SPSL Basketball Parent Information 3rd thru 8th Grade

The tryouts/teams:

- ** Team tryouts/evaluations will only be done for grades having more than 1 team. Tryouts/evaluations this year will be scheduled for Mid-September date to be determined after registration. There will likely be only one tryout date and time for each grade. Kids do change in size and ability year to year, so it is very imperative that all players attend tryouts/evaluations. Anyone not attending may be placed according to athletic director/commissioner discretion.
- **We do not cut anyone (3rd 8th graders). Everyone will be placed on a team.
- ** Ideally, we would like to have 8 to 10 players on a team. Depending on overall registrations for a specific grade, teams may have up to 12 players. Players are not allowed to float between teams that are split evenly. If registrations are low for a specific grade & Teams that are split competitively some players may float from a B Team to an A Team. This is not at all ideal and determined based on the overall number of players' registrations.
- ** My preference is for grades 6th-8th with enough players for multiple teams that they be divided based on ability. A Team & B Team. However, each grade is different, some grades would be better served for the group to split teams evenly. 5th grade is a judgment call that may change year to year depending on the overall ability.

 3rd and 4th grade teams are required to be split evenly. This is a league rule. After tryouts/evaluations are completed the Athletic Director and/or Basketball Commissioner will inevitably decide how teams will be split.
- ** Coaches not always but on occasion may be asked to help with tryout/evaluations.
- ***** Parents are NOT Allowed to watch tryout/evaluations.

Registration:

- ***Registration Deadline is August 31st 2023 at 3:30pm
- ** All registration paperwork must be received prior to tryout/evaluations.

 Registration can be emailed back to the athletic director

 (bobjr@drexelmechanical.com) or turned into the school office. Late Registrations may not be accepted. If accepted, a late registration fee of \$50.00 must be included **Please make sure that we have a valid email address as Teams will be announced via email.
- *** All fees will be collected at uniform distribution.

Fees:

- ** Registration fee is \$200.00
- **This is the standard fee to participate in 2 leagues. In 2015-16 the fee for 6th -8th grade was \$275.00 I have been able to reduce that by \$75.00 thru sequestering of individual monetary donations, corporate sponsorships, and donated gym time. Although these fees may be different than other schools, I know our expenses are different than other schools as well. This is simply the cost to operate and sustain our Sports Club.
- **Occasionally some teams may choose to only participate in 1 league while some may choose to participate in more than 2 leagues. These teams will have their fees adjusted accordingly. I will notify these teams before uniform distribution and let them know exactly what their fee will be.
- **Fees help to cover these expenses: uniforms, league fees, ref fees, tournament fees, basketballs and equipment, off-site gym rental if needed and gym maintenance & upkeep.
- **Again fees (check or cash) will be collected at uniform distribution.

The season:

- ** Teams can compete in one or more of the following leagues PAL, CYO & OSA
- ** Teams are allowed 1-2 tournaments depending on cost. Tournaments are an added option. Some teams do participate while other teams chose to not participate in any additional tournaments. This is a coach decision. If you have a preference one way or the other, please express that to your coach so they can plan accordingly. I do not mandate that teams participate in any additional tournaments other than end of season league tournaments.
- ** Teams participating in early session leagues will start mid-October (practice will prior and have to navigate around volleyball)
- ** Teams participating in PAL, CYO and/or OSA will start practice in early to mid-November
- **Each team will be given at least 1 and hopefully 2 practice times. Some practice time will be at off site gyms. Off-site gyms are TBD.

Parent Responsibilities:

- ** Help during games- Coaches will make a parent work schedule for all home games and assign someone to collect admission. Admission for all PAL and CYO games is \$3 for adults and \$1 for kids. There is NO longer a Family Admissions (league rule).
- ** If you are the last game of the day PLEASE help Clean up
- push bleachers in, sweep gym floor/concession area/bleachers, put bench chairs away, and take out trash.
- ** The last couple seasons I have been able to get high school kids to take care of concessions, scorebook, and score board. I plan to do the same again this year. However, from time-to-time parent help may be needed.
- ** Parents are responsible for getting their child to and from games and practices. Plan on arriving 30 mins before scheduled start time.
- **Please communicate with coaches about any schedule conflicts you have and if your child is going to miss practice or a game.

Uniform:

Girls received new uniforms last season please try to take care of them. There will be 1 uniform distribution date. This will be emailed out at least a week prior. Again, Fees will be collected at this time. If you are unable to attend, please make arrangements with another parent or your coach to deliver your fee and pick up your uniform. Uniforms will be organized by the size you state on the registration so please be sure to mark your size on the registration. If you are unsure, please have your child come with you so they can try it on.

If at any time after a player is registered and they choose to quit, no refund will be given.

If the season is cancelled prior to the first game of the season a refund will be given.

Once the season has started and the first game has been played, if for any reason the season is cancelled no refunds will be given.

Problems or Issues

**If you have any issues, please first wait 24hrs to address them. If after 24hrs you still feel a matter needs to be addressed please first go to your coach. If you are uncomfortable with that or you have addressed it with the coach and still have issues please let me know.

Thank you for your cooperation! We are looking forward to a great year!!

Bob Drexel St. Pius X/St. Leo Athletic Director

Michelle & Andy Baldwin Basketball Commissioners