

**TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL
CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION
RISING STARS
BOYS INVITATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

RULES AND POLICIES

TOURNAMENT HOST

The Diocese of Harrisburg Catholic Youth Organization along with the Main Street Gym Rescue Project, Incorporated.

TOURNAMENT DATES

March 11-23, 2014

****Brackets and dates played will depend on the number of teams entered in the boys and girls tournaments. **

TOURNAMENT SITE

Main Street Gym, 32 West Main Street, Middletown, PA;
Telephone Number (717) 944-4423

Other venues may be used depending on how many teams enter the tournament.

ENTRANCE FEE

The Tournament Entrance Fee is \$150.00. ***Make all checks payable to the HBG Diocese CYO.*** The Tournament Director must receive online registration form by Wednesday, March 5, 2014 to make your team eligible to participate. Registration fee and roster must be received by Sunday, March 8, 2014.

Send all entrance fees to:
Jake Slagle
c/o Tournament Director
22 Front St.
McSherrystown, PA 17344

Only online registration will be accepted for this event. A tournament roster must be downloaded from the tournament website and emailed per the instructions on the form to the Tournament Director.

PRAYER

At the beginning of every game, both teams and coaches will meet at center court with the Director of CYO when available. All participants will kneel and say a prayer together.

ELIGIBILITY

Participants must be in the seventh grade or lower and must not have reached their fourteenth birthday before September 1, 2013. Participants must also meet all other CYO eligibility requirements. You can combine your varsity, intermediate 1 & 2 and junior varsity teams for this tournament. The participants **MUST** be listed on one of your CYO rosters submitted at the beginning of the season. **BEING IN THIS TOURNAMENT WILL NOT AFFECT WHERE THESE PLAYERS CAN PLAY IN YOUR PROGRAM NEXT YEAR.**

TOURNAMENT BRACKET

This will be two-loss elimination -Round Robin Style- tournament. The number of playing dates and games to be played will be determined by the number of entries we have in the tournament.

TOURNAMENT ROSTER

TOURNAMENT ROSTER IS REQUIRED to be filed with the tournament director for this event. Only participants in the seventh grade or lower, who were active members during the season, and are listed on your Official 2013-2014 CYO Rosters, submitted to the Diocesan CYO Office, are eligible to participate in this tournament. Any team using an ineligible player will be immediately suspended from any further participation in the tournament and all games played by team that the ineligible player participated in will be recorded as a loss. The team will also be ineligible to receive any Tournament Awards. **Only two coaches, one adult scorekeeper, one student manager, and the players listed on this roster will be admitted to the tournament free of charge.**

INSURANCE

Insurance is to be provided by each participating parish for every boy that participates, or by the boys' parents or guardian. The Diocesan CYO or the Main Street Gym Rescue Project, Incorporated will not be responsible for any injury incurred during the tournament.

PLAYING RULES

National High School Federation and PIAA playing rules, which shall include the CYO Restrictive Coaching Rule, ***'THE BENCH RULE'***, will be enforced by the officials and Tournament Director, at all times during the tournament. Each team will be allowed five minutes to warm-up prior to the start of each game. ***Only current participating players will be allowed on the gym playing area for warm-ups.*** There will be a five-minute break between halves and one minute between quarters and regular time outs. All tournament games shall consist of four six-minute quarters. Overtime quarters shall be three minutes in length.

PLAYING TIME RULES

The purpose of this tournament is to get an idea of how your team will compete next year and to get a jumpstart on getting players acclimated to the varsity level of play. Please consider this when choosing this team. Do not drag along players who will receive no playing time just to fill your bench and give them an "experience". This is not a varsity level competition and players should be given an opportunity to appear in the game.

PRESS RULE

Any team leading by 20 points at any point in the game may not full court or half court press. If score drops below 20 points then leading team may press again until lead is up to 20 points. A team losing by more than 25 points in the fourth quarter in the fourth quarter may not press.

Coaches should make every effort to keep game scores respectable and to respect the talent of the opposing team. Games where the scoring differential is great are games where bench players must be used.

FIRST AID

It is recommended that each participating team have a first aid kit at their bench for their teams use. ALL TEAMS SHOULD HAVE ICE PACKS WITH THEM. Ice packs MAY be available upon request. The tournament committee will not provide any other type of first aid. This will be the responsibility of each individual team, parent or guardian.

LOCKER ROOMS

Teams will be assigned locker rooms prior to each of their games. It is advised that you assign a responsible adult to hold your players valuables. ***Do not leave valuables in the locker rooms. No loose basketballs are allowed in the locker rooms. All basketballs must remain in a ball bag if they are taken into the locker room and should not be removed out of this bag until the team is in the gym and ready to take the floor for pre-game warm ups.***

UNIFORMS

Each team must be equipped with number uniforms. Numbers must appear on both front and back of the jersey. ***The illegal number rule will be waived. The parish or consolidated school name and or team nickname and the participants surname are the only words allowed to appear on the team uniform or warm-ups.*** If a participant wears a T-shirt under their team jersey the T-shirt must be of a similar color as their team jersey, like wise if a participant wears compression shorts under their uniform pants, they must be of a similar color as their uniform pants

STARTING TIME OF GAME SESSIONS

The gymnasium will not open the doors to participants or fans until thirty minutes prior to the beginning of each session. Please inform your players, their parents, and your fans of this policy and help eliminate them from having to stand outside in the cold or inclement weather.

SCOREKEEPERS

Each team is required to have a ***competent adult scorekeeper*** seated at the score table during their games. This person should understand the scorebook and the proper keeping of the time. The team listed as the home team on the tournament schedule will be the official scorebook during all tournament games. Only one person from each team is allowed to be seated at the score table.

EQUIPMENT

TEAMS MUST BRING THEIR OWN BASKETBALLS. Tape, fluids, towels, etc. must be provided by the team or individual participant. ***Each team is expected to leave the bench area in a neat condition, free of water on the floor, at the end of their games***

TOURNAMENT ADMISSION FEES

The tournament will be comprised of sessions. Each session will have at least two games. The price of admission will cover all games played in that session particular session. ***Please advise your fans of this policy and help to eliminate the confusion at the admission door when they arrive for games.***

ADULTS.....\$2.00

STUDENTS.....\$1.00

PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN NO CHARGE

THERE ARE NO TOURNAMENT PASSES OR FAMILY ADMISSION RATES AVAILABLE FOR THIS TOURNAMENT.

REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments will be available throughout the tournament at a minimal price. ***Refreshments from outside restaurants are not allowed to be brought into the tournament site.***

PLEASE SUPPORT THE TOURNAMENT CONCESSION STAND!!!

TOURNAMENT AWARDS

Individual team member awards will be presented to the Tournament Champion thru Sixth Place. ***These awards are limited to fifteen per team. Additional awards can be ordered, but must be purchased by the individual teams.***

SPORTSMANSHIP

All participants and coaches are to conduct themselves in a true ***CHRISTIAN*** manner at all times during the tournament. Any violation of the rules, Diocesan Policies, or un-sportsmanlike conduct, will result in a sanction to the individual participant, coach and/or the parish CYO program by the Diocesan Catholic Youth Organization.

Coaches are responsible for their team's parent behavior. There should be no negative cheering at any time during the game. There should be no yelling or stomping of bleachers during opponents foul shots. Coaches need to have control of this during the game.

GAME OFFICIALS

All game officials will be PIAA Member Officials and are members of the Central Penn Basketball Officials Association.

The Tournament Director will be the final decision on all matters that may arise and are not covered in the tournament rules and policies.