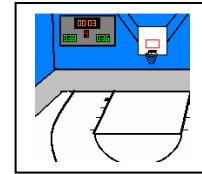




St. Mary's CYO Basketball Intramural Coach Letter



Thank you for volunteering your time. We hope it will be an enjoyable experience for you and your players. The Intramural Coordinator is **BOB SIROIS**. Bob may be contacted with questions or comments. See phone numbers & email addresses at the end of this letter.

This letter is part of your coaching packet that includes:

- A Master Intramural Schedule (ALL GAMES + TIMES) and a Coach Roster (for Head Coach)
- A Team Roster/Schedule and Player/Parent letter for each player

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS A COACH

- Create a safe and caring environment for players to learn, practice and play.
- Be kind, approachable and make every player feel important.
- Be polite, positive and fair to all of the players.
- Make every practice and game active and fun (conduct practice to emphasis skills, teaching, physical fitness, and fun in a balanced manner).
- Model good sportsmanship, and citizenship, on and off the court.
- Be patient and remember that players improve at different rates.
- Remember that the game is for the players.

ROSTERS:

When creating rosters we tried to have an equal amount of 3rd & 4th or 5th & 6th graders on each team as well as honor special requests by parents to have their child on the same team as a specific coach or player. We also tried to create balanced teams using skill and height ratings. We ask you not to exchange players with other teams. If you have a player who absolutely cannot make your team's practice time slot, contact Bob Sirois and he will try to coordinate a player swap with another team. If there are other changes to your roster such as change of address or phone, please contact TIM LYE or StMarysHoops@Hotmail.com) as soon as possible so that our records are kept up to date.

PRACTICE GYMS:

Jim Cullen (JimCullen4@msn.com) is the Practice Gym Coordinator. Jim will work with you and designate for you a practice time slot at the coaches meeting, therefore you must attend this meeting. Please understand that there is limited gym time and that your time slot and/or gym may not be ideal for you or your players. Jim will try to accommodate you as best he can. We do everything we can to get as much time as possible from the local schools, but there is a lot of competition for those gyms from other activities and sports. So PLEASE try to be as flexible as possible. Also, Jim cannot be bribed; many have tried!

If for any reason you cannot use your practice gym on a particular night, please contact Jim Cullen. There may be another team who could utilize it, even for just one night.

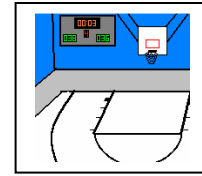
PLEASE: Treat the practice gyms and custodians with the utmost respect.

DO NOT ALLOW players to play or dribble their balls in the school hallways.

ALWAYS: Walk around the gym before leaving and cleanup anything (paper, mess, water spills or bottles, etc) left by your team (or by a previous team). We have, in the past, lost the use of gyms due to this. We cannot afford to lose any gym time. Jim has already received some complaints from schools regarding these above issues; therefore please ensure that these rules be strictly enforced.



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GAMES:

All games will be at 401 Main Street. PLEASE try to have all players there 15 minutes prior to start time so that your game may begin at its scheduled time. As with the practice gyms, PLEASE treat 401 Main Street with the utmost respect.



PLEASE: Respect the referees. No arguing calls; players or coaches.
This is a CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) league, not the NBA.

ALWAYS: Demonstrate good sportsmanship. Set a good example for your players. In this league sportsmanship is just as important as winning.

TIMECLOCK:

The HOME team coach of the first game of the day is responsible for getting the clock to the 401 Gym. Mike Doersam will have a clock available at his house. The clock will be up against the left side of the house, along the driveway, beside the LIPA meter, about 20 feet from the front of the house. **You do not need to knock on the door; just take it.**

E-mail: tazewell31@aol.com

The Home team coach for the LAST game of the day should return the clock to Mike's house. It can be placed against the left side of the house, along the driveway, beside the LIPA meter, about 20 feet from the front of the house. **You do not need to knock on the door; just leave it.**

When closing gym, make sure both of the exterior doors in front of the gym are completely shut and locked. Shut off lights from fuse box, except for switch #7.

RESCHEDULED GAMES:

In past years we have been informed, after we've created and distributed our game schedules, that 401 Main Street will be closed on a particular weekend. Should this happen we generally just add an additional weekend onto the end of the season to makeup any games that were lost due to this unanticipated closing.

EMAIL & WEBSITE:



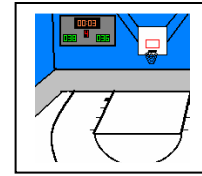
We prefer using email to communicate with coaches. It's much easier to send 1 email than make 20 phone calls. Jim Cullen will ask for your email address at the coaches meeting. Please try to check it twice daily, once in the morning and then again at night during the season. The general CYO Basketball email address is: StMarysHoops@Hotmail.com.

Visit our website at www.StMarysHoops.org for latest info and announcements. You may also access the Intramural game schedules, local gym directions and links to good coaching web sites on the Coaches Corner page.





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PLAYER RATINGS:

In order to create competitive teams for the following season, we ask the coaches at the end of the season to rate their players in **skill** (1=below-average, 2=average, 3=above-average, 4=exceptional) and **height** (1=below-average, 2=average, 3=above-average). These ratings are kept confidential. They will be collected from you at the end of your season.

AWARDS NIGHT



An "AWARDS NIGHT" is held at the end of the season. Refreshments are served and trophies are presented to all players.

CYO Staff:

EMail

Mike Doersam, Bob Sirois, Jim Cullem, Greg Palma, Bob & Linda Patch, Tom Cilmi and Tim Lye..

REMEMBER

Players play, Coaches coach, Referees officiate and Parents Cheer!