

St. Rita Athletic Association

4339 Douglas Avenue
Racine, WI

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Dear Coaches and Athletic Directors:

The St. Rita Athletic Association cordially invites you to participate in the annual St. Rita Basketball Tournament for 5th, 6th, and 7th grade boys and girls. The tournament is scheduled to begin January 16, 2012 and run through February 12, 2012. However, to ease any scheduling conflicts we have structured this event as two separate tournaments. **The boys will play from Jan 16 through Jan 29 and the girls will play Jan 30 through Feb 12.**

There are divisions for 5th, 6th, and 7th grade boys and girls teams. Once again we will begin with a round robin format that will determine seeds for the playoffs. Team seeding will be based on record in pool with tie-breakers consisting of **fewest points allowed by half-time** followed by points scored. Each team is guaranteed **two games in round robin play plus a minimum of one game in the playoff stage.** Trophies will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place teams with individual trophies presented to the 1st place team members and medals to the second place team members. **The winning team in each age group will get to cut down the net.**

Games will be played on Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., evenings, all day Saturdays and some Sunday afternoons. Games will be scheduled to begin at 6:00 PM, 7:00 PM and 8:00 PM weekday evenings, 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM on Saturdays and noon to 7:00 PM on some Sundays. We will schedule around RPAL and other league games scheduled during this period along with any other conflicts that you document on the St Rita Invite form.

All teams will be seeded by the St. Rita Athletic Association based on information provided on the invite form. Teams with little or no seeding information will be seeded at the discretion of the St. Rita Athletic Association.

WISAA and WIAA referees will be used and WIAA league rules will be followed along with specific tournament rules that are included below. The Tournament schedule will be mailed to you in January. You may enter only your regular school team – no all-star, AAU or combined teams are allowed.

The entry fee is **\$110.00** if your team registers before December 30, 2011 and **\$130** after that date.

If you wish to participate in this year's Tournament, please complete the roster and Invitation forms located on our website:

http://www.st-ritas.org/school/index.php?inc=lp_text.inc&id=St.+Rita+Basketball+Tournament

We are only accepting forms submitted electronically. Also, mail your entry fee as soon as possible to the address indicated on the registration form. Please include a certificate of insurance if your team is not covered by the Archdiocese. **The forms and fee MUST be received by NO LATER THAN Friday, Dec 30, 2011 to qualify for the early entry fee.** Specific days or times your team cannot play must also be included.

The number of teams participating in the Tournament is limited to eight per age group. All entries in each division will be taken on a "first come - first served" basis. Entry fees will be returned if a team cannot be scheduled in the Tournament.

Please contact Sam Catoe at (262) 681-5384 or at scatoe@nrconsults.com with any questions you have. We look forward to seeing you at the Tournament.

Thank you,
St. Rita Athletic Association

St Rita 2011 Basketball Tournament Rules

1. WIAA rules apply except as noted below.
2. Four 8-minute quarters will be played with the clock stopping only on time outs, shooting fouls, injuries and on all whistles during the last two minutes of the 4th quarter. Rest periods between quarters will be one (1) minute and three (3) minutes at the half.
3. Each team will be allowed three (3) time-outs per game. Each time-out will be one (1) minute.
4. Substitutions can be made on any whistle.
5. The three-point line is in effect for all games.
6. There will be an adjusted free-throw line for all 5th and 6th grade teams (front line).
7. 5th, 6th, 7th grade girls, and 5th & 6th grade boys will use 28.5" diameter ball. 7th grade boys use the standard size ball.
8. Lane violation will be three (3) seconds for all games. The bonus free-throw will be in effect on the 7th team foul and the double bonus will be in effect on the 10th team foul in each half of the game.
9. Offensive fouls will not be shot.
10. All technical fouls will result in the awarding of two (2) points and possession of the ball.
11. Man-man and zone defenses are allowed for all grades.
12. Full court press is allowed throughout the 7th grade games. It is only allowed during the last two (2) minutes of the 5th and 6th grade games. Full court press is not allowed for a team with more than a 20-point lead.
13. Jump ball will occur only at the beginning of the game. Alternate possession will be used for the balance of the game.
14. Playing roster and starting players must be signed in prior to starting the game. (Please sign-up your team before you start your warm-up). All substitutions must report to the scorer's table prior to entering the game.
15. In case of a tie game at the end of regulation play, a three (3) minute overtime will be played and if necessary repeated until the tie is broken. One (1) one/1-minute time-out will be given to each team for each overtime period.
16. A team will forfeit the game if it is not ready to play with five eligible players ten (10) minutes after the scheduled start time of the game. A forfeit is considered a loss and cannot be replayed.
17. Any questions concerning the rules will be based on the most recent edition of the rules at the scorer's table as interpreted by the referees.
18. The Tournament Director present at the game will have final authority over resolution of any dispute.

Additional Comments

1. Christian behavior is required of all coaches, parents, players, fans, referees, etc., during the tournament. Let's remain positive regardless of the calls, win or lose, and simply enjoy watching the kids play fun and exciting games.
2. **If a coach, player, or spectator is ejected at any time during the game, he or she will not be allowed to participate in any of the remaining games his/her team has during the tournament without approval from the St Rita Athletic Committee.**
3. Although there are no specific rules governing the amount of playing time for players, we encourage coaches to play each player as much as possible. We also ask coaches to use good judgement and show respect for the other team by trying to keep the scores within reason.
4. Practice balls will be provided. **NO OTHER BALLS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE GYM!**
5. Cheerleaders are welcome and encouraged to cheer for their team. Players, coaches and cheerleaders are admitted at no charge.
6. Trophies will be presented immediately after the championship games. Please keep your team together for the presentation.
7. A successful tournament requires a good fan turnout. Please encourage your players to invite their family and friends to attend. Food and refreshments will be available.