

SPSL Basketball Parent Information

3rd thru 8th Grade

Registration

- Eligibility
 - All players must either attend SPSL School or be enrolled in the Religious Ed Program at either St. Pius or St. Leo Parish. Please see the Sports Club Handbook for detailed information.
- Registration will be done via an online Google Doc that will close at **3:30pm Friday September 11th**.
- **Please ensure full and proper information, especially email, is entered in the form**
- Late Registrations
 - Late registrations may only be accepted in rare instances where a grade needs additional players to be able to form a team
 - If accepted, a late registration fee of \$50.00 will be assessed.
 - Any late registration paperwork must be received prior to tryout/evaluations.

*****Registration Deadline is Friday September 11th at 3:30pm*****

Fees / Uniforms

- **Everyone is welcome to register and the Sport Club can provide financial assistance to families who need help covering all or a portion of the fees.**
 - If you need financial assistance this should be communicated prior to the uniform distribution date so the sports club can budget this accordingly
- NO fees are due with registration
 - Registration fees will be due at uniform distribution via cash or check
- The fees for the upcoming season have not been finalized at this time, but the fee for the 2025-26 season was \$160
- Teams choosing to participate in additional leagues / tournaments will have the fee adjusted accordingly
- Although these fees may be different from other schools, our expenses are different as well. Our fees help cover various expenses such as uniforms, league fees, ref fees, tournament fees, basketballs and equipment, off-site gym rental if needed and gym maintenance & upkeep. This is simply the cost to operate and sustain our Sports Club.
- Refunds
 - If a player chooses to quit any time after uniform distribution a refund will not be given.
 - If the season is canceled 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 canceled no refunds will be given.
- Uniforms
 - There will be one uniform distribution date, generally in mid-October. You will receive an email with team announcements with the exact date some time in early October.
 - If you are unable to attend the uniform distribution please make arrangements with another parent or your coach to deliver payment and pick up your uniform.
 - If you were unsure on the size selected during registration please bring your child so they can try on the uniform.
 - The uniform return date will be sometime in mid to late March once all team have completed their seasons

- Please take care of your uniform as proper care for the uniforms assists in keeping costs down for future seasons.

Teams

- Players Per Team
 - Ideally teams will have 8-10 players
 - Depending on registrations for a specific grade, teams may have up to 12 or 13 players or as few as 7
- Team Formation
 - 3rd & 4th Grade
 - **PAL League rules** require if more than one team is being registered for a grade that they be split evenly based on ability.
 - 5th through 8th Grade
 - **PAL League rules** require if more than one team is being registered for a grade that at least one team be registered in an A division or above.
 - Historically teams at SPSL are split by ability and have an A and B team. However, each grade is different and some grades may be better served by splitting teams evenly.
 - Floating Players
 - Only allowed for teams split evenly under very specific circumstances (such as sickness causing a team to not have enough players for a game) and only with approval from PAL through request from the basketball commissioner or AD.
 - While never ideal, if registrations are low for a specific grade that is split A & B some players may float from the “B” team to the “A” team.
- Player Evaluations
 - Will only be completed for grades having more than 1 team
 - Generally held on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon in mid-September. Final dates are still to be determined after registration.
 - Parents are NOT allowed to be in the gym, balcony, or entry during evaluations. This can be a distraction to all involved in the evaluation process.
 - Evaluations are conducted by the Athletic Director, Basketball Commissioners, and this year we are hoping to have the assistance of some staff members from the Roncalli Catholic basketball team.
 - Coaches for a specific grade may or may not be requested to assist with evaluations.
 - There will likely be only one evaluation 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.

The Season

- Leagues
 - All team will compete in the Parochial Athletic League (PAL)
 - This generally consists of 7-8 games
 - Games are mainly played on Saturdays and Sunday, but can also be on some weeknights
 - At the discretion of the team / coach, and with approval from the basketball commissioner and athletic director, a team may participate in a second league (Conqueror, OSA, or CYO)
- Tournaments
 - Season End PAL Tournament - The expectation is all teams will participate in this

tournament

- Additional Tournaments
 - At the discretion of the team / coach a team is allowed to enter 1 additional tournament depending on costs.
 - Any additional tournaments must be approved by the basketball commissioner and athletic director
 - The Sports Club does not mandate that teams participate in any additional tournaments other than the end of season PAL tournament.
 - If you have a preference on additional tournaments please express that to your coach so they can plan accordingly.
- Season Dates
 - Practices will begin in early to mid November for teams participating in PAL
 - Team participating in an additional league may begin practice in mid October
 - PAL - Generally runs from early December to late February or early March
 - Some season ending tournaments may push into mid-March
- Practice
 - All teams will have at least 1 practice slot per week
 - A second practice may be available pending gym time availability
 - Older grades will be given priority for second practice slots.

Parent Responsibilities

- Coaches will assign a parent to collect admissions for all home games
 - Admission for all PAL games is \$3 for adults and \$1 for kids.
- If you are the last game of the weekend please assist the gym monitor clean up. This includes:
 - push bleachers in
 - sweep gym floor / concession area / bleachers
 - put bench chairs away
 - take out trash.
- 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.

Problems or Issues

If you have any issues, please adhere to the 24 hours rule before addressing them. If after 24 hours 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 reach out to the basketball commissioners or athletic director. Please do not address issues with SPSL School Administration as basketball is not a school sponsored activity.

We are looking forward to a great year!!

Andy & Michelle Baldwin
Basketball Commissioners

Bob Drexel
Athletic Director