

St. Barnabas CAL Basketball 2007-2008
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (Rev. 1)

1) Who is eligible to play?

ans: All Saint Barnabas parish members provided they register by the **Sept. 30th deadline**. Up to 25% of the team can be Catholics belonging to other parishes within the Aquidneck Island area. An additional 25% of the team can be non-Catholic, but they must reside in Portsmouth. Cutting of Saint Barnabas parishioners is prohibited. If space is available, non-parishioners will be welcome to play at the discretion of the coordinator and coaches.

2) How much is the registration fee?

ans: The fee per player will be \$85 this year. We hope to secure team sponsors who will help defray the total cost of the program. As many of you know, the cost for use of town gyms is the most significant expense of our program. If adequate sponsorship is not realized, we may ask participants to help raise additional funds. Financial aid, details of which will be kept in strict confidence, is available for those in need. Please notify me if you request assistance. **Checks must be received no later than October 12th** (Mail to: St. Barnabas Church, 1697 East Main Rd., Portsmouth, RI 02871 and **please note it's for basketball**).

3) How do we register?

ans: Registration is encouraged at the scheduled parish hall sign-up sessions. Registration forms are also available on the web at www.onaquidneck.com/stbbball/. It is requested that **all players register on-line**, even if registration information was provided at the sign-up meetings.

4) What are the age groups (ages stated are as of Dec. 31st, 2007)?

- ◆ Green (ages 12 – 16; usually 9th – 11th grade with varsity ineligible)
- ◆ Blue (ages 10 – 14 or 7th and 8th grades)
- ◆ Red (ages 8-12; generally 3rd – 6th grade with 3rd and 4th graders in the 'B' Division)

5) What are the levels of play?

- ◆ Open Division- 'Best'
 - ◇ Offers highest degree of competition
 - ◇ Games played throughout state
 - ◇ Only division eligible for advancement to New England Tournament
- ◆ 'A2' Division- 'Better'
 - ◇ High level of competition
 - ◇ Rarely includes instructional players
- ◆ 'A1' Division- 'Good'
 - ◇ Moderate level of competition
- ◆ 'B' Division (6th graders are ineligible)
 - ◇ Strictly instructional
 - ◇ Only offered for the Red level of play

Questions or Comments?

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- 6) When does the season start?
ans: Probably the weekend of November 3rd
- 7) When does the season end?
ans: End of February for regular season with playoffs in March
- 8) When are the games?
ans: Home games will be on Saturday mornings or afternoons. Away games are usually on either Saturday or Sunday afternoon.
- 9) What about practice?
ans: The times must be coordinated with the coaches, parents, players, and school. Due to limited gym availability, practice will most likely be once per week for 1 hour. Practice time typically falls within the 6-9 PM time slot and should begin sometime in mid-October. Additional practice time may be possible pending gym availability.
- 10) Where will the games be held?
ans: Home games will be at the Portsmouth Middle School. Away games will be at gymnasiums throughout the Diocese of Providence. The CAL office will release the schedule just prior to November 1st.
- 11) How many games are there?
ans: Usually about 14 for the regular season and another 3 – 6 games for playoff qualifiers
- 12) What are the requirements for players?
- ◆ For Saint Barnabas parishioners and other Catholics, mandatory attendance at Mass and Religious Education classes. Registration for Religious Education will be checked after basketball sign-ups.
 - ◆ Non-parishioners are encouraged to be active in their respective congregations (i.e. attendance at Sunday or Sabbath Services, religious education classes, participation in youth group)
 - ◆ All players gather at center court prior to each game and pray the Our Father together. It is expected that all players memorize this prayer. Hard copies will be provided.
- 13) Any other requirements?
- ◆ All involved in the program, including parents, must adhere to Christian principles of sportsmanship (i.e. no profanity, arguing with referees, interfering with coaches, or taunting of an opposing team). In addition, there shall be no ‘coaching’ from the stands. Fans are asked to limit their cheering to encouragement only.
 - ◆ Copies of player birth certificates must be provided upon request
- 14) What are the requirements for coaches (documents located at www.ymcvoprov.org)?
- ◆ ASEP certified
 - ◆ Background (BCI) check
 - ◆ Training and Adherence to ‘Diocese of Providence Safe Environment Policy’
 - ◆ Adherence to the ‘CAL COACHES CODE OF ETHICS’

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