

St. Louis Church CYO Basketball FAQ's

When does basketball start?

Teams are usually formed in late September to early October once registration has closed and there are coach commitments for each team. Practices start November 1st with games beginning the first weekend of December.

When does basketball end?

The CYO Diocesan regular season usually ends the first weekend of February break. There are often post-season tournaments in which a team may choose to participate. Team participation in a tournament is at the discretion of the team coach and our CYO Athletic Director.

When are practices?

Practice times are determined after the registration process has concluded as there are several factors that affect the timing. This includes the number of teams that are formed based on registrants, coach availability, and gym availability. Generally, teams will practice once a week.

When are games?

Games are on Saturdays and/or Sundays during the season. Games will not start before 1:00pm on Sundays to allow families to attend Mass together. The schedule is determined by the Diocese of Rochester with each team playing 3 to 4 games in December. If necessary, the Christmas break allows for the Diocese to move teams to a different division, based on scores and coach feedback. The schedule for the rest of the season will likely be released after the New Year. The schedule is coordinated by the Diocese and not at St. Louis.

Teams may participate in tournaments, which are not part of the diocesan schedule. Our parish will cover the cost for one tournament per team. If teams are interested in participating in additional tournaments, the registration cost for those tournaments will be paid for by the individual team. Any tournament participation is at the discretion of our Athletic Director and team coach.

Where are practices and games?

Practices will be at the St. Louis gym and will vary depending on the time allotted and age level. Home games will be at St. Louis and away games could be at any parish that has a gym in the Diocese of Rochester.

How are teams formed?

Priority in registration is given to returning parishioners. While we welcome all children to play, it is a diocesan mandate that our teams are composed of a minimum of 2/3 parishioners which are given priority registration. There is a minimum of 10 players and a maximum of 14 players on each team allowed by the diocese, although teams may be kept under 14 players at the discretion of our Athletic Director. Coach requests will be honored as much as possible, while complying with the above requirements. If necessary, the date of registration may factor into the request.

How can I help?

Volunteers are always needed and welcome. If you are interested in coaching, please contact Michael Camarella, Athletic Director, at PSLouis.cyo@dor.org.

How do I register?

Registration is online and may be accessed via the secure link on our website. When both the registration form and payment has been logged, your registration will be complete. Our system does NOT send a payment confirmation, however, the CYO Athletic Office will issue a receipt at a later date via email.

What happens if I make my school team after I have registered for CYO?

Diocesan rules mandate that a player participating on a school Modified A level team or higher is ineligible to participate in CYO. Modified B players may participate for both school and CYO. In recognition that many players may not know at the time of CYO registration if they will make their school team, we will issue a refund minus a \$25 administration fee.

What if I decide to not participate once I've registered?

A refund will be issued minus a \$25 administration fee.