

ST. WENCESLAUS BASKETBALL POLICY

The mission of the St. Wenceslaus Athletic Committee is to provide a positive experience while teaching the basics of the game of basketball in a Christian atmosphere.

This Policy will be made available to all players and parents/guardians before committing to play on a St. Wenceslaus team. At least one of the player's parents/guardians will be required to agree to and affix an electronic signature verifying that they have read the policy and agree to abide by the policies of the Athletic Department and Basketball Program. ***It is a requirement that all players and coaches must register through the on-line registration process prior to participating in a practice or game.***

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

All basketball coaches (both head and assistant) need to be certified by the Archdiocese of Omaha as having completed the Safe Environment Training and having a background check completed prior to coaching at St. Wenceslaus. The St. Wenceslaus Basketball Committee will be responsible for making sure that all coaches are certified.

Any clinic or camp attended by a team in an environment where a coach, staff member, or volunteer is not Safe Environment trained will need to have a Safe Environment trained coach or staff member in attendance at the entire clinic or camp in which the team is attending.

TEAM SELECTION

In order to play St. Wenceslaus Basketball a player must:

- Meet the eligibility requirements set out by the PAL League
 - Attend 5-day School or the St. Wenceslaus Catechetical program
 - Be a member of St. Wenceslaus Parish and attend another Catholic school that does not have a PAL League.
 - Meet all eligibility requirements set out by St. Wenceslaus School. If a student is deemed ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities due to grades or conduct, the student will not be allowed to attend or participate in practices or any other aspect of the activity until all requirements are met and the student is again deemed eligible.
 - Complete an online basketball registration form.
 - Remit payment of the fee to the Basketball Coordinator
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- Fifth grade players will be split into teams approximately equal in talent, as PAL League does not have A, B, and C brackets for 5th grade.
 - The 6th, 7th and 8th grade players will be assigned to a team following tryouts in October. The tryout process is intended to group students with similar ability so that each of our teams can compete at an appropriate level of play. Tryouts consist of two sessions, with each session lasting one hour and fifteen minutes. The bulk of the first session is dedicated to basic basketball skills where each participant's skill level is evaluated using a grading sheet. The goal of the second session is to determine each student's game action ability by requiring students to scrimmage 3 on 3 and 5 on 5.

- The tryouts are observed and graded by two adults who do not have a student in that grade level. After tryouts, the two evaluators will assign each player to their respective team.
- In the event a player misses the tryouts, the basketball committee will place the child on the team they believe is appropriate. Students will be notified of the team selections by telephone within a few days after tryouts.
- Tryouts can be a worrisome experience for some of the young people who feel pressure to “do well.” To help minimize pressure on the students, **we ask parents NOT to attend tryouts.**

PRACTICES

- Each St. Wenceslaus team will be allotted two practice times a week and every player will be expected to make both practices.
- All players should make a commitment to his/her team and teammates.
- By missing required practices, he/she could see playing time reduced in league games.

PLAYING TIME

- St. Wenceslaus requires all players to make a commitment to their basketball team and all coaches make a good faith effort to play each player at least one-fourth of every game, and no single player the entire game.

GAMES

- Home games will be played at St. Wenceslaus and some games will be played at Skutt Catholic High School. Home games will generally be played on Saturdays and Sundays. Saturday games will be played between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and Sunday games will be played from 2:00 to 6:30 p.m.
- **No home games or practices will be held after 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and before 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.**

GRIEVANCES

- Grievances will first be addressed by the Chairperson of the sport involved. This Chairperson will then take the grievance to the Committee of that sport for resolution. If the issue cannot be resolved by that Committee, the Chairperson will take the issue to the President of the Athletic Committee. The President, at his/her discretion, will either contact all members by email or call a special meeting of the Athletic Committee to resolve the issue. The Athletic Committee will gather information, follow-up with the aggrieved party to allow for due process, make a decision and follow through with this decision. Anonymous complaints will not be considered.
- In the event that a grievance involves a coach who is also the chairperson of that sport, the issue may be addressed directly with either the President or the Secretary of the Athletic Committee.

Basketball Chairperson:	Trevor Barton	Phone Number: (402) 333-0415
Athletic Committee President:	Chris Pokorny	Phone Number: (402) 289-5098

EVALUATIONS

In order to improve the overall quality of coaching and the basketball program at St. Wenceslaus, evaluation forms will be available (via the website) to the parents/guardians of the participants at the conclusion of the season. We encourage these forms to be filled out. Responses will remain anonymous and we will make them available to the Athletic Committee and individual coaches.

St. Wenceslaus Basketball Policy

With my electronic signature, which I voluntarily affix to this agreement, I acknowledge that I have read the Basketball Program policy, reviewed the policies with my child and we agree to abide by the policies as stated.

As a parent and/or legal guardian, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by the minor listed below. I agree on behalf of myself, my child named herein, or our heirs, successors, and assigns, to hold harmless and defend St. Wenceslaus Parish, its officers, directors, employees and agents, and the Archdiocese of Omaha, its employees and agents, chaperones, or representatives associated with this activity, from any claim arising from or in connection with my child participating in this athletic activity or in connection with any illness or injury (including death) or cost of medical treatment in connection therewith, and I agree to compensate the parish, its officers, directors and agents, and the Archdiocese of Omaha, its employees and agents and chaperones, or representatives associated with the activity for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses which they may incur in any action brought against them as a result of such injury or damage, unless such claim arises from the negligence of the parish/diocese.