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## **CSAA BASKETBALL GENERAL INFORMATION**

Web site: [www.loucsaa.org](http://www.loucsaa.org)

**Eligibility Certification Forms:** These forms are available on line. Make sure all players have this form on file in the CSAA office. These forms are the official eligibility forms of the CSAA. Make sure all players who do not attend your parish school (including public, private and home school) students are compliant with the sacramental obligations and the religious education requirements.

**Rosters:** Team rosters are to be done through <http://transparentsports.com/> (please see your AD regarding this requirement). Players may be added to the roster anytime during the regular season. Additions are done through the same procedure as above. No additions to the roster can be made after the last regular season game.

**League Balls:** The official league balls are:

8 <sup>th</sup> grade Boys	- Mikasa BWL 110
8 <sup>th</sup> grade Girls	- Mikasa BWL C 110
6 <sup>th</sup> grade Boys and Girls	- Mikasa BWL C 110
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	- 27.5" Indoor Youth Basketball

**Multiple Parish Teams:** Schools or parishes that have multiple teams at any level are expected to make the first team (#1 team) the strongest team, the #2 team the next strongest, the #3 team the next strongest, and the # 4 team the next strongest. Any parish/school with 5 or more teams are expected to divide the remaining players into equal teams. Each level (1-4 and 5's and below) will have separate post season tournaments.

Players must remain with the team they are originally assigned at the beginning of the season. No players may change rosters after the official roster is turned in to the CSAA office prior to the first league game. Players on a 6<sup>th</sup> grade team may be included on one 8<sup>th</sup> grade roster/team. Players on one 4<sup>th</sup> grade team may be listed on one 6<sup>th</sup> grade roster/team. Players on a 4<sup>th</sup> grade team are not allowed to be included on an 8<sup>th</sup> grade roster/team.

Practice time maximums for 6<sup>th</sup> graders and 4<sup>th</sup> graders playing up a level shall not exceed the practice time limits per week of their official grade level.

**Ejections:** Anyone (coach, player, or fan) ejected or removed from any CSAA event for any reason must leave the premises immediately. They may take a short time to make arrangements for any children they are responsible for. All ejections/removals result in a minimum mandatory one game suspension that includes not being allowed in the facility where the next relevant game or match is played. League or Field managers and game officials are also responsible for reporting any ejections to the CSAA office with any relevant information regarding the ejection. The offender must also contact the CSAA Executive Director with an explanation and seek re-instatement for future events. The Executive Director will consider any information available along with any other information obtained from officials, gym or field managers, or any other available sources. The CSAA will consider the severity of the situation and any past transgressions when determining the length of the suspension.

Christmas/invitational tournaments or practice/jamboree games do not count towards the suspension.

If the Head Coach of any team is ejected from a game and there is no assistant coach, or the assistant coach is not 18 years old or greater, the game will be forfeited immediately.

**Protest:** There are no protests of any league or tournament games.

**Uniforms:** All players on individual teams must wear the same uniform with proper numbers. Numbers 6 thru 9 will be illegal numbers. T-shirts under a jersey must be the same color as the predominant color of the game jersey. See NFHS Rulebook for more details.

**Body Markings:** Face painting, temporary tattoos or body painting of any kind, including paint in the hair is **not allowed**.

**Jewelry:** No jewelry allowed per NFHS rulebook. Taping or covering earrings is **not allowed**.

**Gym Managers:** Please allow at least five minutes for warm-up between games. Please do not start games early, but have teams ready to start at the designated starting time when possible.

**Forfeits:** See the CSAA handbook for forfeit information. The forfeit time will be 10 minutes from the original scheduled start time. If a team can't make a scheduled game, they must contact the CSAA office and the gym manager at least 48 hours in advance to avoid a mandatory forfeit fee. Teams are not allowed to contact an opponent and re-schedule a game.

**Coaches are Responsible for Parents and Fans:** Coaches are responsible for parents and fans who display any unsportsmanlike conduct and abusive language during or after a game. Parents or fans not acting in accordance with the Spectator section of the CSAA handbook (page 23) could be asked to leave the gym. Refusal to leave could result in forfeiture of the game and suspension from further CSAA events.

**Bad Weather** – Cancellations for weather related reasons will be posted on the CSAA web site (when possible) at [www.loucsaa.org](http://www.loucsaa.org) and on the free CSAA Mobile App (including push notifications). Additional e-mails will be sent to all Athletic Directors and Basketball Coordinators when possible. It is the responsibility of the coaches and AD's to check the weather status when necessary.

In cases where the CSAA office has not cancelled games across the board, individual gyms still have the authority to cancel if necessary. In these cases, the gym manager is responsible for contacting the official's assignment secretary to cancel referees and contact all coaches as well as the CSAA office. Gym managers must give the officials plenty of notice of cancellations or be billed by the CSAA office as we are responsible for payment of all games scheduled unless enough advance notice is provided. If games are cancelled for inclement weather the gym manager and the CSAA league manager will work together to re-schedule games when possible.

If grade schools are closed for weather related reasons all games and practices are automatically cancelled. If an individual grade school enacts early dismissal, that school's athletic teams are not allowed to have any organized team activities (OTA's/practices) for the remainder of that day. Schools who do not let out early are allowed to practice if safety is not an issue. This decision is up to the individual school/parish leaders.

On days where Catholic High Schools are dismissed early for weather related reasons, all CSAA games and practices are cancelled that day/evening. This includes practices in school gyms or at rental/free outside practice facilities.

**Bench Decorum:** – All players and coaches are required to act in accordance with our Christian values and Catholic beliefs. The behavior of every member of these teams (coaches and players) represents the individual parish and the entire catholic community. Any deviation from these principles will be dealt with in a serious manner.

**Individual Parish or School Game Cancellations:**

Rescheduling games for an individual school or parish is only allowed if the conflict is related to a mandated school or church function. Mandated means required school or church functions, not elective functions. It is the responsibility of the parish to provide this info, including conflicting dates, to the CSAA office in advance of the schedule making process.

This information should be communicated to the CSAA office (julie@loucsaa.org) so conflicts can be avoided prior to making out the schedules. It is not mandatory, however we ask that each gym attempt to work with a team that runs into a problem. It is strictly a courtesy if a gym is able to reschedule games if **mandated** events were not included on the team registration form. In some cases, the CSAA will require changes pending a Pastors appeal.

Functions including, but not limited to, KYA, Boy, Girl, or Cub Scout activities, Governor's cup, Archery competitions or other **elective** functions are not mandated school or church functions. The CSAA encourages student athletes to participate in academic or other sporting events and respects the individual's right to choose to participate in these competitions. The CSAA basketball season runs on a tight schedule and schedules and gym time for approximately 500 teams is hard to manage. For these reasons games won't be rescheduled for the listed events or any other events that are not mandatory.