

Registration begins today for all Basketball programs: Munchkin, Grade School and High School.

Please use the link below to register both players and coaches for the 2009-10 season.

<http://www.sportssignup.com/St-Hilary-Athletic-Association-Online-Registration.start>

New this registration cycle: you can pay by electronic check or credit card on line. (If you wish to send in a check for basketball fees please make it payable to the St. Hilary Athletic Association; attn: Erin Faetanini room 113.) Those registering and paying on or before October 9, 2009 will receive a reduced fee; those registering after October 10, 2009 will pay full price. **Registration closes October 16, 2009 – NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Munchkin Basketball is offered for boys and girls in grades 1 and 2. Two sessions will be available. You can sign your son or daughter up for one or both. The first session will begin in November and conclude in December. Session 2 will begin in January and runs through early February. Teams are broken up by gender and by grade level. First graders meet Friday evenings from 6-7pm in Horning Hall. Second graders meet Friday evenings from 7-8pm in Horning Hall.

Competitive CYO basketball leagues are offered for boys and girls entering grades 3 through 8. The season begins late October and concludes in early March. Teams are divided by gender. Grades 3 through 6 are encouraged to develop skills and a love of the game. Each year new teams are drafted allowing athletes to experience different coaching styles and play with different friends. St. Hilary follows the CYO – 50% No-Stacking rule in these grades (see the CYO website www.akroncyo.org for more information about this rule). Grades 7 and 8 allow athletes to be drafted onto teams based on their athletic skill. Teams are drafted then placed into CYO leagues and compete with other teams that have the same relative level of play. A new policy for drafting 7th and 8th grade teams is being implemented this year, for details see the St. Hilary School website: student activities, athletics, basketball.

St. Hilary also offers our alumni high school students the opportunity to compete in CYO basketball leagues. These teams play in CYO leagues based on high school grade level (freshman play other freshman etc.)

Many volunteers are needed to make these programs successful. Please know that all volunteers must comply with CYO and diocesan requirements: Virtus training, finger printing and background check (available at St. Hilary) and CYO Coach's Seminar. If you are interested in coaching at any level, please sign up online.

Please know that the St. Hilary Athletic Director, Basketball Commissioner and coaches will make every effort to keep multiple family members together on the same team, however, this is NOT a guarantee.

Grade 3-6 Round Robin Draft Procedures

Select head coaches for each team that will be entered and alternate selections until all those who signed up are placed on a roster.

NOTES:

1. If this method is adopted, the AD and/or basketball commissioner will have to locate and select head coaches for each respective team in cases where there are no volunteers or there are conflicts.
2. Only the head coach shall receive an automatic placement on his team roster for a child, grandchild, etc. In summary, no child shall be placed on a roster because of his or her relationship to an assistant coach.
3. The so-called “snake” selection process shall be utilized with the first pick of the draft being determined by lot.
4. Since this selection process will generally result in teams of equal strength, CYO may place some St. Hilary teams in the same division.
5. The AD and/or basketball commissioner may need to advise CYO regarding the respective strengths of each team.

7th and 8th Grade Draft Procedures

Each coach from the previous season will rate the respective skills of the top three (3) players on their team (with an appropriate designation of the position played), as well as the top three (3) players on all other teams (also with position designations). From these rating an A Team will be selected by the AD and basketball commissioner. All remaining players will be placed on rosters for the remaining teams using “Snake Draft” guidelines.

NOTES:

1. The number of players to comprise the A Team roster will, in part, be determined by the number of players who sign up and the number of teams from each grade level to be entered.
2. This method assumes there will be an A Team, B Team, etc. The A Team may generally consist of the best players as determined by the raters. However, since the A Team will require point guards, shooting guards, forwards and centers the roster may not be the most skilled (since it is possible, for example, that the best players are all guards).
3. This method offers the advantage that all players, as determined by those who know them best, will be placed on team rosters that best suits their individual

skills and increases the probabilities that all teams will be entered into a league of teams with comparable skills.

4. It is possible that any one team will have more than one player who's relative was a head coach the previous year. Disagreements, if any, regarding who should coach any team will be resolved by the AD and/or basketball commissioner.
5. Because the teams from the previous year may be relatively equal, CYO may place some St. Hilary teams in the same division.
6. The AD and/or basketball commissioner may need to advise CYO regarding the respective strengths of each team.
7. A lottery system will need to be devised and implemented to assign new players to team rosters that represent their skill level. (See 3rd -6th grade draft procedures)

Coaching Dates 2009-10

10/12 6:00 7th and 8th grade coaches meeting; 215 Bowery St.

10/13 6:00 5th and 6th grade coaches meeting; One Perkins Square

10/14 6:00 3rd and 4th grade coaches meeting; 215 W. Bowery St.

10/25 1st year coaches and assistants' meeting; Our Lady of the Elms

10/25 Coaches Clinic 1-4 @ Our Lady of the Elms

10/19 Coach's Draft Meeting 6:30 in Horning Hall

10/26 practices begin

11/24 schedules available online

12/5 season opens

3/6&7 Championship weekend