

TRYOUT POLICY FOR SMA BASKETBALL

1. It is the purpose of the SMA Athletic Board to provide a rewarding and complete athletic program for all school children of SMA and the children of the Parishes of Immaculate Conception and St. Bernadette. The Athletic Board is responsible for selecting how many teams there will be at each level. To the extent multiple teams are required in a sport, tryouts will be held at the beginning of the season to place players on teams in accordance with their skill levels, pursuant to the foregoing guidelines in order to accomplish the following goals:

- Enhance the student athlete's athletic development;
- Provide quality experiences in team play;
- Construct competitive teams that are assigned to different levels within C.S.A.A. leagues; and
- Implement a standard, consistent team tryout process.

2. (a) The respective Sports Coordinator and Sports Committee will be responsible for conducting tryouts for boys and girls respectively. These tryouts will include drills and scrimmages designed to allow the players to be fully evaluated. Try-out protocols will be developed and implemented by the Board and will be published on the website prior to tryouts. If necessary, volunteers can be utilized in running the tryouts with the help of the Board members and A.D.s.

(b) At the 3rd and 4th grade level, it will be the Coordinator's responsibility to put together an independent panel of at least three individuals who are qualified to judge and assess the talent and development of the student athletes who are trying out and to rate each athlete. The individuals should have knowledge of the sport, previous coaching experience and/or previous experience as a player in the sport. When rating players, the panel should consider:

- (i) overall skill and talent;
- (ii) physical developmental level;
- (iii) exhibited effort and willingness to listen during tryouts; and
- (iv) overall performance.

(c) The 3rd/4th Graders will be allowed two tryout sessions. Tryout sessions for 3rd/4th cannot exceed the CSAA time limit of one and a half (1 ½) hour.

(d) No parent may grade their own child, and may not attend tryouts unless they have been selected to coach a team.

(e) Coaches who have been selected may attend tryouts but do not participate in the rating.

(f) After the tryout sessions, the coordinator will collect the evaluations and tally the grades to rate the players.

3. Basketball Tryouts Grades 5/6 & 7/8

The coordinators will have an organized tryout comprising of drills and scrimmages to ensure that each player will be able to demonstrate his or her skill level. It will be one two hour tryout for each level of boys and girls.

Coaches at that level should be involved and watching the players closely making notes on the grade sheets for each player. The grade sheets will be collected by the coordinators for reference after the teams are selected. At the end of the tryout, the coaches meet with the Basketball Coordinator and select their teams. The A team coach picks his entire team first, then B team, then C team, and then C2 team picks. If there are more teams than 4, there would be a round robin draft between the C2, C3, and so on.

If a player is not selected to the same level they were the year before, there is to be an explanation by that teams coach as to why he/she was not selected to the same level. Example, a 8th grader was on the A team last year as a seventh grader and this year he does not get selected to the A team. An explanation would be needed for this. This does not apply for a seventh grader that was an A team player as a 6th grader.

After the teams are selected, the players are to be contacted promptly by their coach and informed of what team they are on and when and where the first practice will be.