

St. Francis High School

Freshman Basketball Summer Information FAQ

Welcome to St. Francis!

We are excited that your son is trying out for the summer basketball program at St. Francis High School. There are a couple key things that all freshman parents need to understand about St. Francis Freshman Summer Basketball.

Please read, below and if you have any further questions I can be reached through email at twolfson@sfhs.net . I have compiled a list of Frequently Asked Questions to help your family understand how the process works.

Q: When are tryouts and what does my son need to bring?

A: Tryouts dates are found on the www.sfhsbasketball.com website. Click Calendar on top and scroll to JUNE. You will see dates listed there for tryouts. Your son just needs to be on time, in athletic attire, have his physical completed and ready to work!

Q: My son is still in school during the day/time you have tryouts? What should we do?

Your son is NOT allowed to attend tryouts until he has completed his 8th grade year and received his diploma. There is a makeup tryout date listed on the calendar for those freshmen that have not graduated yet from middle school and still want to tryout. Every year we have numerous students attend the makeup tryout and make the summer team.

Q: Does everyone make the team? How many players do you keep?

A: Unfortunately we would like to keep all interested players that try out for the summer team, but we cannot. There will be cuts made after the tryout dates listed on the calendar page as we to try and obtain a manageable number of players to create a summer freshman basketball team. Some players will be asked to not come back after the first day of tryouts, and some after the second day. Please have your son come back in September when the official winter basketball season tryouts begin. Our goal is to have an official summer team ASAP so we start playing summer basketball games. We will keep as many as we feel can help the program. Some years we have kept 16 players and some years 8. It all depends on who the completion is.

Q: If my son gets cut from the team over summer, can he make the team in the winter?

A: Of course. We will have a different tryout for incoming freshman in September and an addition tryout as soon as football season concludes. Please have your son listen to announcements, and read the daily bulletin for more information. Your son can always email me or find me on campus when the day gets closer in September. Every year we have players who DO NOT make the summer team and then make the winter team and vice versa.

Q: What if my son wants to try out for the JV or the Varsity team? Should he attend those tryouts and practices?

A: Coaches will constantly be evaluating all levels of the basketball program trying to find the correct fit for your son. If we feel at any time that he would be better on a different level, we would move him up. At any point in time your son can get moved up and/or down based on performance and team needs.

Q: My son got cut! What should he do if he wants to make the team in the winter time between now and then?

A: Like anything practice makes perfect! A couple good options to hone his skills by next season are:

- a) Practice! Put more hours in each day to improve skills and ability
- b) Attend St. Francis Summer Camp to work on skills and ability
- c) Join a club team, AAU team or a park/rec team.
- d) Hire a basketball trainer to fine-tune certain skills
- e) Ask the St. Francis coaches what they think he needs to improve on by the wintertime

Q: Can parents watch tryouts and practices throughout the summer?

A: Unfortunately we DO NOT allow any parents to watch practice or attend tryouts. This is a no questions asked policy and goes for all players at all levels.

Q: Is this summer basketball different from the summer camps that are seen on the St. Francis Summer School Website?

A: Yes. This is the St. Francis High School Summer team that is chosen by the coaches. The St. Francis Summer Camps is not mandatory but is encouraged by coaches if they want to work on additional skills and spend more time in the gym working on and improving their craft.