Wrestlers are expected to attend competitions in athletic wear. While wrestling shoes are recommended, gym shoes are fine to participate in competition. Students may wear: a one-piece singlet cut no lower in the

back or front than the level of the armpits and under the arms no lower than one-half the distance between the armpit and the belt line. A suitable undergarment, which completely covers the buttocks and groin area, shall be worn under a one-piece singlet. Any undergarment worn under the one-piece single which extends beyond the inseam shall be tight-fitting and shall not extend below the know. The one-piece singlet shall be school-issued.

### Forfeits/No Contests

- All reasonable efforts should be made to avoid forfeits.
  - The game IHSA Official or court monitor may make special allowances for weather or other special circumstances, if necessary.
  - If not present at the start of the match, wrestlers will receive a (10) minute grace period. The match should be started promptly when the team shows up. after 10 minutes the match will be forfeited.
  - No coach or liaison is permitted to cancel a game or refuse to play the scheduled game.
- If the team and/or the team's coach is not present at the officially scheduled start time, the APA will use discretion in the event of inclement weather or other appropriate circumstances, such as having been notified of a team's anticipated arrival.
- A **No Contest** is considered a contest not completed due to extenuating circumstances, not to include postponements or cancellations initiated by the Office of Sports Administration. No Contest Results: A game that is neither won nor lost

**During the ten (10) minute grace period, only a CPS cleared staff member or volunteer can step in to serve as the coach (CPS ID Required). No parent or non-approved board volunteer can step in.**

- In the absence of a CPS "cleared" coach, the school principal must submit the substitute's information to our Office so that we can provide the clearance to the coach prior to game day.
- Should a team be delayed, they should contact their assigned CPS Network Commissioner and Opposing team Coach who will inform the Site Manager.  
\*coaches can be found on the SCORE! Master Directory
- A contest forfeiture will be treated as a loss in the season standings
- Student-Eligibility and team roster infractions are considered forfeitures and will count towards your total number of forfeits during the season.

**Athletes who forfeit two (2) matches during a single sports season will be removed from participation for the remainder of the season at the discretion of the Office of Sports Administration.**

### **Advanced Contest Cancellations**

- The Office of Sports Administration will administer all advanced cancellations.
- All participating schools are responsible for developing a communication policy and procedures for all participants and their families regarding notifying them of a cancellation.
- Coaches, elementary school liaisons, conference commissioners, and/or principals may not cancel or reschedule games.
- Schools must notify the Office of Sports Administration by close of business (4:00pm) on the Thursday before that game for any school-sanctioned cancellations.
- Weather cancellations will be determined by the Office of Sports Administration and communicated to the Site Manager.

### **CPS SCORE!+ Playoff Format \*2 forfeits you will be dropped from the schedule**

### **Contest Outcome Tracking & Reporting**

- The Officials must complete and sign the contest score sheet provided by the Office of Sports Administration.
- Each coach must sign the scoresheet which indicates their agreement with the final score of the contest.
- The Site Manager is responsible for collecting and reporting all final contest scores to the Office of Sports Administration within 48 hours after the scheduled contest date.

### **Coaches Responsibilities**

- Prior to the start of the sports season:
  - Attend the Coaches Meeting.
  - Provide proof that the Concussion Certification training has been completed within the last two (2) years. (Must be on file with the school principal/liaison).
  - Complete the Protecting Chicago Children training (PCC)
  - Complete the mandatory PCA training workshop(Positive Coaching Alliance)
  - Complete the KIPP training (highly recommended)
- During the course of the sport season
  - Prepare your student-athletes through daily practice sessions during the season.
  - Monitor your student-athletes progress on the field and in the classroom.
  - Accompany your team to all games.
  - Monitor the conduct of your athletes for the duration of each game.
  - Always have in your possession:

- A copy of your official roster
- A copy of the terms and conditions
- Emergency contact information for each student-athlete completed within the last two (2) years. (Must be on file with the school principal).

### Coaches Stipend

- Coaches can receive up to a maximum of 4 stipends per season
  - 5/6<sup>th</sup> Level: CTU Negotiated Rate
    - Coaches may not receive payment/stipend if all mandatory requirements are not complete.
  - 7/8<sup>th</sup> Level: CTU Negotiated Rate
    - Coaches may not receive payment/stipend if all mandatory requirements are not complete.
- Mandatory requirements include;
  - Attend mandatory coaches clinic for the respective sport they are coaching
  - 5th/6th Grade Coaches must attend ALL 4 "Back to the Basics" clinic/game dates for their sport
  - 7th/8th Grade Coaches must complete the season without their team being dropped
    - If a team is dropped at any point during the season, the coach will forfeit their stipend. (Please refer to the Forfeit Section)

**\*Coaches/liaisons that are on a leave of absence at any time during a SCORE! season will NOT receive payment**

**Each Sports Liaisons must complete the Pre-Attestation form via Google Classroom before the start of the season. Please confirm the coaches/sports are correct prior to docuSign completion.**

## Section Three: Game Rules

This section identifies rules and requirements that are specific in nature to the CPS SCORE! Soccer Program.

National Federation of High Schools and the Illinois High School Association

- The official rules of the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) in conjunction with the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) rulebook govern all athletics rules and regulations at Chicago Public Schools.

- This rulebook communicates additional rules and regulations that are specific to Chicago Public Schools' athletics programs and activities.
- The rules and regulations in this rulebook supersede NFHS and/or IHSA rules and regulations where applicable.
- The CPS SCORE! Program is not a member of the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA).

<http://www.nfhs.org/articles/rules-books-and-case-books-available-as-e-books/>

### Contest Officials

- The Office of Sports Administration will assign an IHSA Official and a Court Monitor to each scheduled contest.
- There will be one (1) IHSA Official assigned to each game.
  - The IHSA Official shall examine and approve the court and game equipment.
  - At the end of games, the IHSA Official shall write the final score, sign and return the CPS official score sheet to the court monitor or CPS Conference Commissioner on site.
  - The IHSA Official shall be the sole judge of play, conduct of players, coaches, spectators, and other factors affecting the game.
  - The IHSA Official keeps the official score and time of the game
- There will be a Court Monitor assigned to each court.
  - The Court Monitor is a person designated by the Office of Sports Administration to ensure rosters are present for each team playing, the ages and grade restrictions are being followed, students are playing at their appropriate grade level, and ensure that pinnies are distributed and collected when necessary, etc.
- During a situation when the assigned IHSA Official is not present at game time, the coach from each team will be expected to officiate the game.

### Game Times

- All matches are scheduled 5-10 minutes apart.

### Competition Information

- Winning a wrestling match is decided by pinning an opponent, holding their shoulders for a brief period of time (around 2 seconds). If pins aren't achieved, matches are decided based on wrestlers points that are accumulated through takedowns, escapes, reversals, near falls, and certain other maneuvers.
- A takedown is awarded to the wrestler who takes their opponent down to the mat from a standing position (typically 2 points).
- Escape is awarded to the wrestler on the bottom when they get to a neutral position (typically 1 point).

- Reversal is awarded to the wrestler on the bottom when they gain control of their opponent.
- Near falls occur when a wrestler has their opponent in a near-pin position (typically 2 or 3 points).
- Technical fall is awarded when one wrestler gains a significant point lead (10 or 15 points for example).

### Disqualification

- Wrestlers can be disqualified for flagrant misconduct, illegal holds, or repeated rule violations.
- Injury Default: If a wrestler is injured and unable to continue, the match ends with an injury default.

### Key Rules and Penalties

- **Illegal Holds:** Certain holds are illegal and can result in penalties (full nelson, headlocks, with hands locked behind the head).
- **Stalling:** If a wrestler avoids engaging or wrestling aggressively, they may be penalized for stalling.
- **Unsportsmanlike conduct:** Excessive celebration or unsportsmanlike behavior can also lead to penalties.

## Sport-Specific Definitions & Key Terms

- **Pin (of Fall):** Achieved when a wrestler holds both shoulders of their opponent against the mat for half a second. 6 points.
  - **Takedown:** Bringing an opponent down to the mat while standing in a neutral position, and gaining control. 3 points
  - **Escape:** Breaking free and standing up from an opponent's control while being in the bottom position. 1 point.
  - **Reversal:** A wrestler regains control after being held in a bottom position. 2 points



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- **Near Fall:** Holding an opponent on their back for a specified time (e.g., two seconds for 2-3 points, five seconds for 3 points in some styles).
- **Technical Fall/Technical Superiority:** Ending the match by achieving a large point lead (e.g., a 10-point lead in freestyle, 8 in Greco-Roman). 5 points.
- **Decision:** Winning by a smaller point margin (e.g., 1-7 points) at the end of regulation time if no pin occurred.
- **Major Decision:** Winning by a larger point margin (e.g., 8-14 points).
- **Win:** 3 points

## Section Four: Safety & Sportsmanship

Coaches are expected to act in the best interest of the health and safety of the injured child. That means exercising reasonable caution, particularly as it relates to loss of consciousness, tears, strains, or suspected breaks or fractures.

According to school records, student-athletes must have approval by a physician to participate in physical education in order to participate in the CPS SCORE! Soccer Program.

### Injuries and Serious Incidents

- The safety and security of students is always of paramount importance and cannot be over-emphasized.
- In the case of student injury, it is the responsibility of each coach to seek appropriate care.
- If of a serious nature, the coach should call 911 immediately.

### Emergency Ambulance Transport

Any student-athlete who is not accompanied by a parent/guardian on contest day and has to receive transport to the hospital due to a severe injury, the following must occur:

- The Head Coach or Volunteer Coach must ride with the student-athlete to the hospital.

- Site Manager, CPS or CPD Commissioner or Office of Sports Administration staff must supervise the remaining teammates at designated sites.
- Above personnel must notify school officials and parent/guardian to arrange for student-athlete pick-up.

### Blood Protocol

- If blood is involved, it may endanger others as well as the injured.
  - Individuals who have uncovered or open wounds or blood on themselves or clothing must leave the contest or practice immediately.
  - A participant may return only when the bleeding has stopped, the wound is covered, and/or the clothing has been changed.

### Head Injuries

- In the event of a concussion, the coach must follow the appropriate procedures identified in the CPS Concussion Management Policy:  
<http://policy.cps.edu/download.aspx?ID=258>

### Reporting Incidents

- All serious incidents must be reported to the Office of Safety and Security by completing the appropriate Incident Reporting Form.
  - The coach of the athlete(s) involved in the incident is responsible for completing the Incident Reporting Form provided by the Office of Sports Administration.
  - The coach must provide the Incident Reporting Form to the appropriate elementary school liaison(s).
    - It is the responsibility of the elementary school liaison to report the incident within Verify, the CPS Incident Management System.
- All Incident Reporting Forms must be filed with the injured student's school liaison on the next business day.

### First Aid & Safety

- Coaches are responsible for hydrating their student athletes.
- All schools must travel with a first aid kit and emergency contact information for every student athlete.

### Sportsmanship

- All participating student-athletes, coaches, and staff are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship.
  - To begin the match, the starting teams **must** line-up on the end lines. The official will call the teams together to shake hands before the match begins.
  - A handshake at the end of each match is required.
  - CPS enforces a zero tolerance policy as it relates to unsportsmanlike conduct related to fighting. Any participant who is involved in a fight or similar unruly or threatening behavior before, during, or after an activity may be barred from continued



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participation in the sport for the remainder of the season at the discretion of the Office of Sports Administration.

**Spectator Conduct**

- Parents, guardians, and other spectators are expected to exhibit good behavior.
- If a spectator, in the opinion of a contest IHSA Official or site manager, exhibits inappropriate or unsportsmanlike behavior, they may ask the spectator to leave the contest location. The Coach, IHSA Official, or Site Manager should work with the assigned CPS security personnel to assist in these situations.
- The contest IHSA Official shall make the High School Site Manager aware of any issues regarding spectator conduct.
- The High School Site Manager, as appropriate, shall report issues concerning inappropriate spectator conduct to the Office of Sports Administration.

## Section Five: Protests

- All protests must be written to Jenni Dant at [jldant@cps.edu](mailto:jldant@cps.edu) and include [sportsad@cps.edu](mailto:sportsad@cps.edu).
- Must be submitted within 24 hours of the contest.
- If the contest is on a Saturday, the protest must be submitted by close of business (4:00pm) on the following Monday.
- No protest will be considered regarding judgment calls made by the official.
- Protests will only be considered where there is a question of rules interpretation, which affects the outcome of the game.
- No protest will be considered if the coach could not immediately produce a copy of the league rules for the contest official at the time of the questioned call.
- The protest letter must include the following:
  - School check (\$50.00) made out to the Office of Sports Administration.
  - Reason and details of protest.
  - Proof of protest.
  - Signature of person protesting.