

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How old do I have to be to play in the tournament and where do I get an application?

A: All school students, (tournament is open to the public) between 3rd - 9th grades entering the fall of this year are eligible to play in the tournament. Applications can be found in the school office or parish narthex. You can also download and print an application at www.stisidoreparish.org/school/support/3-on-3basketball/

Q: How late can I register?

A: We keep registration open until 3:00 pm the day before the event. Registration forms must be turned into the school office along with your team fee paid in full. Please note that registering late may limit shirt sizes for your team. On the flip side, your team may register as early as player applications become available.

Q: Does the tournament fee change if I only have 3 players?

A: No, the tournament fee remains the same regardless if you have 3 or 4 players. We do encourage 4 players per team to allow teams to substitute a player for a quick break.

Q: How/when do I find out my teams schedule?

A: Teams can pick up their registration packets beginning at 7:30 am the day of the event. Packets will include your team's schedule for the tournament, lunch tickets and any other miscellaneous materials we may receive as donations. Look for the table with the registration banner/sign.

Q: Can I get a copy of the tournament schedule in advance?

A: No, the schedule is made the evening before the tournament and is a lengthy process that takes hours to complete. You will receive your schedule the morning of check-in with your registration packet.

Q: Can my team request a later start or earlier finish time due to another sporting event that a player may have?

A: Nothing is guaranteed, however our schedule maker will try to accommodate certain requests. Keep in mind we average 40-50+ teams and can't always grant specific times for everyone. A request of this type must be ok'd by the tournament chairperson and schedule maker in advance.

Q: Can we have a team of mixed ages/grades/gender?

A: We prefer all teams that enter the tournament to have players of the same age/grade level/gender on every team. We will however make exceptions and allow a player of a different age (1 year difference max) and gender within a team. But in fairness to other teams, your team will be placed in the division of the oldest player that is on your team (for i.e.: if one 8th grader is on a team of 7th graders, your team will be placed in the 8th grade division). Similarly, if you have a girls team that has one boy on it, it will be placed in the boys division.

Q: Can we have 5 players on our team?

A: It is written on the application that 4 players are the maximum per team. Again, we are willing to make exceptions in certain situations to allow students to play. (i.e.: one student can't find enough players to make up a team, but wants to play). This is a fundraiser and our goal is to create a fun and memorable experience for all students. A request of this type must be ok'd by the tournament chairperson and schedule maker in advance, and would only be allowed for 3rd and 4th grade teams. A 5-player team would have to pay \$150 for their team's entry fee. In fairness to other teams, only 4 players (of the 5) may play in any given game (i.e.: one player must be designated to sit out for that game, unless somebody gets injured).

Q: Will I play consecutive games?

A: We try not to schedule teams to play in consecutive games, but in some cases it's unavoidable.

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Q: How many games will my team play?

A: Everything is based on the number of entries we receive. All teams are guaranteed a minimum of 3 games and typically play anywhere between 3-5 games. If schedule permits, we may add a 3-point shooting contest for each player to participate in.

Q: What time should my team arrive by?

A: Player check-in opens at 7:30am and all teams are expected to be on the court and ready to go by 8:45am. Following a few announcements, the tournament will begin precisely at 9:00am. After checking in, all teams are welcome to practice on the courts up until 8:45am.

Q: Where are the games played and what do the courts look like?

A: Play is outside in the parish/school parking lot. All courts are measured out and then painted with temporary lines as straight as we can make them. 3rd and 4th grade teams will play on half courts that are 36' x by 36' with the rims set between 8-9', while 5th grade teams and up play on half courts that are 40' x 36' with approximately 10' rims. An arc is drawn on each court to represent the 3-point line. The hoops are portable units.

Q: How will the games be officiated?

A: Each game will have a "court monitor" to officiate. All court monitors are volunteers and not licensed IHSA referees. Court Monitors will keep time, score and enforce our tournament rules to the best of his/her ability. They will also call fouls for 3rd - 6th graders. 7th graders and up are allowed to call their own fouls, however a Court Monitor may step in if he/she deems it necessary.

Q: Can we have our parents coach our team?

A: Yes, we encourage parents to help coach. We do insist that all parents & spectators refrain from any abusive language or behavior and act as positive role models.

Q: Are restrooms nearby?

A: Yes they are available to all persons having an affiliation with the 3on3 tournament. Restrooms are located in the Ministry Center building just south of the tournament area. We ask that you respect all parish and school grounds including the Ministry Center while you're at this fundraiser.

Q: Do I need to bring anything?

A: We recommend that each team bring 1 regulation basketball with them. Boys 5th - 9th grade should use a 29.5" regulation ball. All Girls and 3rd - 4th grade Boys should bring a 28.5" intermediate ball. All players should wear t-shirts that match. Be creative! You may also bring money (cash only) to purchase food/drink at the concession stand. Tables and chairs will be set up nearby to sit and eat. Parents/spectators may bring folding chairs or small tents as long as they are out of the field of play or any surrounding areas near the courts that would prohibit tournament play and cause possible injury to a player.

Q: Will there be food & drink?

A: Yes, we will run a concession stand with cold beverages (typically pop, water & gatorade) along with food and snacks. Other items may be available too. Each player will receive a lunch ticket toward a FREE combo meal. Any additional food/drink as well as food/drink for parents/spectators may be purchased. CASH ONLY.

Q: What if the shirt I picked doesn't fit or what I was given is the wrong size?

A: We do our best to determine our shirt orders based on past year's tournaments. Typically we have extras for those circumstances, and if so we would be happy to exchange a size at the concession stand. To guarantee your shirt size please register by August 1st. We also sell extra shirts at the concession stand.

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Q: In the event of an injury, will there be any medical staff on site?

A: We will have a first aid tent staffed with volunteer nurses to assist with basic first aid. They will have ice packs, band-aids and other basics to address minor bumps, scrapes and bruises.

Q: If I was asked in advance to help volunteer, where/when should I arrive?

A: Depending on what you volunteered for, we ask that all volunteers arrive early. Usually a committee member or the tournament chairperson will reach out to you in advance and let you know the specific time. Please check in at the concession stand where you will receive a FREE lunch ticket and a souvenir tournament t-shirt to wear.

Q: What if it rains?

A: We will do our best to continue the tournament despite inclement weather. If rain is an issue during the tournament, we may limit the number of points needed to win, shorten the games, or pause the tournament as deemed necessary. The safety of all participants will always be our number one priority. If the tournament is completely rained out, we do apologize. Unfortunately we cannot reschedule the tournament or give refunds. All participants will still receive a tournament t-shirt.

Q: Can I get a copy of the rules in advance?

A: You can download and print a copy at www.stisidoreparish.org/school/support/3-on-3basketball/

Q: I have a question that was not covered.

A: You can email the tournament chairperson at 3on3bballtournament@saintisidoreschool.org

Note: this email is not monitored everyday.