

Extracted from the St. Mary Athletic Association Constitution

F. Team Formation and Player Selection

1. The policy of the St. Mary Parish is that all who wish to participate in the athletic programs offered through St. Mary Parish and this Board will be allowed to do so provided that they meet the requirements and criteria established by this Board and its policies, St. Mary Parish, the Diocese of Columbus and these Bylaws.
2. Teams will consist of a reasonable number of participants. Appropriate team size will be determined by the Executive Committee with input from the coaches. The team sizes for the upcoming year will be established no later than June 30, and will be publicized through school, Parish and PSR communications.
3. When team size exceeds a reasonable number of participants, a second team will be formed for that sport.
4. All teams in fourth, fifth, and sixth grades will be divided equally by talent since these are developmental programs. All players will be evaluated prior to the formation of the teams and the commencement of league play to ensure equality. Evaluations will be coordinated and conducted by the Commissioner of the specific sport. The Athletic Director and/or Commissioner will set up the drill and/or game playing criteria (speed, skill, agility, physical capabilities, and/or physical characteristics - height, etc.), while soliciting player's capabilities from the coaches. The impartial Athletic Director and/or Commissioner will be the final recommendation authority for the Board. There may be circumstances where a participant may have an opportunity to move up to the next level. These situations will be reviewed and approved on a case-by-case basis. Such matters will be discussed between the Athletic Director, the Commissioner, the affected coaches, the parents, and the specific child, with consideration of skill level, physical attributes, and maturity. Final approval must be granted by the Board. Formal written acknowledgment of the risks and waiver of liability must be signed by the parent and the Athletic Director.
5. Teams consisting of seventh and eighth grade students will be divided into Green and White teams, if, and only if, the number of participants are sufficient to form more than one team; and, provided that the policies of St. Mary Parish, the Diocese of Columbus and this Board so authorized. Additionally, no decisions will be executed without the approval of the Executive Committee. The criteria for dividing and designating teams shall be determined by the Board and these teams need not be divided equally by talent. All players will be evaluated and tryouts will be conducted to determine which players are assigned to each respective team. The respective Athletic Director/Commissioner will arrange the tryouts and will be the final recommendation authority for the Board. In the case of a conflict of interest, an impartial representative will be assigned by the President. Each participant will be evaluated by drill and/or game playing criteria developed for that sport (speed, skill, agility, physical capabilities, and/or physical characteristics - height, etc.), while soliciting player's capabilities from the coaches.