

# Youth Basketball Guidelines

## ST. MARY'S COUNTY RECREATION & PARKS

### YOUTH BASKETBALL FACT SHEET

#### 2025-2026 SEASON

#### TEAM SELECTION *(also known as Draft Day)*

Your child will need to report to the school listed below for the section of the county in which you are participating. The draft location isn't necessarily the location where games will be held.

**1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade teams will not have an in-person draft and no playoffs. Team placement will be selected randomly by computer.**

#### **SOUTH** – Carver Recreation Center

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
5-6	Boys	Tuesday	October 21, 2025	5:30-6:30pm
7-8	Boys	Tuesday	October 21, 2025	7:30-8:30pm

#### **CENTRAL** - Leonardtown Middle School

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
5-6	Boys	Monday	October 20, 2025	5:30-7:30pm
7-8	Boys	Wednesday	October 22, 2025	5:30-7:30pm

#### **NORTH** – Margaret Brent Middle School

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
5-6	Boys	Friday	October 24, 2025	5:30-6:30pm
7-8	Boys	Friday	October 24, 2025	6:30-7:30pm

#### **Girls League and Boys 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Grade League** – Esperanza Middle School

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
5-8	Girls	Thursday	October 23, 2025	5:30-7:00pm
9-10	Boys	Friday	November 21, 2025	5:30-7:30pm

- All registrants will be placed on a team during the draft. If you are unable to attend the draft, your child will still be placed on a team by random selection.
- Coaches will notify players of their team placement ***no later than Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>***. If you have not heard from a coach by Thursday, November 6, please contact [RPinfo@stmaryscountymd.gov](mailto:RPinfo@stmaryscountymd.gov)
- 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grade players will be notified of their team placement no later than Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **Team selection will not be changed** on carpooling requests or practice day scheduling conflicts.
- Each player will receive a numbered shirt to be worn at every game.

#### TEAM PRACTICE

- Each team receives a one-hour practice, one day a week. Scheduled practices will be provided once teams are formed.
- Practices will be held for an hour, Monday-Friday and scheduled between 5:00-9:00pm.
- Practices outside of league scheduled times are not permitted – please review parent handbook for details.

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- Parents are responsible for transportation to and from practice and games.

## GAME INFORMATION

- Games begin Saturday, December 6, 2025, and will conclude in late February. Pending any weather cancellations, the season could be extended into March. Playoff games will be in late February and could be played on weeknights or weekends.
- Game schedules will be given to coaches prior to the first game and schedules will also be available online: [www.stmaryscountymd.gov/recreate/sports](http://www.stmaryscountymd.gov/recreate/sports)

## GAME LOCATIONS (subject to change)

○ <b>South:</b>	Co-Ed 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup>	Carver Recreation Center
	Boy's 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> grades	Carver Recreation Center
	Boy's 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grades	Esperanza Middle School
○ <b>Central:</b>	Co-Ed 1/2 <sup>nd</sup> grades	Leonardtown Elementary School
	Boy's 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> grades	Captain Francis Duke Elementary School
	Boy's 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> grades	Leonardtown Middle School
○ <b>North:</b>	Co-Ed 1/2 <sup>nd</sup> grades	Mechanicsville Elementary School
	Boy's 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> grades	Mechanicsville Elementary School
	Boy's 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> grades	Margaret Brent Middle School
○ <b>Girls:</b>	Girls 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Captain Francis Duke Elementary School
	Girl's 5 <sup>th</sup> / 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Esperanza Middle School

## PLAYOFFS & CHAMPIONSHIPS (*Grades 5-8*)

Division playoffs are tentatively scheduled for late February (pending any weather cancellations throughout the season) and will be held on weeknights and Saturdays. Championship games will be held in early March 2026.