



## FAQ's & Things Parents Want to Ask But Don't

*My child has had a great experience playing in the Recreational League the past 3 years. With all these changes, is playing "Recreational" basketball still an option for my child?*

Yes, the Basketball Program's offerings have changed, but there is still an option to play a recreational type basketball and that is now termed as playing in the CYO Non-Playoff division.

*My daughter has participated in St. Louis basketball in the past and has not had to attend a "team selection session". Why are there team selection sessions now?*

If your daughter would prefer to play in a less-competitive environment, she should register for the Non-Playoff Division and will be placed on a team. If she is uncertain about her skill level or would like to try for Playoff Division team, please bring her to the team selection sessions. She will be evaluated and placed on the team that best fits her skills.

*If my child is selected for a CYO Playoff Team, can she also play with her friends on the Non-Playoff Team?*

Unfortunately no, players selected and rostered for CYO Playoff teams cannot be on a CYO Non-Playoff Team roster.

*In the past, St. Louis CYO teams were always the more experienced players. Should I be nervous that my inexperienced basketball player is playing in a CYO league?*

Absolutely NOT, you should be excited to have your child playing in a CYO Non-Playoff League. CYO is part of the Archdiocese of Baltimore Division of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. The CYO games are monitored and officiated following the directives set by the CYO Basketball Committee. Any concerns that you may have during

the season should be brought to the attention of the St. Louis Basketball Board who will then notify the CYO committee.

*My child wants to be placed on a CYO Non-Playoff team. Is my child required to attend the team selection sessions?*

No, players that prefer to be placed on a CYO Non-Playoff team are not required to attend the selection session. But players are strongly encouraged to attend to get ready for the season, and to meet new teammates and coaches.

*My older daughter played CYO basketball, and now my younger daughter is excited to play CYO too. Can she be guaranteed a spot on the CYO Playoff team, so she can have the same basketball experience as her sister?*

There will be no guaranteed team placements. Please be sure your daughter attends the team selections sessions, and she will be placed on the team that fits her skill level. The good news is that all our teams are now CYO teams. She will have a wonderful basketball experience.

*My child plays a travel sport in the fall and cannot miss travel team practice to attend the CYO Playoff Team selection session. Can my highly skilled child be placed on the CYO Playoff team?*

Unfortunately no, all players must attend and participate in at least 1 of the scheduled team selection/evaluation sessions. Players unable to attend a session will be placed on a Non-Playoff Team.

*I see the mention of “team selections”. What does that mean?*

Team selection sessions will be offered to all players wanting to participate in the CYO Playoff Division. These sessions will be run by interested/potential coaches and several impartial evaluators. The players will participate in drills and scrimmages to showcase their skills. The CYO Playoff team will be selected following the sessions. Any player that is not selected will be placed on a CYO non-playoff team. We want everyone to play basketball, and to be placed in a comfortable, competitive division that compliments their abilities.

*I have previous coaching experience, and I have volunteered to coach a CYO Playoff Team. Will I be given a Playoff Team to coach?*

Your coaching assignment will be based on your child's team placement.

*My child plays competitive travel basketball but would like to play basketball with his friends at school with low intensity and all about fun. Can he play on a non-playoff team even though he could make the playoff team?*

Yes, players may choose to be placed on Non-Playoff teams. Playoff teams will be determined by team selection session(s).

*Due to our work travel and work schedules, my wife and I sometimes are just too tired to bring our child to basketball practice. Is this OK to miss practices?*

Please make every effort to bring your child to practice. Your child's teammates and Coach are depending on him. He is part of a team. An occasional missed practice is understandable, so please keep your coach informed. Coaches will determine playing time, so players missing practices may not get as much game playing time as other teammates.

*What does "depending on number of players" mean?*

The program cannot determine the number of teams in each division or league until the number of interested players is known.

If the number of interested players is under 6, then it is difficult to create a team. The interested players would be added to an existing group, so there would be enough players to make a team.

If the number of interested players is more than 12, then it is difficult to create a single team. The interested players would be divided into 2 teams, so that everyone can participate at games/practices.

*My child always seems to get the flu or strep throat during the winter months, and could miss some basketball practices and games. When he*

*returns to playing, he may need to gradually get back into the swing of games. Will this be a problem?*

We do not want any of our players to get ill during basketball season, but thank you for keeping him home while he recovers. Your child's coach will be able to determine and control the amount of game playing time for your child upon his return.

*I want to be able to commit my child to basketball. What night of the week will my child's basketball team practice?*

The practice schedule depends on the coach's availability and gym availability. Please register your child, and let your coach know your child's availability.

*How long is the basketball season?*

Practices will start mid-October with games starting the beginning of December. The season lasts through February. CYO Playoff teams that qualify for the CYO Playoffs will have games into March.