

SMAA Holiday Basketball Tournament Important Information

HOW TO REGISTER:

- 1) Visit the SMAA website (www.stmarksports.org) and pick the "Holiday Tournament Tab".
 - a) Follow the link to our Sports Pilot registration page.
 - b) Create a new sports pilot account (even if you have an existing one, you will need to create a new one on our site!)
 - c) Register yourself as a coach for the Holiday Basketball Tournament.
 - d) Note your team information , including CYO game dates and blackout dates in the NOTES field.
 - e) Pick your payment method – either pay online, mail a check, or direct bill your school if that is an option.
 - f) Make sure to CHECKOUT to finish the registration process.
 - g) Please email tim.schmidt@stmarksports.org once you have completed the registration so he can confirm it.

1) **Holiday Play:** We do not expect to play games on Christmas eve day or New Years eve day this year. Games may be played ALL day Jan 16th (Martin Luther King Day).

2) Please list in the NOTES section of your team information -- **Your CYO game dates** and times (for 7th and 8th grade, between 12/11 and 12/31 -- for 3rd through 6th grade, between 1/2 and 2/1) AND any **urgent blackout dates** (max 3).

3) SMAA reserves the right to re-assign teams registering in the "B" division, if your CYO registration is "A". Special considerations need to be approved in advance with the tournament director.

4) The St. Mark Athletic Association works hard to ensure our coaches act with kindness and respect. We invite your team into our tournament with that same understanding. Coaches who fail to act with kindness and respect risk having their team withdrawn from play, with a refund of fees prorated based on the number of games played.

5) Brackets will be posted to the SMAA website. **Teams who miss a game, risk taking a forfeit** -- even under unpleasant weather conditions -- if SMAA has not cancelled the game. School closings do NOT automatically result in tournament game cancellations.

6) Black-out dates must be noted with your registration. Once bracketing has started, additional blackout dates are difficult, if not impossible, to accommodate. Please recognize that with over 125 teams in the tournament it is very difficult to honor too many requests.