



Youth Basketball Handbook

St. Mary's County Recreation
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Mission

It is the mission of the Recreation & Parks Youth Sports programs to serve young players, their families and the St. Mary's County community at large by providing fun, safe and enjoyable youth sports experiences by recognizing each player's physical and emotional well-being, by teaching skills development, by treating them with respect and dignity, by encouraging positive parent involvement and by enriching young lives with meaningful recreation and socialization.

Coaches and Assistant Coaches

- A. No team shall have more than two (2) coaches unless approved by R&P. They are designated as Head Coach and Assistant Coach.
- B. Head Coach appointments are made by the Sports Coordinator for a one (1) season period. All coaches will be evaluated after each season. This evaluation will be used to determine whether or not he/she will be invited back to represent a team in our program in the future. Department staff will notify all coaches who are being invited back for the next season by June 1st of each year by email.
- C. All coaches are required to register online each season, submit a formal application and complete an annual background check. The background checks are subject to approval of the Recreation Division Manager.
- D. All Assistant Coaches may be selected by the Head Coach after the skills assessments and draft, pending approval of the Sports Coordinator. Assistant Coaches must register online annually, submit a formal application and complete a background check annually.
- E. All coaches must understand and agree to carry out the duties, responsibilities, policies, and philosophies as established by Recreation & Parks. All coaches must be approved by the Sports Coordinator. Any coach not carrying out these duties and responsibilities will be subject to dismissal by the department.
- F. Head Coaches are required to hold a pre-season parents meeting to discuss rules, conduct, responsibilities, etc.
- G. Coaches should always keep in mind they are setting examples in sportsmanship and fair play and should conduct themselves accordingly at all times.
- H. Only the Head Coach and their Assistant will be allowed to sit on the bench with the team during the playing of an official game. Violations of this rule will result in forfeiture of the game upon appeal from the opposing coach, if the offending coach does not immediately remove the unauthorized person from the bench.
- I. No Head Coach or Assistant Coach may leave the bench area for the purpose of discussion with an official.
- J. All coaches must wear a coaches' badge during both practice and games.

Community Standards

- A. The head coach and assistant coaches, if more than one coach is assigned to a team, must have a background check completed and must complete certified coach's training.
- B. All parents must sign a code of ethics statement prior to their child participating.
- C. Tobacco, vaping and/or alcohol use in or around any school buildings or department facilities is prohibited.

Coaching Responsibilities

- A. Plan and supervise games, practices, and events.
- B. Teach young athletes the fundamentals of the sport and promote sportsmanship.
- C. Encourage the involvement of the parents in the sport.
- D. Provide a safe and fun environment for the children.
- E. Learn and follow all league rules, policies, and procedures.
- F. Give each player equal playing time.
- G. Put the feelings of the players ahead of your desire to win.
- H. Assist Recreation & Parks staff to address and eliminate player and spectator unsportsmanlike behavior such as foul language, inappropriate comments or physical aggression.

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Concussion Awareness

A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury, or TBI, caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head that can change the way your brain normally works. Concussions can also occur from a blow to the body that causes the head to move rapidly back and forth. Concussions can occur in any sport or recreation activity. A concussion can have long term impacts on young athletes such as their health, memory, learning and even their survival. This has led to a new effort to improve prevention, recognition and response to sports-related concussion.

To help ensure the health and safety of young athletes, Recreation & Parks created an awareness campaign to offer information about concussions to coaches, parents, and athletes involved in youth sports.

The following are a list of symptoms that may suggest a concussion has occurred.

- Headache
- Confusion
- Difficulty remembering or paying attention
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
- Feeling irritable, more emotional, or “down”
- Nausea or vomiting
- Bothered by light or noise
- Double or blurry vision
- Slowed reaction time
- Sleep problems
- Loss of consciousness

What A Do If You Think a Concussion Has Occurred?

1. Seek medical attention right away

A health care professional will be able to decide how serious the concussion is and when it is safe to return to play.

2. Do not return to play until medically cleared

Concussions take time to heal. Don't return to play until a health care professional says it's OK. Return to practice is permitted only once staff receive a written release from a health care professional. Children who return to play too soon while their brain is still healing risk a greater chance of having a second concussion. Second or later concussions can be very serious. They can cause permanent brain damage, affecting the injured student-athlete for a lifetime.

3. Inform all coaches about any recent concussions

Coaches should know if an athlete has had a recent concussion. The coach may not know about a concussion in another sport or activity if he or she is not informed by the parent, guardian or athlete

Maryland Youth Sports Concussion Law

Md. HEALTH-GENERAL Code Ann. € 14-501 (2012)

Annotated Code of Maryland

Online Resource: www.myheadfirst.com/the-law-coaches

(c) Removal from play; written clearance required for return to play. –

(1) A youth athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or other head injury in a practice or game shall be removed from play at that time.

(2) A youth athlete who has been removed from play may not return to play until the youth athlete has obtained written clearance from a licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussions.

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Communication

To help keep communication smooth and productive, there is a certain “chain of command” that we ask everyone to use. Parents should first contact the coach with questions. Coaches should first contact the Practice/Game Day Gym Supervisor. If further assistance is needed, then contact the Sports Coordinator.

LEAGUE DESCRIPTIONS

Recreational Instructional Recreational League Basketball Grades 1-2

This development division is for 1st and 2nd grade boys and girls. Coed teams will be introduced to team play, team shirts, referees, and coaches. Each team will have a one-hour practice once a week and will play a game on Saturdays. This league incorporates a playtime rule; all participants will receive equal playing time throughout the game. Scores are tallied during games, but league standings will not be kept. Each team will play approximately eight games and end of season playoffs will not be held. 1st and 2nd grade will not have a in person draft. Draft will be done randomly by computer. This league plays with a modified ball and the basketball goal will be 8ft. Additionally, games will have only one referee whom, along with coaches, will assist with instruction during the games.

Recreational League Grades 3-4

This division is for 3rd and 4th grade boys and girls. Coed teams will be introduced to team play, team uniforms, referees and coaches. Each team will have a one-hour practice once a week and will play a game on Saturdays. This league incorporates a playtime rule; all participants will receive equal playing time throughout the game. Score is tallied during games but league standings will not be kept. Each team will play approximately ten games and end of season playoffs will not be held. This league plays with a modified ball and the basketball goal is 9ft. Games will have two referees (when available) whom, along with coaches, will assist with instruction during the games.

Recreational League Grades 5-6

This division is for 5th and 6th grade boys and girls. There will be a separate league for girls and boys. Teams are selected by draft at the conclusion of a skills showcase. Players not attending the skills showcase will be drafted without participating in the skills showcase. Each team will have a one-hour practice once a week along with games on Saturdays. This recreational league incorporates a playtime rule. Participants will play in approximately 10 scheduled games officiated by two referees. Standings are kept and playoffs will be conducted at the conclusion of the regular season.

Recreational League Grades 7-8 Boys; Grades 7-9 Girls

This division is for all 7th and 8th grade boys and girls. There will be a separate league for girls and boys. Teams are selected by draft at the conclusion of a skills showcase. Players not attending the skills showcase will be drafted without participating in the skills showcase. Each team will have a one-hour practice once a week along with games on Saturdays. This recreational league incorporates a playtime rule. Participants will play in approximately 10 scheduled games officiated by two referees. Standings are kept and playoffs will be conducted at the conclusion of the regular season.

Recreational League Grades 9-10

This is a recreational league for all 9th and 10th grade boys. Teams are selected by draft at the conclusion of a skills showcase. Players not attending the skills showcase will be drafted without participating in the skills showcase. Each team will have a one-hour practice once a week along with games on Sundays. This league utilizes a running clock, and each player must play in each half. Each team will play ten games and conduct

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one practice per week. Two referees are used, standings are kept, and playoffs are used to determine the league winner and runner-up.

Select League Grades 6-8

This division provides an opportunity for higher skilled 6-8th grade basketball players from SMCPs middle schools to participate together. Select League will now have a Boys and Girls Varsity team per school only. Players are separated by gender and all participants will be selected by the team's coach. Each team will have ten games and be allowed two practices per week. Games will be held on Sundays. High School basketball rules are used for both girls and boys' leagues and two referees officiate.

RULES & REGULATIONS

League Divisions

Players must sign up and play in their respective league age division. They are as follows:

1 st & 2 nd Grade Co-ed Rec	7 th – 8 th Grade Girls Rec
3 rd & 4 th Grade Co-ed Rec	9 th & 10 th Grade Boys
5 th & 6 th Grade Boys Rec	6-8 th Grade <u>Select</u> (Boys & Girls)
5 th & 6 th Grade Girls Rec	
7 th & 8 th Grade Boys Rec	

- A. All players MUST register each season.
- B. Coach's children (son or daughter) will be placed on their parent's team. They do not need to attend the skills showcase.
- C. The skills showcase assessment will include a demonstration of each individual's skills in the basic fundamentals of basketball. Drafts will be held immediately following the skills showcases.
- D. No player shall be eligible to participate in assessments, player selection, practices or games until they have completed the registration process. Penalty: Forfeiture of all games which an ineligible player participates. *Coaches may face disciplinary action if they allow an ineligible player to participate.*
- E. Children are to be in their proper division based on their grade for the current school year. Children cannot move up into a higher division based on skill level. If a child is found to be in the wrong division, the coach will possibly be relieved from his or her duties based on the investigation and the child will be removed from the program.

Player Draft for Grades 5th-10 grade

- A. The player draft shall take place following the conclusion of player assessments (skills showcase).
- B. The order of team selections will be determined by a random drawing.
- C. Candidates not attending player assessments shall be placed on the bottom of the registration list and placed by draw after all eligible players have been drafted.
- D. The player draft will continue until all rosters are filled, or the pool of candidates is exhausted.
- E. Coaches shall not pass up a player selection choice as long as selections are available to fill vacant positions.
- F. A candidate who has a sibling already established on a team in the league will be placed on that team to avoid separation. The sibling will be rated based on ability and will be selected based on his or her average draft position determined by the coaches and R&P staff.

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Team Composition

- A. The Sports Coordinator determines the number of registrants the program can accommodate. The Sports Coordinator develops the selection to accommodate the needs of all teams, including possible modifications of draft order depending on returning players and other factors.
- B. Late registrants will be placed on a waiting list and will be placed on a team if and when a roster vacancy occurs.
- C. Players may not be members of the Select Basketball League and another R&P Rec League.

Practice

- A. Teams may only practice during the date and time and location assigned by the Sports Coordinator.
- B. Once the season begins, teams will be limited to practice one (1) day a week for one (1) hour.
- C. If school or community school programs are canceled for inclement weather, practices for that day are also canceled.
- D. Practices are not permitted at non-approved locations such as PAX River Naval Base. Use of parochial schools, St. Mary's College or **any outside location** is not permitted.
- E. No outside practices beyond the permitted schedule provided to you by Recreation & Parks.

Ethics

- A. During all scheduled league practices or games, only participants and Recreation & Parks approved coaches will be permitted on the playing surface. All parents, siblings, and other spectators should remain in the bleachers or designated "viewing" area.
- B. Head Coaches and only Head Coaches are permitted to stand and coach. The Head Coach must remain in the coaching box. If the assistant coach is standing, the head coach must be seated. Both cannot stand at the same time.
- C. The Gym supervisor can discipline a player for being a selfish offensive player and the gym supervisor can specifically stop a game if a team/coach is centering on the ability of the most talented player.
- D. A suspension from the game is also a suspension from the playing site. If circumstances warrant, the suspension may include all competitive programs offered by Recreation & Parks. Seasonal suspensions may be appealed to the department director.
- E. The length of the suspension will be determined by the Recreation Division Manager and the Sports Coordinator.

Discipline

- A. Recreation & Parks has a zero tolerance for unsportsmanlike conduct or behavior by an individual (players, participants, coaches, officials, spectators, or parents) at any county function or event and will be subject to partial or permanent suspension if found to have behaved in an unsportsmanlike manner.
- B. Officials, Gym Supervisors, the Sports Coordinator or Recreation Division Manager may issue technical fouls to players, coaches, or spectators for unsportsmanlike behaviors and misconduct. This includes bench behavior i.e. coughing during free throw attempts, profanity, harassment of others, deliberate physical contact with others, refusal to vacate scorekeepers' area, refusal to sit on the bench as requested, or throwing/punching/kicking chairs or equipment.
- C. Any coach or player that receives two technical fouls in a game or if a player receives a flagrant foul or is involved in any form of fighting during a game will be disciplined at a minimum by being removed from the current game and they will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled game.
- D. A "game official's box" has been established in the area adjacent to the scorer's table. The purpose of this "box" is to provide a safe area for game officials prior to and at the conclusion of games without them having to acknowledge or explain game decisions. Coaches, players and parents/spectators must

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not approach nor converse with the game officials while they are in this area. Coaches, players and spectators are not permitted to follow referees outside the gym attempting to address the game. If they do, the coach or the player possibly will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled game.

League Awards

Recreation & Parks provides individual trophies for participants of teams that finish in first place in the playoffs. Participation awards are provided to participants in leagues that do not have post season tournaments.

Uniforms

T-Shirts will be provided by Recreation & Parks. Teams shall NOT alter the uniforms that are distributed to players in any manner. **For safety, proper gym shoes are required to play at practices and games. Players may not wear jewelry or other hard bracelets on arms or legs, hard hair clips, hats, beanies, hard cast or bandanas.**

Weather Policy

For practice and game days Recreation & Parks will have the final decision on cancellations. The weather hotline can be reached at 301-475-4200 ext. 1840.

Information is also available at: www.facebook.com/stmarysmdrecreation and Instagram @stmarysrecandparks and Twitter #stmarysrecparks

Online at www.stmaryscountymd.gov/Emergency/RPAnnounce

Game Schedule

- A. Recreational League play will begin with games on Saturday, December 7, 2024.
- B. Select League play will begin with games on Sunday, December 8, 2024.
- C. A full schedule will be made available online at www.stmaryscountymd.gov/recreate/sports
Always refer to the website for the most current schedule.

Playoffs

- A. At the end of the regular season each area league will conduct playoffs with all teams in the respective league eligible to participate. Games may be scheduled on weeknights or weekends.
- B. The 1st & 2nd and 3rd & 4th co-ed leagues do not participate in the playoffs.
- C. The rules and guidelines used in the regular season will also be utilized for these games including the playing time guidelines.
- D. The format will be single elimination and the teams will be seeded based on the regular season standings.
- E. If there is a two- or three-way tie for first place at the completion of the regular season, the first tie-breaker will be head to head. Second tie breaker will be defensive points allowed by each team when the two (2) teams played one another. A third tie breaker will be a coin flip.

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YOUTH RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL GAME RULES

General Rules

- All teams will receive four (4) time outs per game. Time outs can be used any time during the game. Teams will receive one (1) additional time out per overtime period. Time outs will last one (1) minute.
- Half time will last five (5) minutes.
- Overtime periods are scheduled for two (2) minutes. Games may go into double overtime. If at the conclusion of double overtime, the game remains in a tie, the game will end as a tie. Teams may full court press during the last minute of overtime only.
- **If a team is leading by 20 points at any time during the second half of a game the leading team must:**
 - Play a zone defense that does not extend 5', in any direction, beyond the foul lane.
 - If a player violates either of these guidelines they will be warned once and if they repeat the offense, they must sit out the remainder of the quarter.
 - No back-court press
 - Do this until the differential reaches 12 points.
- If there are 8 players or less on a team, there are free substitutions for both teams. Coaches must distribute playing time evenly.
- If a player misses three unexcused practices, the coach may sit that player for the next scheduled game if the coach believes it is best for the team and the player. This is acceptable provided the situation is brought to the attention of the parent, gym supervisor, opposing coach and scorekeeper prior to the start of the game.
- Cumulative Tech Rule for Players & Coaches: Unsportsmanlike conduct will result in the following progressive enforcement: 2 techs in one game will result in the player or coach being suspended from the next scheduled game. If a 3rd tech is assessed that player or coach will be out for the remainder of the season.

Officials

- A. Only officials and scorekeepers approved by Recreation & Parks will be assigned to league games.
- B. Only Recreation & Parks staff is permitted to be at the scorer's table.
- C. A game may be played with one (1) official. If both scheduled officials are absent, the game will be cancelled.

Starting the game

- A. A jump ball will start the game. There will be alternating possessions after each held ball.
- B. There will be a ten (10) minute grace period for the first game of the day.
- C. All other games will start at the regular scheduled game time or immediately following the previous game.
- D. Teams are expected to arrive no sooner than 20 minutes before game time.
- E. Teams will not be permitted to warm up on the court until an approved coach is present.

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Co-Ed 1st and 2nd Grade

- A. The five (5) players that begin each of the four (4) quarters must play the first three (3) minutes of the quarter. Approximately halfway through the quarter, the scorekeeper will stop play and the rest of the players must enter the game for the remainder of the quarter.
- B. No player may play more than 9 minutes per half.
- C. Substitutions are not permitted unless a player receives their third foul or becomes injured.
- D. Back court defense is not allowed.
- E. The team that is playing defense must set up in either a 2-1-2 or 2-3 zone the initial drive down the court. Defenders must be behind the line on Leonardtown Elementary school court. Players cannot step outside the arc to steal the ball.
- F. The offensive team cannot hold the ball outside the arc, they must penetrate the arc. At the referee's discretion, if the offensive team is not penetrating, the official may award the ball to the defensive team.
- G. Three-point baskets are not allowed.
- H. A team has ten (10) seconds to move the ball past half court.
- I. Possession fouls are shot during the last minute of the game.
- J. One coach from each team is allowed to be on the court during game play to help assist kids.
- K. 1st and 2nd grade use a 27.5" intermediate sized basketball.
- L. Basketball hoops will be 8 feet.

Co-Ed 3rd & 4th Grade.

- A. 3rd&4th grades use a 27.5" intermediate sized basketball.
- B. Back court defense is not allowed until the final minute of the game.
- C. The team that is playing defense must set up in either a 2-1-2 or 2-3 zone the initial drive down the court. Defenders must be inside the three (3) point arc; players cannot step outside the arc to steal the ball.
- D. The offensive team cannot hold the ball outside the arc, they must penetrate the arc. At the referee's discretion, if the offensive team is not penetrating, the official may award the ball to the defensive team.
- E. Children in the younger age divisions are encouraged to learn offense and passing rather than running a fast break offense.
- F. A team has ten (10) seconds to move the ball past half court.
- G. Three-point baskets are not allowed.
- H. Possession fouls are shot during the last minute of the game.
- I. The five (5) players that begin each of the four (4) quarters must play the first three (3) minutes of the quarter. Approximately halfway through the quarter, the scorekeeper will stop play and the rest of the players must enter the game for the remainder of the quarter.
- J. No player may play more than 9 minutes per half.
- K. Substitutions are not permitted unless a player receives their third foul or becomes injured.
- L. The 3rd-4th Grade leagues will play a one and only 2-minute overtime, running clock & 1 timeout.

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5th & 6th and 7th & 8th Grade Recreational League (Boys & Girls)

- A. 5th-8th Grades use a 29.5" full size basketball. Girls 28.5 size basketball.
- B. No player may play more than 9 minutes in the first half.
- C. The five (5) players that begin the 1st and 2nd quarter must play the first three (3) minutes of the quarter. Approximately halfway through the quarter, the scorekeeper will stop play and the rest of the players must enter the game for the remainder of the quarter.
- D. Substitutions are not permitted unless a player receives their third foul or becomes injured.
- E. If a team is short of 10 players, those players that played the entire first quarter will not be allowed to re-enter the game until the 3:01 mark of the second quarter.
- F. In the 2nd half there is no required amount of playing time yet each player on the team must enter the half at least once. Each player must sit at least one time in the 2nd half.
- G. When a team with nine (9) players plays a team with ten (10) players, one different player per quarter may receive additional playing time from the team with nine (9) players. If a team plays more than 1 game with nine (9) players, two different players must be used for the extra playing time in the additional games.
- H. 5th and 6th Grade can not press/ full court defense the entire first half.**
- I. 5th and 6th grade leagues can now press/full court defense the entire second half.**
- J. 7th and 8th grade leagues can now press/full court defense the entire game.**
- K. Foul shots from possession fouls will take place the final minutes of the games.
 - a. 5th and 6th grade teams will shoot in the final minute.
 - b. 7th & 8th grade teams will shoot in the final two (2) minutes.

9th & 10th Co- Ed League – at Leonardtown High School

- A. All games will be conducted in accordance with the official high school rules.
- B. Time of play will be two (2), twenty (20) minute halves (running clock).
- C. The clock will stop only for timeouts and during the last 2 minutes of each half.
- D. All players must play in each half. It is the coaches' responsibility to uphold this rule using his or her best judgment.
- E. You can back court press the entire game.
- F. If a team is leading by 20 points at any time during the second half the team ahead must do the following:**
 - a. Strictly play a zone defense, no back court pressure at any time
 - b. Penalty is warning then a technical. If the lead dwindles to 10 points or less than normal play will resume.

Playoffs

- All teams will participate in the single elimination playoffs. Teams will be ranked 1-4 based on their regular season record. Tiebreakers will be based on head-to-head play.
- The 4th Seed will play the 1st Seed and the 2nd Seed will play the 3rd Seed. The winner of each contest will meet to decide a season champion.
 - There will be a fee for adults and a fee for 17 and under to attend select playoff games.

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Will Smith Leadership Award 2025

This award, established in 2009, serves to recognize 8th grade participants in the St. Mary's County Recreation and Parks Youth Basketball 7th – 8th Grade League(s) that demonstrate consistent positive sportsmanship on and off the court.

The award is named after William (Will) Smith who lost his life on September 21, 2008. He was attending Becker College in Worcester, Massachusetts when this tragedy occurred.

Will Smith was a participant in the Recreation and Parks Youth Basketball League for six years. He displayed a love for the game of basketball, and everyone involved. Will believed the game was more than wins and losses and demonstrated respect for one another, teamwork and sportsmanship. He eventually went on to play high school basketball at Great Mills High School but continued to volunteer his time to the Recreation & Parks basketball program whenever he had a chance.

His family also plays a major role in the success of the program. His father, William, participated for over 30 years as a referee, instructor and gym supervisor. His mother, Jeanne, served as a volunteer to the program for the benefit of the youth.

2025 Criteria for Nomination

- Nominee must currently participate as an 8th grader in either the Select or Recreational Youth Basketball League. They must have also participated as both a 6th and 7th grader in either league or a combination of both.
- Nominee must exhibit the following characteristics.
 - Consistent attendance in practice and games.
 - Demonstrate a positive temperament during all practices and games.
 - Readily accept instruction from all his/her team coaches.
 - Truly respect and care about others, such as players, either teammates or opponents, coaches, referees, and parents.
 - Have a passion for the "game of basketball"

Nomination Process

- Player must be nominated by the Head Coach. **(Maximum of 2 per team)**
- The nomination must be verified by the Gym Supervisor/Sports Coordinator
- Nominee must provide two letters of support from 2 different grade level teachers or coaches
- **All nominations along with the letters of support Card must be submitted to R&P staff no later than Monday, January 27, 2025.**
- R&P staff will select the annual recipients

Recognition

- Each recipient will receive a plaque that recognizes their accomplishment at a ceremony scheduled for Feb. 16, 2025

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YOUTH BASKETBALL FACT SHEET

2024-2025 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.

1st-2nd and 3rd-4th grade co-ed teams will not have an in-person draft. 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 29, 2024	5:30-6:30pm
7-8	Boys	Tuesday	October 29, 2024	7:00-8:00pm

CENTRAL - Leonardtown Middle School

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
5-6	Boys	Wednesday	October 30, 2024	5:30-8:30pm
7-8	Boys	Wednesday	November 6, 2024	5:30-8:30pm

NORTH – Margaret Brent Middle School

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
5-6	Boys	Monday	November 4, 2024	5:30-6:30pm
7-8	Boys	Monday	November 4, 2024	6:30-7:30pm

High School League – Esperanza Middle School

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
5-6 & 7-8	Girls	Thursday	November 7, 2024	5:30-7:00pm
9-10	Boys	Friday	November 22, 2024	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 Monday, November 11th***. If you have not heard from a coach by Monday, November 18, please contact webtrac@stmaryscountymd.gov
- 9th/10th grade players will be notified of their team placement no later than Monday, November 25th
- 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.

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- Practices outside of league scheduled times are not permitted – please review parent handbook for details.
- Parents are responsible for transportation to and from practice.

GAME INFORMATION

- Games begin Saturday, December 7, 2024, and will conclude in late February. Pending any weather cancellations, the season could be extended into March. Playoff games will be in March 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

GAME LOCATIONS (subject to change)

- **South:** Co-Ed 1st/2nd and 3rd/4th grades Carver Recreation Center
 Boy’s 5th-8th grades Esperanza Middle School
- **Central:** Co-Ed 1/2nd grades Leonardtown Elementary School
 Co-Ed 3rd/4th grades Captain Francis Duke Elementary School
 Boy’s 5th/6th & 7th/8th grades Leonardtown Middle School
- **North:** Co-Ed 1/2nd grades Mechanicsville Elementary School
 Co-Ed 3rd/4th grades Mechanicsville Elementary School
 Boy’s 5th/6th and 7th/8th grades Margaret Brent Middle School
- **Girls:** Various school locations – specifics to be announced once teams formed

PLAYOFFS & CHAMPIONSHIPS (Grades 5-8)

Division playoffs are tentatively scheduled for early March (pending any weather cancellations throughout the season) and will be held on weeknights and Saturdays. Championship games will be held in early March 2025.

PROJECTED BUDGET FOR THE 2024-25 SEASON

<u>Expenses</u>	
Personnel- Hourly Staff	\$ 78,000.00
(Gym supervisors, referees, scorekeepers)	
Supplies and Materials	\$ 8,000.00
(T-shirts, score books, basketballs, coaches clinics, awards, misc. equipment)	
Contract Services	\$ 25,000.00
(Tournament referees, advertising, & background checks of staff)	
School Usage Fees	<u>\$ 27,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$138,000.00
<u>Revenue</u>	
Registration Fee	\$132,250.00
(Estimate 1,150 children) x \$115.00	
Pictures	<u>\$ 3,500.00</u>

Youth Basketball Guidelines

TOTAL \$135,750.00

REMINDERS

- Parents are responsible for reviewing the parent handbook and the parent code of conduct.
- Medical Insurance is not provided. Participants play at their own risk and parents assume an increased risk for injury in any sporting activity.
- Recreation and Parks staff provide supervision for those inside the facility only. Anyone engaged in activities outside of the facility do so at their own risk.
- According to State Law Regulations: **alcohol and tobacco product use is not permitted for use in or on public school property at any time both inside and out (include parking lots).**
- Lost or stolen articles are not the responsibility of Recreation and Parks.
- **All refunds requests received after registration and prior to the first game, will result in a 50% refund; there will be no exceptions except for doctor's note releases.** Any requests that are not a qualifying event (i.e. medical) submitted after the start of the program will result in no refund.
- In the case of inclement weather call the Recreation and Parks Cancellation Line at 301-475-4200 ext.1840 or visit the department website at:
www.stmaryscountymd.gov/Emergency/RPAnnounce.
 - *Like Us* on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stmarysmdrecreation for the most current updates
- All make-up/revised schedules will be given to the head coach.

For additional information: webtrac@stmaryscountymd.gov

or contact Recreation & Parks at 301-475-4200 ext.1800.