



SSJ CYO Families,

Registration for the 2024-2025 SSJ CYO Basketball Season is now open! **This includes registration for 5th thru 8th grade, which will stay open until 10/31.....as well as High School CYO, which will stay open until later in November.** PLEASE read the below info, as there are some important details regarding registration, as well as the season ahead. At the bottom, you'll find the link to register.

· **SSJ CYO Basketball is only open to SSJ students and SSJ Parish members.**

· We offer Regional & Parish programs for 5th & 6th grade boys and girls (JV), as well as 7th & 8th grade boys and girls (Varsity). We also offer High School CYO for boys and girls in grades 9–12. For High School CYO, you cannot participate if you are playing for your high school team (Freshman, JV, Varsity).

· Regional Basketball – This is the most competitive level of CYO Basketball. Our Regional teams will practice up to 3 times a week, with multiple games throughout the week / weekends. The expectation is that the Regional players are 100% committed to the team from November thru February. Playing time is not guaranteed, but the goal is to create a meaningful experience for every player. Regional players will pay an additional \$25 Tournament Fee once the teams are formed. Regional players will also purchase their uniform, which they'll keep.

· Parish Basketball – While not as competitive as the Regional level, Parish Basketball is still very competitive, and includes end of season playoffs. Our Parish teams will practice once a week at an offsite location (most likely Glen Mills School). We understand that many of our Parish Basketball players play other sports during the Winter, and these sports might take priority over Parish Basketball. Equal playing time is the goal for Parish Basketball.

· There will be 2 evaluations each for 5th & 6th grade girls, 5th & 6th grade boys, 7th & 8th grade girls, and 7th & 8th grade boys. **When registering your child, you'll be prompted to indicate whether or not they want to be considered for the Regional team. Any child that wants to play JV or Varsity Basketball, whether it be Regional or Parish, must attend at least 1 evaluation. If you want to be considered for the Regional team, you should try to attend BOTH evaluations.** These evaluations will not only allow

the coaches to select the Regional team, but they will also allow the coaches to put together competitive Parish teams. Anyone that does not get selected for the Regional team, will have the opportunity to play for the Parish team. Evaluations are closed to parents. For evaluations, your child only needs water and sneakers. They should NOT bring a basketball. Evaluations will start on Saturday November 2nd. Specific evaluation dates & times will be sent out in the next week or so. We'll do our best to accommodate any of our Fall athletes who might still be playing.

<https://st-simon-and-jude.sportngin.com/register/form/344321620>

If you're interested in coaching one of our Parish or High School teams, please reach out to Bob DelVescovo at ssjcyosports@gmail.com & Brendan Genther at brendangenther@yahoo.com asap, as we'll need to make sure you have all your clearances, and that they are up to date.

If you have any questions, or need any additional info, don't hesitate to reach out. We're looking forward to another great season of SSJ CYO Basketball! GO EXPLORERS!