

Frequently Asked Questions about the scheduling process

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1) What is the significance of the three divisions in 7th/8th grade and in 5th/6th grade?

In 5th and 6th grade, teams are assigned to the Notre Dame, Don Bosco, & Cousins divisions randomly. If there were not enough teams for three divisions, then only two divisions were created. If a school enters more than one team in a grade, then those teams are assigned to separate divisions when possible.

In 7th & 8th grade, the Notre Dame division is comprised of "A" teams. The "B" teams are assigned to the Don Bosco division and "C" teams to the Cousins division (if there are enough teams to create a Cousins division).

2) How come my team plays some teams a second time and other teams only once?

In some divisions, teams are randomly selected to play other teams twice to round out the season. The teams you are assigned to play a second time are selected totally randomly. All games do count in determining the final standings. When a team is scheduled to play a team twice, we tried our best to schedule the games at each teams' home gym.

3) Why was my team not assigned many home games?

Our goal was to give each team a minimum of 4-5 home games which we were able to do this year. If your team received less home games than expected, it is due to a combination of factors including the total number of teams entered into league by your school, the number of days your gym was blocked off on the schedule, and just plain "luck of the draw." We took a look at each situation where this happened and tried our best to re-arrange things to equal out home game assignments but it ended up being what it is. (We do take that issue seriously!)

Also, if you entered just one, two or three teams in the league, this also may have limited the number of home games assigned to your teams.

The schedules are done starting with the 8th grade divisions and working down to the 5th grade divisions. If a school blocks out dates at their gym, or if a school enters many teams in the various grade levels, this minimizes the number of dates/time slots available to assign to each team. When we get down to scheduling the 5th grade divisions, there are not many time slots available. We take a hard look to see if we can move games around to give each team at least one home game...

4) How come my team is scheduled to play some morning games and some afternoon games?

When the schedules are complete for all grades, a final pass is made to review gym times assigned. At that time, game times will be moved up to start at 8:15 or 9:15, which is the preference of the

referee schedulers. Some games remain as afternoon games with no morning games due to the restrictions listed by the host gym.

How come my team is scheduled to play on Sundays this year?

Due to special schedule requests from school due to a conflict with a school event, some games were moved to a Sunday this year.

5) How come the 7th Notre Dame & 8th Grade Notre Dame grade girls play “inter-league” games with the Parkview & North Shore league this year?

This year, the number of 7th & 8th grade teams in our girls league are down so we agreed to schedule games against their teams in order to give teams more league games without playing the same teams with in a league multiple times. **All inter-league games will count in the NDDBBB League standings...**

6) Why are colors NOT assigned to teams this year?

Each team is assigned a unique team number. We found that also assigning a team color was needlessly redundant and often lead to confusion on our end when doing the schedules.