

St. Mary School Team Selection Policies

[Preface: CYO athletics encompass participating student-athletes in the 5th & 6th grades (hereafter referred to as “Junior Varsity” or “JV”) and in 7th & 8th grades (hereafter referred to as “Varsity”). Any athletic participation in any grades from preschool thru 4th grade is deemed “Instructional” and is not governed by the policies stated herein.

It is the dual goal of St. Mary’s school to maximize participation while fielding competitive teams, in accordance with Catholic teachings and the Constitution of the United States, for the youth of St. Mary School and the St. Peter Parish Community.]

- St. Mary’s school is a “non-cut” school; any student who is eligible to participate per the St. Mary School guidelines shall be given a roster spot.
- St. Mary’s school shall field as many teams as necessary to provide all eligible, interested students a roster spot.
- Junior Varsity teams shall consist of all eligible and interested 5th & 6th grade students only. However, 4th graders may be allowed to play if necessary to adequately complete a roster with athletic director and/or St. Mary School principal approval.
- Varsity teams shall consist of all eligible and interested 7th & 8th grade students only. However, 6th graders may be allowed on to play at this level if necessary to adequately complete a roster with athletic director and/or St. Mary School Principal approval.
- At the Varsity level all teams shall be selected based primarily on talent and divided into a #1 team & #2 team, and so on, as necessary.
- At the JV level, the #1 team will be based primarily on talent; the #2 & #3 team will be divided to create two teams of similar ability.

- When selecting teams primarily based on talent, consideration will be given for potential playing time and position needs. For example, while a student may possess adequate skill level to make a #1 team, if that student would receive very limited playing time on the #1 team, yet would receive considerable playing time on the #2 team, that student may be placed on the #2 team.
- The head coach of the Varsity #1 team shall conduct try-outs for all eligible and interested 7th & 8th graders and is in charge of the selection of the Varsity rosters.
- The head coach of the JV #1 team shall conduct try-outs for all eligible and interested 5th & 6th graders and is in charge of the selection of the JV rosters.
- The final rosters of the JV and Varsity teams are subject to review by the Athletic Director and St. Mary School Principal.
- Once final rosters of the Varsity and JV teams are set, they are final and any modifications, if any, are governed by CYO rules and must be requested by the head coach and approved by the Athletic Director and/or St. Mary's School Principal.
- All players will be given an opportunity to play in every game at all levels as long as they have complied with all practice requirements (i.e. attendance, effort, etc). However, playing time for athletes may not be equal. Playing time at the Varsity level is left to the discretion of the coach.
- Playing time at the Junior Varsity level is left to the discretion of the coach within the confines of CYO rules and regulations.

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