

FAQ

Q. Who do I contact if I have questions about the program?

A. Bob Donahue (rcdonahue@comcast.net) or Mike Sheehan (msheehan17@comcast.net)

Q. Do the standings count?

A. CAL does keep regular season standings, but it's important to note that there is no regular season champion and all CAL teams qualify for the playoffs. This policy supports our own efforts to encourage player development for the long-term.

Q. As a parent, how do I know when I have to volunteer to help at games?

A. Since we are a volunteer run program, each family is required to volunteer during the basketball season. Without parent volunteers, we couldn't have a program. Each coach/team is responsible for supplying parent volunteers when assigned. Typically, each time is asked to cover a 2-hour time window three times per season.

Q. Will the season overlap with other sports?

A. Yes. At the beginning of the season other sports will be ending. Coaches must understand that until that season has completed the ongoing sport takes precedent

Q. How is playing time handled?

A. SJE follows the CAL requirements which state play time by grade. Grades 4 – 6 require 3:00 consecutively per half (6:00 per game). Grade 7 & 8 require 3:30 per game. SJE teams will strive to adhere to these minimums even in non-CAL games and in tournaments where playing time minimums are not tracked or required.

Q. Is there a cost to play?

A. Yes, the annual basketball fee covers a host of real costs, from referees to uniforms to electricity and insurance. Our entry fees and annual tournament help us keep those costs to a minimum.

Q. What's the process if I have a concern or issue with my child's team or coach?

A. While all of our coaches strive to do the best they can for the kids and the program, we also recognize that differences of opinion will arise. It is impossible that every parent will agree with every coach's decision throughout a basketball season. We ask that you keep that in mind when assessing any single practice, game decision or policy.

If an issue does arise that you feel needs addressing, please discuss (privately) with your child's coach first. If you feel that doesn't lead to a satisfactory conclusion, please feel free to contact the program directors (contact info above).

Of course, Sister Mary Jane is the ultimate director of our school and has final authority on the program and parents are free to discuss concerns with Sister.