



2014 – 2015
CSAA BASKETBALL GENERAL INFORMATION

Eligibility Certification Forms: These forms are available on line. Make sure all players have this form on file in the CSAA office. These forms are the official eligibility forms of the CSAA. Make sure all players who do not attend your parish school (including public, private and home school) students are compliant with the sacramental obligations and the religious education requirements.

Rosters: Numerical team rosters must be turned into the CSAA office prior to the first game. Players may be added to the roster anytime during the regular season. All additions to the roster **MUST BE MADE IN WRITING** with all the information listed on the original roster. No additions to the roster will be accepted after the last regular season game. Failure to turn in an official team roster prior to the first game will result in forfeits of that teams games until the roster is in the CSAA office.

League Balls: The official league balls are:

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| 8 th grade Boys | - Mikasa BWL 110 |
| 8 th grade Girls | - Mikasa BWL C 110 |
| 6 th grade Boys and Girls | - Mikasa BWL C 110 |
| 4 th Grade | - 27.5" Indoor Youth Basketball |

Multiple Parish Teams: Schools or parishes that have multiple teams at any level are expected to make the first team (#1 team) the strongest team, the #2 team the next strongest, the #3 team the next strongest, and the # 4 team the next strongest. Any parish/school with 5 or more teams are expected to divide the remaining players into equal teams. Each level (1- 4 and 5's and below) will have separate post season tournaments.

Players must remain with the team they are originally assigned to at the beginning of the season. No players may change rosters after the official roster is turned in to the CSAA office prior to the first league game. Players on a 6th grade team may be included on one 8th grade roster/team. Players on one 4th grade team may be listed on one 6th grade roster/team. Players on a 4th grade team are not allowed to be included on an 8th grade roster/team.

Practice time maximums for 6th graders and 4th graders playing up a level **shall not exceed** the practice time limits per week of their official grade level.

Ejections: If a coach or player is ejected from a game he or she is automatically suspended for a minimum of one league game or CSAA tournament game. The offender (or parent) must contact the CSAA office to be re-instated by the director. They are not allowed to coach or play the next game without approval of the director. Further suspension from CSAA leagues may result if this protocol is not followed. Christmas or invitational games do not count toward any suspension.

If a coach is ejected from a game, he or she must leave the gym before play resumes. The coach may not be present in the gym during his or her team's game while serving the suspension. See page 23 of the CSAA Handbook for more details.

Protest: There are no protests of any league or tournament games.

Uniforms: All players on individual teams must wear the same uniform with proper numbers. Numbers 6 thru 9 will be illegal numbers. See NFHS Rulebook for more details.

Body Markings: Face painting, temporary tattoos or body painting of any kind, including paint in the hair is **not allowed**.

Jewelry: No jewelry allowed. Taping or covering earrings is **not allowed**. See Rule 3, Sec 5, Art.8 of the NFHS Rule Book.

Gym Managers: Please allow at least five minutes for warm-up between games. Please do not start games early, but have teams ready to start at the designated starting time when possible.

Forfeits: See the CSAA handbook for forfeit information. The forfeit time will be 10 minutes from the original scheduled start time. If a team can't make a scheduled game, they must contact the CSAA office and the gym manager at least 48 hours in advance to avoid a mandatory forfeit fee. Teams are not allowed to contact an opponent and re schedule a game.

Coaches are Responsible for Parents and Fans: Coaches are responsible for parents and fans who display any unsportsmanlike conduct and abusive language during or after a game. Parents or fans not acting in accordance with the Spectator section of the CSAA handbook (page 23) could be asked to leave the gym. Refusal to leave could result in forfeiture of the game and suspension from further CSAA events.

Bad Weather – Cancellations for weather related reasons will be posted on the CSAA web site (when possible) at www.loucsaa.org and on the free CSAA Mobile App (including push notifications). Additional e-mails will be sent to all Athletic Directors and Basketball Coordinators when possible. It is the responsibility of the coaches and AD's to check the weather status when necessary.

In cases where the CSAA office has not cancelled games across the board, individual gyms still have the authority to cancel if necessary. In these cases, the gym manager is responsible for contacting the official's assignment secretary to cancel referees and contact all coaches as well as the CSAA office. Gym managers must give the officials plenty of notice of cancellations or be billed by the CSAA office as we are responsible for payment of all games scheduled unless enough advance notice is provided. If games are cancelled for inclement weather the gym manager and the CSAA league manager will work together to re-schedule games when possible.

If grade schools are closed for weather related reasons all games and practices are automatically cancelled. If an individual grade school enacts early dismissal, that school's athletic teams are not allowed to have any organized team activities (OTA's/practices)) for the remainder of that day. Schools who do not let out early are allowed to practice if safety is not an issue. This decision is up to the individual school/parish leaders.

On days where Catholic High Schools are dismissed early for weather related reasons, all CSAA games and practices are cancelled that day/evening. This includes practices in school gyms or at rental/free outside practice facilities.

Bench Decorum: – All players and coaches are required to act in accordance with our Christian values and catholic beliefs. The behavior of every member of these teams (coaches and players) represents the individual parish and the entire catholic community. Any deviation from these principles will be dealt with in a serious manner.

Individual Parish or School Game Cancellations:

Rescheduling games for an individual school or parish is only allowed if the conflict is related to a mandated school or church function. Mandated functions include official confirmation functions, or any required school or church program. It is the responsibility of the parish to provide this info, including conflicting dates, to the CSAA on the Team Registration Form so conflicts can be avoided prior to making out the schedules. It is not mandatory, however we ask that each gym attempt to work with a team that runs into a problem. It is strictly a courtesy if a gym is able to reschedule games if **mandated** events were not included on the team registration form.

Functions including, but not limited to, KYA, Boy, Girl, or Cub Scout activities, Governor's cup, Archery competitions or other **elective** functions are not mandated school or church functions. The CSAA encourages student athletes to participate these events and respects the individual's right to choose to participate in these competitions. The CSAA basketball season runs on a tight schedule and gym time for over 500 teams is at a premium. For these reasons games cannot be rescheduled for the listed events or any other events that are not mandated.