



# Holy Trinity – Parents’ FAQ

## 2017 - 2018 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Basketball



### Tryouts:

- A NUMBERED tryout shirt will be provided to your child (most likely, the night of tryouts)
- We have very limited TIME and SPACE to conduct tryouts.
- Although drills are helpful, we have determined over the years that the best way to evaluate players in a limited time period is to **have them play basketball**.
- In addition to some very basic drill, players will be placed in short, scrimmage-like situations.
- At the coach’s requests, some players MAY get more scrimmage time than others.

### Team Selection:

- Coaches, and prospective coaches, will attend tryout sessions for their respective grade
- During tryouts, in an effort to make a determination about a player, coaches may request to see some players play with other players, or in a particular situation.
- Immediately following the tryout session, coaches will assemble as a group to select teams. (ex. All 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade BOYS coaches will meet to form the 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> BOYS teams)
- All coaches involved in the evaluation have an opportunity to voice opinions about players and their placement on a particular team.
- The “#1” team coach will have FIRST CHOICE of players (depending on the numbers, this may be 9 or 10). The “#2” team coach will have SECOND choice of players, and the “#3” team coach will have the THIRD choice before the #4 team coach has the FOURTH choice (all of which will also be 9 or 10 players depending on numbers). When the 1, 2, 3 and 4 teams have been decided, the coaches for the remaining team(s) (COLOR TEAMS) choose in a “draft like” process, alternating picks until all players are placed on a team.
- **NOTE:** (For Girls: it is probable this system won’t apply because girls participation numbers are much lower and CSAA only offers 3 leagues (at a maximum) for girls’ basketball.)
- **NOTE:** There is no difference in the makeup of the “color” teams since they all play in the same league and same CSAA tournament bracket. These teams will be built as evenly as possible, using the same format as other parish schools with “color” teams.

### Why and how do kids end up on a particular team ?

- Being nearly impossible to identify non-parent coaches, with 20+ teams in the programs, the fact is that most coaches and assistant coaches are parents, just like you, NOT FULL TIME COACHES.
- Evaluation time is SHORT, and because of the large number of kids who participate; prospective coaches get a limited look at each kid during evaluations, they make decisions based on what they see.
- Based on individual experience and basketball knowledge, coaches choose teams based on their viewpoint, team needs and their opinion.
- OUR GOAL IS THAT “BASKETBALL ABILITY” DICTATES WHAT TEAM A PLAYER IS ON.

### Playing time policies: Provided the player is in “good standing” . . . .

#### For the regular season games:

**#1 Team:** Each player will play in every half of every game for some amount of time, but no time is dictated.

**#2 Team:** The objective is “meaningful” playing time for each player, but time may not be equal for all.

**#3/#4/Color’ Teams:** Every effort will be made for “nearly equal” playing time in every game.

#### For the City Tournament:

**EVERY PLAYER WILL PLAY IN EVERY HALF OF EVERY GAME,  
FOR SOME AMOUNT OF TIME.**

**NOTE:** The head coach has the final say. *A coach will determine whether a player is in “good standing” with regard to discipline issues, practice attendance, or other team related matters.*

### Why does it cost \$125 to play basketball?

- Basketball is the most expensive sport for Holy Trinity to participate in.
- Equipment, CSAA registration, Tournament fees and uniform costs are very high.
- Holy Trinity spends over \$20,000 a year just to rent other school’s gyms for our teams to practice.
- We will have approximately 20 teams at a LEAGUE FEE of over \$325 per team