

ST MARK- WALTER E. WRIGHT Jr. MEMORIAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

General Tournament Information:

Place: St. Mark Church Parish Center Gymnasium
500 Wigwam Lane, Stratford, CT.

Dates: Sunday February 22, 2016 thru Saturday March 12, 2016.

1. Double elimination tournament.
2. **Entry fee will be \$140.00.** Please make checks payable to the:
"St. Mark - Walter Wright Memorial Basketball Tournament".
3. Deadline for entry fees and rosters will be **January 31, 2016.**
Late entries are allowed (space permitting).
4. ADMISSION to all tournament games will be as follows:

Family of 4 or more	- \$6.00
Adults	- \$3.00
Students & Seniors	- \$1.00
5. A variety of food, refreshments, soft drinks, etc. will be on sale at our concession stand.
6. **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP** is our most important goal! COACHES are responsible for the conduct of their players and fans while at the St. Mark Parish Center Gymnasium.
7. Committee members will be available at the Parish Center entrance and in the Gymnasium to answer questions concerning the location of various facilities.
8. Coaches are asked to check all valuables. Don't leave them in the dressing areas.
9. Cheerleaders are permitted to cheer at their team's offensive side of the court. If you plan to bring cheerleaders, please see a Tournament Director for other restrictions as we have very limited space in our gym.
10. The parent or legal guardian of the player understands that there is a possibility that their child may be injured as a result of participating in this tournament. The parent agrees that he or she will maintain adequate medical insurance and will rely on his or her own resources to pay for any injuries sustained by the minor child while participating in this tournament whether it is in a game or practice situation.
11. **Equipment:** Teams must have a full first aid kit (including cold packs) for all games. Please DO NOT BRING BALLS into gym. We will supply warm-up balls.

Tournament Rules and Regulations:

1. 15 players (max) allowed per team. The age of all players as of December 31 of the current basketball season must be less than 11, 13, or 15 respectively for the 4th grade and under, 6th grade and under, and 8th grade and under respectively. The Tournament Directors can request verification of age and/or grade for any player at any time during the tournament. Coaches must be prepared to provide age certification for all their players. The Tournament Directors make the final determination on the eligibility of players.
2. No game will begin without five (5) players on the team's original roster submitted before the first game of the tournament. Changes to the roster may only be made with the approval of the Tournament Directors and prior to the start of the team's first game.
3. A player must be on the roster in order to take part in a game. Inserting a non-rostered player into a game will result in a forfeiture of that game.
4. Players must be in their proper uniform and may not wear any necklaces, rings, or jewelry of any kind. Earrings can not be worn with tape or other covering and must be removed. Hair beads and metal hair clips are also prohibited.
5. Teams must be ready to play at assigned times. The expected start times are listed on the schedule. Actual game times will be 10 minutes after the completion of the prior game or at the scheduled time, whichever is first. It is not expected that a game will start more than 5 minutes 'early'.
6. A 10-minute allowance will be granted beyond the scheduled start time for a team to field 5 players, otherwise a forfeit will be declared. To minimize congestion in the gym, teams are not permitted in the gym more than one-half hour before their assigned game time.
7. Only a head coach or assistant coach on a team's roster will be allowed to coach a team during a game.
8. Only the head coach may stand. The assistant coach and/or the team's scorer must be seated on the team bench. We have limited space and must keep the area in front of the scorer's table clear. The team's scorer may sit at the official scorer table on stage but is not allowed to yell instructions, cheer, or otherwise disrupt the concentration of the official scorers. No coaches, team members, or fans are permitted on stage.
9. If a player or coach becomes abusive towards any official, supervisor or coach, he or she will be expelled from the game. Coaches and players ejected for any reason must leave St. Mark premises immediately. This player or coach is prohibited from attending their team's next game.

Tournament Rules and Regulations:

10. All games will consist of four (4) six (6) minute quarters and the clock will be stopped for timeouts and fouls or at times when designated by the officials. (Varsity will play 7 minute quarters).
11. Each team will be allowed four full timeouts per game.
12. Overtime periods, if necessary, will be two (2) minutes each. Only one (1) timeout will be allowed per team during the overtime period.
13. Players must remain seated on the team bench unless entering the game. Players must approach the scorer's table and yell 'sub' so the scorer is aware of the substitutes. Players may enter the game only after being 'waived in' by the referee.
14. The seventh (7) foul of each half will put team in a 1&1 penalty shot situation. The tenth (10) fouls of each half will result in a two shot penalty situation.
15. For the 6th grade and 8th grade divisions, a full court press is allowed throughout the entire game. The diocesan mercy pressing rules apply with junior varsity calling off the press with a 10-point lead and varsity calling off the press with a 20-point lead. One warning per team per half will be given when a team presses with a 10 (J.V) or 20 (Varsity) point lead.

For the 4th grade division, a full court press is allowed ONLY in the last two minutes of each half. Otherwise, teams may pick up on defense only at the mid-court line. One warning per team per half will be given when a team presses or defends in the opponent's backcourt.

For all divisions, the penalty for continued pressing after being warned is a bench technical foul assessed to the coach.

16. The three (3) point shot will be in effect for all divisions.
17. If the team that advances from the winner's bracket loses to the team that advances from the loser's bracket, an 'If Game' will be required to determine the tournament champion. For all divisions, this 'If Game' will be played on the same day of the 'FINALS' and immediately following as marked on the schedule.

For all divisions, the 'If Game' will consist of two (2) six (6 or 7) minute periods. Each team will have two (2) timeouts. This is a new and separate game and all the other rules listed above are in effect.

18. Two Certified officials will be hired to officiate games in all divisions and all rulings and/or decisions of the officials are final.