

SAA Team Formation Policy

Pursuant to Akron CYO guidelines, 7th and 8th grade basketball teams will be formed by grouping players of similar skill level. Basketball players in all other grades with multiple teams will be divided by the coaches, commissioner and athletic director in an attempt to create even teams pursuant to CYO guidelines. Selection of teams in grades 7 and 8 will be based on an assessment completed by non-parent evaluators. The SAA will hold two assessment sessions for 7th and 8th grade players (assuming that there are sufficient registrations to support multiple teams). Each player is encouraged to attend both sessions if possible. If a player cannot attend one or both sessions due to illness, injury or other commitments, there is no guarantee that that player will be placed on the most appropriate team. Every player who registers for basketball will be placed on a team.

The evaluators will have each player participate in drills, skill assessments and scrimmages. Evaluators will rank the players and will also provide comments about each player. Evaluators will not be placing the players on teams. When evaluations are complete, the athletic director and basketball commissioner will use the assessments to place players on teams based on skill level. The total number of teams will depend on the number of registrations and Akron CYO guidelines for rosters. The "A" team will include those players with the highest assessments by the evaluators combined with the observations of the athletic director and commissioner and a player's past performance (based on input from prior year's coach). All decisions regarding team placement are final.

Players will be notified via email or telephone regarding their placement. A player will have 48 hours to decline a position on the selected team and will receive a full refund of his/her registration fees. Any withdrawals after 48 hours will be subject to the SAA's refund policy and administrative fees.

Once the teams are formed, the athletic director and basketball commissioner along with the respective coaches will determine what bracket of play would be most appropriate for the team's skill level (A, B or C). The athletic director will make that recommendation to Akron CYO. Akron CYO does not necessarily follow recommendations as it has to create brackets with an even number of teams. Consequently, a team may be playing in a more competitive or less competitive bracket than is ideal.

The overarching goal of CYO Athletics is to provide young people with the opportunity to experience spiritual, physical, mental and emotional growth through participation in sports. The selection process used for team formation will be consistent with these goals.

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