

Registration for the 2018/2019 CYO basketball season is now open.

Based on feedback from years past and for clarification the teams will be set up as follows.

Each division will have 1 more competitive team (Red Team/A Team, etc.) that will be composed of players who have been selected based on evaluations. All players will be requested to attend the tryouts to ensure appropriate team selection. The remaining players who do not make the red team will then be divided up to create equal teams (White Teams/Parish Teams). The number of white teams will depend on the amount of players who sign up for each age group. Evaluations for each division will be held at the end of October and will be based on an unbiased evaluator assessment. *The evaluators will not have a child playing on a team for that age group.*

The divisions are broken down by grade and gender:

Boys JV 5th/6th Grade – 1 Red Team, Potentially Multiple White Teams

Boys Varsity 7th/8th Grade – 1 Varsity Team, Potentially Multiple Parish Teams

Girls JV 5th/6th Grade– 1 Red Team, Potentially Multiple White Teams

Girls Varsity 7th/8th Grade– 1 Varsity Team, Potentially Multiple Parish Teams

It is expected that players will be committed and will attend practices and games regardless of which team they are selected for. For Varsity or Red team players that attend evaluations and are selected, it is anticipated that St Helena's basketball events would take priority over other basketball commitments. Regardless of which team a player may be on, playing time may not be equal, especially on the more competitive Red/Varsity Teams. That doesn't mean that each player will not have ample opportunities, it just means that playing time is not always going to be equal especially in some game situations. Parents have the option to request a player be on a White/Parish team and not be considered for Red/Varsity. White teams are an excellent opportunity to learn basketball skills, play and grow confidence with more equal playing time.

We look forward to an exciting season and are ready to begin soon. We will be offering some clinics/open gyms to knock some of the rust off. Those exact times will be sent out at a later date and will only be available to the players who are registered for the basketball season.

As mentioned previously, tryouts will be held at the end of October. Our season officially starts on November 2nd.

If your son/daughter is interested in playing basketball this year, please sign up as soon as you can to ensure you receive information on tryouts and our clinics/open gyms. To register, go to <http://www.sainthelenaschool.org/students/cyo-sports/> and follow the link to SI Play.

If you are interested in coaching, please register early in order to receive information related to evaluations and to attend the open gym or skills clinics. We are always looking for coaches. Head coaches should have some prior basketball experience. Assistant coaches of all levels are appreciated. Coaching requirements are available by email and must be completed prior to attending a practice or evaluations.

Thanks very much! Go Tigers!