



I. Introduction of Staff

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II. First Friends Sports

Vision: *First Friends Sports exists so that Stark County is transformed by the redemptive power of Jesus Christ through sports, recreation and fitness.*

Mission: *Foster an environment within sports, recreation, and fitness activities for the church to proclaim the gospel, cultivate relationships, and train disciples.*

III. Main Source of Communication = WEBSITE

- **WWW.FIRSTFRIENDSPORTS.COM**
- It is the main source of information regarding teams, schedules, announcements, game cancellations etc.
- Please consult the website **FIRST**, if you have any questions.
sports@firstfriends.org or via phone at **330.966.6868**.

IV. Games Schedule & Other Important Dates

- SATURDAY PRACTICES- The first two Saturdays of the season will be practices (9/6 & 9/13)
- SATURDAY GAMES – Games will be at **11:00am**. All games played at First Friends Church.
 - o League winner is determined by record throughout the season.
- WEEKDAY GAMES – There are games scheduled on weeknights Oct 14th, Oct 21st, Oct 28th
- PICTURE DAY – Oct 11th
 - o Teams will be assigned a time prior to their game for team/individual pictures to be taken.
 - o You will receive an online registration form via e-mail.
- Celebration Day – Saturday, November 1st
 - o 11:00am. Pizza and Awards to follow.

V. Practice Schedule –

Tuesdays at 5:00 PM



VI. DEVOTIONS_–

- During each practice, we will be having a **mandatory** devotional that corresponds with our written curriculum. We consider this to be a crucial element of our program and believe it is a big part of your participation in this league.
- Players missing devotionals will have to sit out a quarter of the following game.
- Players who complete the written booklets will receive an award for their efforts at the awards ceremony.

VII. Lindsay's Law – Parents Required To Complete

All parents are required by the State of Ohio to read the handout.

VIII. Livestream Games

- Games will be livestreamed to First Friends Sports webpage.
- Games will be private and a password will be used to view them.

IX. Spectators Expectations To Model Sportsmanship

1. The officiating will be done by officials who are in absolute control of the game.
2. Spectators are not permitted in the team sideline areas.
3. Misconduct of players, coaches, or spectators will result in assessment of a penalty, ejection and/ or forfeiture of the game.
4. The Director and/or Basketball Director have the power to make decisions on any matters or questions not specifically covered in the rules.

X. Rules

XI. Questions