

St. Pius X CYO Basketball FAQ's

When does basketball start?

Teams are usually formed late September to early October when registrations have closed and we have coach commitments for each team. Practices start mid-late October, after Columbus Day. For grades 3-8 Boys, the first weekend of the season is usually a seeding tournament that helps with team placement in the correct division. The seeding tournament is the first weekend following the weekend after Thanksgiving, usually early December. For all other teams, the regular season begins that same weekend.

When does basketball end?

The CYO Diocesan regular season usually ends the first weekend of February break. There are often post-season tournaments that teams choose to participate in. The St. Pius X Tournament is usually scheduled for the first weekend following February break, usually the first weekend in March.

When are practices?

Practice times are determined after registration is 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 twice a week for one hour or one and a half hours.

When are games?

Games are on Saturdays and/ or Sundays during the season. Games will not start before 1:00 pm on Sundays to allow time for families to attend Mass together. The schedule is determined by the Diocese of Rochester and is released at two time points during the season. The December schedule is released after the results of the seeding tournament are reviewed, usually by Wednesday of the week after the tournament. For teams not participating in the seeding tournament, the December schedule is usually released mid-week prior to the first weekend of games. The Christmas break allows for some realignment by the diocese to move teams to different divisions if necessary based on scores and coach feedback. The schedule for the rest of the season will likely be released after New Year's. The schedule is coordinated by the Diocese of Rochester.

Teams may participate in tournaments, which are not part of the regular Diocesan schedule. Each team may participate in up to 4 tournaments, some of which may require additional fees. Tournament participation is at the coaches' discretion. St. Pius Tenth hosts an end of the year tournament, which all of our teams are invited and encouraged to participate in. Tournament game schedules are formed by the hosting parish and specific game times are often released just prior to the scheduled tournament weekend.

Where are practices and games?

Practices may be at St. Pius X gym or at St. Jude's gym, depending on time allotted and age level. Home games will be at either St. Pius X or St. Jude's. 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, followed by new parishioners, then returning non-parishioners, and finally new non-parishioners. While we welcome all children to play, it is a Diocesan mandate that teams are composed of a minimum of 2/3 parishioners and that parishioners are given priority registration. If you are registered at a Catholic Church that does not have a CYO program, you may be considered a parishioner for the purpose of team make-up. There is a minimum of 10 players and a maximum of 14 players allowed by the Diocese, although teams may be kept under 14 players at the discretion of the Athletic Director and Advisory Board. Coach requests indicated on registration forms will be honored as much as possible, while complying with the above requirements. If necessary, date of registration may factor into requests.

How can I help?

Volunteers are always needed and welcome. There are opportunities to help with the Pre-Season Pasta Dinner, game duties such as scorekeeping and admissions, filling a role as team parent, and of course, our end of the year tournament. Please stay tuned for emails with more specifics on volunteer duties. If you have an interest in coaching, please contact Barb Legere, Athletic Director SPX.CYO@dor.org, to discuss this further. Additionally, if you have an interest in serving as a committee member or lead, please contact Barb Legere to learn about opportunities.

How do I register?

Registration is online and may be accessed via the link on the CYO Page. As you move through the registration process you will be directed to complete your registration through our secure payment site (e-giving). When both the registration form and payment have been logged, registration will be complete. Two separate confirmation emails will be sent indicating receipt of each.

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 as well. Modified B players may play for both a school and CYO. Athletes attending Sienna may not participate in both a Sienna school team and a parish team, since they compete against each other. In recognition that many players may not know at the time of CYO registration if they will make their school team, the following policy has been developed: If a player registers for CYO and then makes a Modified A team or higher, a refund, minus a \$25 fee, will be provided to the player upon written request to the Athletic Director.