

St. Michael CYO Basketball Team Formation Process

Thank you for your participation in CYO basketball. Parents often have questions about the evaluation and team formation process. Our process is described below. All registered students will be placed on a team as long as the grade has enough players to form at least one team. ***There are no 'cuts'.***

5th – 8th Grade

The basketball evaluations are performed by independent evaluators that do not have any direct connection to the parish or school. The evaluators are typically local area coaches. Students are evaluated in a variety of skill areas with the goal of assessing the whole player. This is done through drills and scrimmaging. After completing the evaluation process, the evaluators compare their individual scoring sheets and utilize their rankings to assign the players to teams. The players with the highest scores will be placed on the 'A' team, the next highest players will be placed on the 'AA' team, and so on. The number and size of teams will be based on the total number of players from each grade.

Classes that have a large number of players will typically have two days of evaluations. Classes that have a smaller number of players may have one tryout session. Classes that will only have one team may not have a tryout at all. The tryout schedule will be set based on the best information available. Because we have always had registrations come in late, there is some educated guesswork in setting the schedule using the parameters above.

3rd – 4th Grade

CYO requires that each school make the best effort to divide 3rd and 4th grade players into equally skilled teams. So there is not a tryout for these grades. The St. Michael's CYO Basketball Director will work with the 3rd and 4th grade coaches to make our best effort to divide the teams evenly.

Assigning Coaches

Once tryouts are complete, a group consisting of the St. Michael's CYO Basketball Director, Athletic Director, Parish Administrator are responsible for assigning a coach to each team. Coaches are assigned based on who has volunteered, their past coaching experience, and whether a coach has had any disciplinary issues in the past. This group is not responsible for evaluating players or assigning them to teams, only for assigning coaches. No coaches are assigned until after the team formation process.

Everyone involved in the tryouts is committed to doing the best job possible in a completely fair manner. The best effort will be made to form teams of optimal size. The process is subjective and, because it is run by humans, we know it is imperfect. **We sincerely appreciate your support to help make this a positive experience for each and every student whatever the outcome.** Feedback on the evaluation process for future years is welcome at the conclusion of the team formation process.

Thank you for your support of CYO basketball.

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