

Important Information for Coaches (2023-2024)

Games and Website Info

There is a link to the game schedule and *league website* on www.scbhoops.com in the *Coaches Corner*.

The easiest way to look at your schedule is to go to the menu item on the left called 'Team Schedules.'

Gym Locations

The League Website will have gym locations and addresses if you select **Location Schedules** from the main home page. Please also see any notes regarding the gym location; some will be at the school and some at the Church (just depends on where the gym is located). *Please spend some time making sure you provide your team with proper info on game location. We can help with this if you are unsure so let us know.*

Uniform Colors

- All uniforms are reversible – white and red.
- You are free to choose which color to wear at each game. If there is a color conflict, you will need to work it out with the other coach and ref to determine if you need to switch colors.

Game Balls, Scorekeeping, and Scoreboard

- We provided each team with a scorebook and new game ball. Games balls are labels "GB plus a number."
- For away games, you will need a volunteer to keep the scorebook at the Scorer's Table.
- For home games, you will need a volunteer to keep the scorebook at the Scorer's Table as well as handle the scoreboard. Our home games will be in 1 of 2 places: St. Charles or Holy Cross.

Game Cancellations

The league game website will contain info on gym closings or game cancellations due to weather or other reasons so please view this website each week to check for any changes to your game schedule. The league has been pretty clear that there are no cancellations at this point unless it is a school or parish function or gym related closure. If you need to cancel a game due to one of the above reasons, you need to coordinate with opposing coach first and division representative. This is required for referee scheduling and gym availability. ***Division reps are as follows:***

Boys Varsity - Rodger Guerra - 36TNOTB@Gmail.COM

Girls Varsity - Matt Cloud - mcloud17@gmail.com

Boys/Girls JV - Adam Yansick - ayansick@yahoo.com

Boys/Girls Soph - Paul Audett - paulsaudet@gmail.com

Boys/Girls Frosh - Mike Paolini - mikepaolini724@gmail.com

Game Scores (except Frosh teams)

All coaches are responsible to email their scores within 48 hours to Joe O'Brien at jjobrien@tcnj.edu and Heather at htalarico115@yahoo.com. Include the 2 team names, date, time, location, and specify your division such as Soph Girls, JV Boys Large, etc, when reporting score. Also include the number of refs that were at the game.

Ref Info (except Frosh away games)

- If a ref does not show up to your game, please contact Angie Wojnar 856-313-7996
- Coaches do not pay refs during regular season; it is handled centrally (except Frosh Games).
- Coaches do pay refs during playoffs; we will distribute info on that later; league covers ref fees for championship games.
- At Soph, JV and Varsity levels, should have 2 refs; if only have 1 ref, note that when reporting score.

Clearance Badges

Just a reminder that all coaches need to wear their badges at practices and games. If you cannot locate your badge, please contact Janet at the rectory (jridgway@pcscb.com or 856-829-3322) and she can get you a new one. Badges may be checked by the Diocese of Trenton at games.

Game Playing Time

See Coaching Guidelines document regarding playing time guidelines. Frosh and Soph teams should have equal playing time (or as close as possible). The goal is learning at this stage. However, during tournaments or playoffs, playing time can be adjusted as needed.

Conduct - Parents

Representing St. Charles, all parents, spectators, players, and coaches must display good sportsmanship at all times, and we are each responsible for our own words and actions. As adults, by showing a good example and being positive to all the players, it will help them to stay focused and not get caught up in the things that are out of their control. If a situation should arise that needs to be addressed, let your coach know and they will address it. Parents cannot engage with the ref, opposing coach, players, or other parents and doing so can result in their ejection from the gym and technical foul on their team. A parent or spectator should never address any player directly unless they are cheering them on. Cheering is always welcomed and encouraged.

Conduct – Players and Coaches

Any kind of physical aggression is totally unacceptable; punching, hitting, shoving, kicking, etc is never allowed. Inappropriate language is never allowed. This type of behavior should result in a technical foul and an immediate ejection. Even if another player is retaliating, it is still not right and should result in an ejection. The old saying "Two wrongs don't make a right" holds true and needs to be reinforced to our players regularly.

Coaches cannot speak to another player or parent on the opposing team in a negative manner under any circumstance. If an issue comes up, please mention it to the ref and they need to handle it or may ask the opposing coach to do so. I want to emphasize that parents and players feed off of the energy of their coaches. If they see their coaches getting upset, they feel it is OK for them to do the same. On the flip side, if the coaches take things in a more relaxed way, they will do the same.

Caches need to set the example to our players and parents. I understand that refs do not always call everything correctly, we need to remain calm as our players and parents feed off of that energy and direction, whether it is positive or negative. We need to relay to our players that refs do make mistakes, and we need to teach them to move on to the next play and let it go. If you need to call a TO to calm down your team, you must do so. Or, if a certain player needs a TO, remove them from the game to give them time to relax. This also teaches them that they cannot play if they are getting upset as it could result in negative behavior.