

ST. VERONICA ASSOCIATION

Procedures for Split Teams

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1. **7th & 8th Grades:** The Coordinator for the respective sport will attempt to procure the services of a qualified independent coach or person (such as high school coach), not directly involved in the St. Veronica Athletic program, to conduct a tryout and split the talent for each grade level splitting into two or more teams. The Sport Coordinator will notify the Athletic Director of the identities of these individuals. The identities of these individuals will not be made public until the day of the tryouts. The Athletic Association will offer a reasonable stipend to these individuals (amount of stipend to be determined by the Athletic Committee prior to the tryouts). If the services of a qualified coach or person cannot be obtained, or if this coach or person cannot fulfill this duty after agreeing to do so, the Coordinator for the respective sport, the Athletic Director, and another Athletic Committee member or person assigned by the Athletic Director will conduct the tryouts and split the teams. In case of disagreement, the Athletic Director's decision will be final.

5th & 6th Grades: The head coaches of each team (no assistant coaches) shall attend the tryout and participate in the selection of players according to Article 5 of this section.

2. **5th & 6th Grades:** Tryouts will be closed to all except:
 - Eligible players trying out for the specific grade level for that sport.
 - Persons splitting the players by talent.
 - Athletic Director and Sport Coordinator.
 - Head coaches only of each team (no assistant coaches).

7th & 8th Grades: Same as for 5th & 6th grades, but with no head coaches or assistant coaches allowed.

No other persons will be allowed to observe the tryouts and/or be present in the gym or Parish Center during tryouts.

Athletic Director and Sport Coordinator should be present for all tryouts.

3. All players signed up to play at their respective grade level in which teams are being split must participate in the tryout to be eligible for a roster position. A player unable to attend the tryout must notify the Sport Coordinator prior to the tryout of the reason for his/her absence in order to retain roster status. The Sport Coordinator shall determine if the absence should be excused. If the reason for the absence is not deemed to be excusable, the player will be dropped from the rosters. In the case of a grade being split into "A" and "B" teams, anticipated assignment to the "B" team does not qualify as an excusable absence from the tryouts.
4. For identification purposed, the Sport Coordinator will assign a numbered "tryout jersey" to each player at the tryout. Each player must have this jersey cleaned and return it at the first scheduled practice. A player will not be issued a team uniform until the tryout jersey is returned.
5. The person or persons splitting the teams will conduct the tryouts. Players will be given an equal opportunity to compete for roster positions. No special requests or considerations will be given to any player.

5th Grade: At the conclusion of the tryout, a draft of players will be conducted. Each head coach will alternate selecting, one player at a time, from the pool of players. The initial order of selection shall be determined by the Sport Coordinator, or by coin flip or lottery, with the approval of the Athletic Director. After each selection round, the order shall be reversed. If an uneven number of total players exists so that each roster will not have the same number of players, the Sport Coordinator and Athletic Director will determine which team(s) will get the additional player(s), with the Athletic Director's decision being final.

6th Grade: At the conclusion of the tryout, the head coach for each team will submit, for approval, to the Sport Coordinator, a list of three players from his/her previous year's roster for retention on the current roster. The Sport Coordinator and/or Athletic Director may make player recommendations to a head coach if it is the first year with the team for that coach. If a player is rated by the Sport Coordinator as one of the top three players on that team and is closely connected to the head coach of the team, as per Rule 6 of this Section, that player will automatically be included on the list for that coach. Each head coach will then alternate selecting, one player at a time, from the remaining pool of players. The order of selection shall be: coach in his/her first year with the team; coach whose team had the lower winning percentage in league games the previous year; and the remaining coach. If case of any ties, a coin flip or lottery will be used. If an uneven number of total players exists so that each roster will not have the same number of players, the Sport Coordinator and Athletic Director will determine which teams) will get the additional player(s), with the Athletic Director's decision being final.

If the Sport Coordinator and/or Athletic Director believe that any disparity still exists between the teams, they will have the right to adjust the rosters prior to posting the roster assignments, with the Athletic Director's decision being final. All players, including those on the list of three submitted by each coach, are subject to potential roster adjustment.

7th & 8th Grades:The person or persons splitting the teams will conduct the tryouts and rank the players according to talent.

Observations and assessments of players' talent during tryouts will be the criteria used as a basis for ranking players.

Pre-conceived ideas of a player's talent should not be considered. The persons splitting the teams will rank the players according to talent from "1" to the total number of players attending the tryout, with "1" being the highest ranking. They will submit these rankings to the Sport Coordinator and Athletic Director at the conclusion of the tryout.

If splitting into two teams, the teams will be divided by splitting these rankings in half, with the highest ranked players assigned to the "A" team, and the remaining players assigned to the "B" team. If an uneven number of total players exists in the rankings, the player in the exact middle of the rankings will be assigned by the Sport Coordinator and Athletic Director, with the Athletic Director's decision being final. If splitting into three teams, the Athletic Director shall determine the process to be used to split the teams, based upon the expected league division assignments of the teams.

6. A coach involved in a close familial relationship with a specific player, who prefers to serve as a coach for that player, will be assigned to the coaching staff of the team that player is assigned to. Only one such assignment based upon relationship with a player will be automatically granted for a coach. The only exception may be in the case of same-age multiple-sibling players (twins, for instance), at the discretion of the Sport Coordinator. The Sport Coordinator and Athletic Director must approve all coaches. A coach is not automatically assigned to the same team from grade to grade.
7. All rankings or order of selection of players will be kept confidential. Those with knowledge of the rankings or order of selection should not discuss this information except with members of the Athletic Committee. Any lists of rankings or order of selection will be shredded and disposed of following the posting of roster assignments. Players will be listed on their respective rosters in alphabetical order. The Sport Coordinator; by no later than the day following the tryouts, will contact the head coaches with their respective team and roster assignments, post a notice of roster assignments in the hallway outside the gym, and send a copy to the School Office.
8. No additional players may be added to any rosters after the announced deadline for the sport sign-up without the written consent and permission of the Athletic Director. An exception would be a student transferring from another school, if approval is given by the Archdiocese, the respective league of the sport, the St. Veronica Principal, and the Athletic Director. If such a situation involves 7th or 8th grade teams split into "A" and "B" teams, the player would be automatically assigned to the "B" team, unless determined otherwise by the Athletic Director.
9. If the Sport Coordinator and Athletic Director believe at any time during the season that a talent disparity exists or has developed on teams in the same grade level intended to be split equally, they will have the right to adjust the rosters, in accordance with league rules, with the Athletic Director's decision being final. All players are subject to possible roster changes. The Athletic Director will notify the parents of the players directly involved in the roster changes. The head coach of each team affected would then be notified of the roster changes. The Athletic Director will also report any roster changes to the Athletic Committee.