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ABOUT THE ATHLETIC CENTER

The St. Columbanus Athletic Center located at 7140 S. Calumet Ave, built in 1933, is located adjacent to Augustus Tolton Catholic Academy and is responsible for all of the school's athletic activities and many community athletic events. The Athletic Center is the athletic ministry of St. Columbanus Church.

On Sunday, October 2, 2016 at 11am, we will begin our 39th season of excellence in citywide elementary basketball leagues.

Started in 1977, the league was initially only open to the city's south side Catholic schools, twenty-three years later in 2000, the league opened to any elementary school who wish to participate.

Since our re-structuring, we can proudly boast that we run the city's largest all-inclusive elementary basketball league for grades Kindergarten through 8th, including a girls division. We also proudly boast an All-star and playoff/championship games that rival the excitement of any NCA March Madness or NBA game.

Annually our leagues are open to Catholic, public, charter and private schools from the Chicago area and suburbs in grades kindergarten through 8th, and include an All-School Cheerleading tournament, volleyball league, track meet and chess tournament. Our summer leagues are open to club, travel, neighborhood and park programs. Our summer Men's league is ranked 2nd in the city by those who play in the Men's circuit.

In 2013-14, our largest season to date, we hosted more than 80 teams that included over 900 student-athletes.

Every weekend between September and March, we will welcome more than 1500 student-athletes, parents, and fans alike to what is affectionately known as, the 'Jr. NBA'.

In an effort to accommodate the many programs requesting to participate with us this season we are again offering a Fall K-2nd Grade School/Open League, as well our regular league will again be open to church, park and club teams. ***We reserve the right to refuse entry to any program in our events.***

Leagues include:

Fall Elementary Volleyball School League ~ 5th – 8th grade
Fall Elementary K-2nd Basketball School/Open League ~ K – 2nd grade
Winter Elementary Basketball School/Open League ~ 3rd – 8th grade
Summer Basketball League Youth (8U-18U)/Men's League ~ 19 & over

Most of the coaches from the participating schools/programs volunteer their time with very little recognition of what they give monetarily, emotionally or take from their personal family time.

We are truly the 'Miracle on 71st Street'. We do what we do with little to no fanfare. We are committed to being a beacon of hope in our community and providing opportunities to any child who walks through our doors.

All league information, registration forms, waivers, league schedules and results are posted on our web site www.stcathletics.org. Games are played on a High School size basketball court with concessions sold on site, with plenty of seating and parking.

The Athletic Center is also available to host your League tournaments/games.

As your St. Columbanus Athletic Director and Basketball League Commissioner, we are excited at the prospects for a successful basketball season. As we prepare for the winter league, we have new information for you to review and activities for you to participate in and/or to follow-through with. ***There are some changes, so please read all items carefully and thoroughly.***

A tour of the gymnasium is available upon request.

Good luck with your season!!!

Sincerely,

Keith Chamberlain
Commissioner of Athletics

Kelli S. Moore
Athletic Director

**Questions Regarding the Basketball League can be directed to
773-224-0531 - Our email, *athletics@stcolumbanus.org* is our
quickest and preferred way to communicate.**



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2016-17 WINTER BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Dear School Administrator, Athletic Coordinator, Coach:

On behalf of the *St. Columbanus Athletic Center* we would like to invite your Basketball team(s) to participate in our Annual Winter School/Open Basketball League for 2016-17 Seasons. League play begins Friday, December 2, 2016 and ends Sunday, April 2, 2017, with our mid-season **All-Star games held Sunday, January 29, 2017**. Mixed teams, boys and girls, are welcome.

Teams finishing 1st and 2nd in the **7th & 8th Grade School/Open Division Championship** will receive team and individual awards. All teams will go to the playoffs. Teams finishing outside of the championship game will receive medals.

Teams finishing 1st and 2nd in the **Girls 5th – 8th Grade School/Open Division Championship** will receive team and individual awards. All teams will go to the playoffs. Teams finishing outside of the championship game will receive medals.

Teams finishing 1st and 2nd in the **5th & 6th Grade School/Open Division Championship** will receive team and individual awards. All teams will go to the playoffs. Teams finishing outside of the championship game will receive medals.

Teams finishing 1st and 2nd in the **3rd & 4th Grade School/Open Division Championship** will receive team and individual awards. All teams will go to the playoffs. Teams finishing outside of the championship game will receive medals.

Teams finishing 1st and 2nd in the **Open League Division Championships** will receive team and individual awards. All teams will go to the playoffs. Teams finishing outside of the championship game will receive medals.

Space is limited per division and will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Division space is available as follows:

20 teams	-- 7th & 8th grade division
12 teams	-- Girls 5th - 8th grade division
16 teams	-- 5th & 6th grade division
12 teams	-- 3rd & 4th grade division
8 teams	-- Open League – (same as school divisions)

All league forms including: *Team Registration, Team Roster, Conflict Date & All Team Member Waivers* are available on-line at www.stcathletics.org (click LEAGUES). ***This process is the same for team Cheerleaders.***

ALL PLAYER WAIVERS ARE DUE BY THURSDAY, DEC. 1, 2016. Players without completed waiver by deadline will not be allowed to play in the first weekends games. After that, late waivers will only be accepted one week prior to the game you want the played in. Waivers not turned in by the Roster amendment deadline (Wed. Jan. 18, 2017) will be dropped from your team and not allowed to play this season.

Because space is limited, it is important that you reserve a place for your team(s) as soon as possible. The deadline to reserve your teams spot in the winter school/open league is Friday, November 11, 2016. You can reserve your team(s) spot by submitting your on-line *Winter School/Open League Registration* at www.stcathletics.org (click LEAGUES). For more information email us at athletics@stcolumbanus.org.

CONFLICT requests are now part of the registration process and must be received no later than Friday, November 11. Requests received after that date may not be granted.

Note: Only one team per school per division. If a school would like to have more than one team in a division please register both teams. The second team will be placed on a waiting list. After the Friday, November 11, 2016, deadline, we will take teams from the waiting list to fill spots until we reach the division maximum allotment for teams. We will select teams from the waiting list in the order we receive them.

After reserving your teams spot(s) in the league, you must submit the following, *which constitutes your team's official entry into the league*, and must be received **no later than Thursday, November 17, 2016 at the Mandatory coaches meeting at 6:30 pm in the St. Columbanus Athletic Center located at 7140 S. Calumet Ave.**

- 1) ***On-line Team Roster & Conflict Request (Deadline 11-17-2016)***
- 2) ***Per team League Entrance fee. (Deadline 11-17-2016)***

Finally: ***Player Waivers – permission/medical/photo-video (Deadline 12-1-2016)***

The required Medical waiver must be printed out to add the necessary INSURANCE information and turned in by the deadline.

League Entrance Fee:

League Entrance Fee consists of the **registration fee per team**, the **\$50.00 per team *Refundable Team Fee**, and the *Referee Fee* that will cover referee cost for all regular season games **PLUS THE FIRST PLAYOFF GAME**. *The \$50 *Refundable fee will be returned at the end of the season provided all of your paperwork has been turned in by the posted deadlines.*

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u># OF GAMES</u>	<u>ENTRANCE FEE</u>
1.) Boys 7 th & 8 th grade	12 games	\$670.00
2.) Girls 5 th - 8 th grade	10 games	\$550.00
3.) 5 th & 6 th grade	10 games	\$550.00
4.) 3 rd & 4 th grade	10 games	\$450.00
5.) Open League -16u & 18u	10 games	\$600.00



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Payments are accepted in the form of a credit card on-line, school/program check or money order, payable to 'St. Columbanus Athletic Center'. Payments must be brought to the mandatory coaches meeting or mailed in advance, unless paid online:

**St. Columbanus Church
Attn: Coach Chamberlain
331 E. 71st Street
Chicago, IL 60619**

Referee Fees for games advancing past your first playoff game into the championship games, must be paid in full, per game, prior to the start of that game play. Fees must be paid to a St. Columbanus Athletic Center adult staff member. Payments are only accepted in the form of a school/program check or money order payable to "St. Columbanus Athletic Center", failure to do so will result in a forfeit of the game.

The Referee Fee: is listed below,
\$35.00 - Boys 7th & 8th grade, Open League -16u & 18u.
\$30.00 - Girls 5th - 8th grade, 5th & 6th grade.
\$20.00 - 3rd & 4th grade.

Each school is REQUIRED to send ALL coaches (Basketball & Cheerleading) to the mandatory coach's meeting, which will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 6:30p.m., in the St. Columbanus Athletic Center located at 7140 S Calumet Ave. Failure to comply will result in your school not being allowed to participation in the league. Principals, athletic director and coaches are all welcome. We want to be able to answer any questions prior to the start of the season.

WINTER SCHOOL/OPEN BASKETBALL LEAGUE 2016 – 2017

RULES AND GUIDELINES

Team attire **must be worn at every official game** and **must consist of** game jerseys/shirts of the same color with large, visible numbers and **must be worn**. Teams not prepared will forfeit games; continuous disregard of this rule will result in dismissal from the league.

TEAMS ARE TO BE DRESSED AND WAITING UPSTAIRS TO TAKE THE FLOOR AFTER THE PRIOR TEAMS HAVE PRAYED AND GATHERED THEIR BELONGINGS FROM THE BENCH.

Each team ***MUST*** have a minimum of one adult Coach (19 years of age or older). Only ***THREE*** Adult Coaches are allowed on the bench with the team at a time. **NO PARENTS OR SPECTATORS ARE ALLOWED TO SIT ON THE PLAYER BENCHES AT ANY TIME.**

Advance notice (at least 2 days) must be given to accommodate the rescheduling of games (cancel or reschedule) by contacting the Commissioner of Athletics. Exceptions will be made in cases of extreme weather or illness/injury to the coach. **Our email is our quickest and preferred way to communicate.**

There are no protests. All referee and St Columbanus Athletic Center staff decisions are final.

Tie breakers will be determined by the following methods:

- A. Record of tied teams head-to-head
- B. Point differential from wins and losses will be added together, between the tied teams, with a maximum of 15 points being counted from each win, and the full point total of each loss counting. The team with the greater point differential in total games will be the higher seeded team.
- C. Coin Flip

No Dunking, Before or After the game!! Any player in violation of this rule will be ejected from the game and/or the league upon review of the incident by the *St. Columbanus Athletic Center Office*. The coach will receive a warning. After the second incident, the entire team will be ejected from the league.

Player Eligibility:

Players in the **school** league divisions will consist of students registered and attending the school whose name appears on the Team Roster. ***Team members CANNOT play for more than one team in the same division. INELIGIBLE player rules would apply towards any PLAYERS DEEMED INELIGIBLE.***

Teams must be registered in the division that will accommodate the highest-grade level of your players. Players must play in the division that will accommodate the grade they are in, the exception is players are allowed to play up a division but not play down a division. Players may not be 2 years older than the age of the players in that typical grade level. For example, 8th grade players are typically 14 years old. A player who has reached the age of 16 cannot play. A 6th grader is typically 12 years old. A 14 year old 6th grader cannot play in the 5th/6th grade division. In the last example the player could play up in the 7th/8th grade division.



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All coaches in the **OPEN** league division **must** bring **an original of each player's current year report card**. The copies will be filed to have available if a player's grade level is questioned. Your team and team members will not be able to participate until this required documentation is received. These documents will be made available to St. Columbanus Athletic Center staff and officials only, no opposing coaches, parents and/or players. All documents are shredded at the end of each season.

Ineligible Player Rules:

Any player who appears on the **Team Roster** or in the official game book/sheet, and is discovered to be ineligible, even if he/she never plays, will cause his/her team to be

REMOVED FROM THE LEAGUE AT THAT POINT PLUS ONE FULL SEASON, team standings will be vacated, and if in playoffs will forfeit that game and will terminate playoff options.

Removal from the league as a result of any forfeits or illegal team members will result in no refund of league or referee fees paid.

HUMILITY RULE -- at no time will any team, based on skill, be made to feel inadequate. Anytime a team leads by more than 25 points, the scoreboard will be adjusted to read **HOME 00 GUEST 00**, and the score will continue to be kept in the official league score book.

Spectator Admission Fee to all Games:

Spectators will be charged \$2.00 per person admission fee to all regular season games. This includes parents, students and coaching staff family members. Game Passes will be issued for the maximum of players on your roster and 3 coaches, not for ball keepers, scorekeepers or managers. Coaches are responsible for making sure that team member's parents and school fans are aware of this fee. **Only Team Players, Cheerleaders and their Coaches are admitted free.**

Games:

Games are played as follows:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
3 rd - 4 th	Sundays	***11:00a.m. – 6:00p.m.
5 th - 8 th Girl's	Sundays	***11:00a.m. – 6:00p.m.
5 th & 6 th grade	Fridays	5:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.
	Saturdays	8:00a.m. – 10:00a.m.
7 th & 8 th Boy's	Thursdays	6:00p.m. – 7:00p.m.
	Fridays	8:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.
	Saturdays	9:00a.m. – 8:00p.m.
Open League: 3 rd -8 th	(same as school divisions)	

*****Based on the # of team registrations games on Sunday could start as early as 11:00am.**

Technical, Flagrant, and Intentional Fouls: opposing team will receive an automatic 2 points and the ball.

COACHING BEHAVIOR:

Head Coaches and only Head Coaches are permitted to stand and coach. The Head Coach must remain in the coaching box. When the Head Coach is out of the box and "just coaching" the coaching box rule will be enforced as follows: First Offense - warning and return to box; Next Offense - technical foul.

When the Head Coach is in or out of the box behaving inappropriately the coaching box rule will be enforced as follows: Technical Foul. Assistant Coaches do not have the same privileges as Head Coaches. Assistants must remain seated during the game. The officials will warn the Head Coach if an assistant is standing in the box. Any subsequent violations will be penalized with a technical foul and an indirect technical foul assessed to the Head Coach. The first technical foul charged directly or indirectly to the head coach results in loss of coaching-box privileges and the head coach must remain seated for the remainder of the game.

Automatic ejection after two (2) technical fouls on a player or coach in one game and they must leave the gym. Note: Four (4) technical fouls on a team (Player or Coach during the league and the Team is removed from the league (NO EXCEPTIONS/NO REFUNDS.)

Sportsmanship is a top priority in this league. Un-sportsmanlike conduct, disorderly conduct and damage to the facilities, or violations of rules in the opinion of the St. Columbanus Athletic Center Staff will cause you and your team to be ejected from the league. If a player, coach or spectator is expelled from a game, a ruling will be made regarding any disciplinary action. This will occur before that player or coach is allowed to return to league play. Improper behavior will result in the spectator being barred from the gym. Fighting of any-kind will warrant immediate player and/or team expulsion from the league, the *St. Columbanus Athletic Center* maintains a zero-tolerance policy toward fighting of any kind. No fees will be refunded, decisions are **STRICKLY** enforced and final. Any person-coach/player/parent/fan who berates a league official, staff, other coach, player, parent, referee, or fan will be immediately removed from the building.

Before/After Game Prayer & Procedures:

Before the start of each game the home team (as determined by the scorer's table) will give the opening prayer and the visiting team will give the closing prayer. Prayer will take place around the half court circle after the shaking/slapping of hands, ***Coaches are to insure that all players and themselves participate in the prayer regardless of the outcome of the game.*** At the end of each game the playing teams will form an Olympic style line at the players sideline to shake/slap hands.

Teams should be ready to play at their scheduled game time. If a team has not arrived by 5 minutes after their scheduled game time, the game clock will begin and the offending team will be penalized 2 points for every minute that they are late. Upon their arrival, play will begin. **The game clock will not be reset and the score will stand.** **Once a team receives 2 forfeits, they will be ejected from the league and no fees will be refunded.**

A game will consist of: four (4), 7-minute quarters (7th & 8th), 6-minute quarters (All other school/open leagues), a running clock, except on free throws and time outs. In the last 2-minutes of each half, the clock will stop on every whistle. Bonuses start on the seventh team foul and super bonuses on the tenth team foul. Three (3) time outs per game (time outs can be called from the bench by any coach or from any player on the court). There will be 1-minute between quarters with a 3-minute halftime. General grade school rules apply at all other times.

Overtime – 3-minute period with the clock stopping on every whistle in the last 2-minutes of the overtime period. Teams get one (1) time out no carryovers. Sudden Death – If the game is still tied after the overtime period, the first team to lead by one (1) point wins. There will be no time put on the clock.

There are no time outs in Sudden Death overtime. Sudden death will only be used during the regular season. In the playoffs, overtime periods will be used until one team wins the game.

*The St. Columbanus Athletic Center Staff reserves the right to shorten the length of pre-game warm-up, quarters, halftime, and the time between quarters and/or games in whole to keep the days schedule on time. **Players should come stretched and prepared to play by their scheduled game time.***

No Press Rule

If a team leads by at least 20 points, **they cannot “PRESS”**. A technical foul will be called **per infraction** for violations of the “**NO PRESS**” rule. The opposing team will receive an automatic 2 points and the ball. In the 2nd half, **ONLY, the clock will not stop** if a team leads by at least 20 points during a game.

<u>Division</u>	<u>3rd & 4th grade</u>	<u>5th & 6th grade</u>	<u>5th & 8th grade girls</u>	<u>7th & 8th grade</u>
<u>Basketball Size</u>	28.5	28.5	28.5	Regulation size
<u>Pressing</u>	No full court press until the last three minutes of a game and overtime.	No full court press until the last three minutes of each half and overtime.	No full court press until the last three minutes of each half and overtime.	Teams can press until a team is winning by 20 points
<u>Defense</u>	Defense is restricted to inside the yellow volleyball line. Once the offensive team crosses the yellow volleyball line defense is then restricted to the half court line. A lead of 20 points or more, defense is restricted to inside the 3 point line.	Defense is restricted to half court (blue line), teams with lead of 20 points or more, defense restricted to inside the 3 point line.	Defense is restricted to half court (blue line), teams with lead of 20 points or more, defense restricted to inside the 3 point line.	Defense then is restricted to the yellow volleyball line.