St. Rita Athletic Association

4339 Douglas Avenue
Racine, WI

November 3, 2026

Dear Coaches and Athletic Directors:

The St. Rita Athletic Association cordially invites you to participate in our annual St. Rita Basketball Tournament for 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys and girls. The dates for all grades are as follows:

4th, 5th and 6th Grade Girls Jan 18th to Jan 24th, 2027

7th and 8th Grade Girls Jan 23rd to Jan 31st, 2027

4th, 5th and 6th Grade Boys Jan 30th to Feb 7th, 2027

7th and 8th Grade Boys Feb 6th to Feb 14th, 2027

Each team is guaranteed **3 games.** Trophies will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place teams with individual trophies presented to the 1st place team members and medals to the 2nd place team members. **The winning team in each age group will get to cut down the net immediately following the championship game.**

Games will be played on Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs and Fri evenings and Saturday and Sunday afternoons and evenings. Games will be scheduled to begin at 5:30, 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 weekday evenings, Noon to 8:00 PM on Saturdays and Noon to 8:00 PM on Sundays. We will schedule around SSPL and other league games scheduled during this period along with any other conflicts that you document on the St Rita Registration form.

Entry Fee is $175. Make check payable to St Rita Athletic Association.

SSPL League referees will be used and WIAA league rules will be followed along with specific tournament rules that are included below. You may enter only your regular school team. Tournament roster must match your league roster – **No all-star, AAU or combined teams are allowed**.

Please complete the roster form and e-mail it to Mike at longmxz670@yahoo.com. Specific days or times your team cannot play must also be included.

The number of teams participating in the Tournament is limited to eight per age group. We will attempt to do a 12-team Super Bracket for 8th grade boys if we can get 12 teams signed up. We have done this for the past few years, and it has been fantastic. We will start about one week earlier if we get 12 teams signed up for 8th Boys. All entries in each division will be taken on a "first come - first served" basis. Entry fees will be returned if a team cannot be scheduled in the Tournament. Please contact Mike Long at (262) 939-1177 or at longmxz670@yahoo.com. to reserve a spot or to ask any questions. We look forward to seeing you at the Tournament.

Thank you,
St. Rita Athletic Association

St Rita 2026/2027 Basketball Tournament Rules

1. WIAA rules apply except as noted below.
2. All games will consist of two 16-minute halves. Clock will stop on time outs, shooting fouls and substitutions. Clock will stop on all whistles during the last two minutes of each half. Rest periods between halves will be 5 minutes.
3. Each team will be allowed four (4) time-outs per game. Each time-out will be one (1) minute.
4. Substitutions can be made on any whistle. Subs must report to the score table before entering the game.
5. The three-point line is in effect for all games.
6. There will be an adjusted free-throw line for all 4th, 5th and 6th grade teams (front line).
7. 4th, 5th & 6th grade teams will use 28.5" diameter ball. 7th and 8th grade teams use the standard size ball.
8. The bonus free-throw will be in effect on the 7th team foul and the double bonus will be in effect on the 10th team foul in each half of the game.
9. Offensive (player control) fouls will not be shot.
10. All technical fouls will result in the awarding of two (2) points and possession of the ball.
11. Man to Man and Zone defenses are allowed for all grades.
12. For 4th and 5th grade boys and girls, full court press will not be allowed until the last two (2) minutes of each half and all overtime periods. Full court press is allowed anytime for all 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys and girls. Full court press will not be allowed for all grades for a team with at least a 15-point lead.
13. Jump ball will occur only at the beginning of the game. Alternate possession will be used for the balance of the game. Overtime periods will start with a jump ball.
14. All substitutions must report to the scorer's table prior to entering the game.
15. In case of a tie game at the end of regulation play, a two (2) minute overtime will be played and if necessary repeated until the tie is broken. One (1) time-out will be given to each team for each overtime period. Timeouts do not carry over.
16. A team will forfeit the game if it is not ready to play with five eligible players ten (10) minutes after the scheduled start time of the game. A forfeit is considered a loss and cannot be replayed.
17. Any questions concerning the rules will be based on the most recent edition of the rules at the scorer's table as interpreted by the referees.
18. The Tournament Director present at the game will have final authority over resolution of any dispute.

Additional Comments

1. Christian behavior is required of all coaches, parents, players, fans, referees, etc., during the tournament. Let's remain positive regardless of the calls, win or lose, and simply enjoy watching the kids play fun and exciting games.
2. **If a coach, player, or spectator is ejected at any time during the game, he or she will not be allowed to participate in any of the remaining games his/her team has during the tournament without approval from the St Rita Athletic Committee.**
3. Although there are no specific rules governing the amount of playing time for players, we encourage coaches to play each player as much as possible. We also ask coaches to use good judgement and show respect for the other team by trying to keep the scores within reason.
4. Practice balls will be provided. **NO OTHER BALLS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE GYM!**
5. Cheerleaders are welcome and encouraged to cheer for their team. Players, coaches and cheerleaders are admitted at no charge (3 coach maximum). Admission will be charged for all spectators.
6. Trophies will be presented immediately after the championship games. Please keep your team together for the presentation.
7. A successful tournament requires a good fan turnout. Please encourage your players to invite their family and friends to attend. Food and refreshments will be available.