

AVE MARIA ACADEMY ATHLETICS

WEEKLY SIDELINE REPORT

February 5, 2021

GIRLS/BOYS BASKETBALL STORE OPEN!

- ❖ Do not miss out on ordering your AMA shooter shirt and other winter basketball gear from the AMA team store! Shooter shirts are wicking material and can be customized with your player's name on the back. Sizes range from YS-A3XL and sizing charts are included on the Pro Knitwear website. The deadline for orders is Monday, February 8 at midnight and deliveries will be made around February 17. Please use the attached link to order: <https://proknitwear.com/ave-maria-academy-girls-boys-basketball-2021/>



MASK REMINDER!

- ❖ Please make sure your children are wearing a proper mask that **fits securely over their mouth and nose**. If a player is seen playing or practicing with a loose mask that falls under their nose, they will be asked to stop playing and adjust it. The league is very serious about enforcing this policy, and we recently received a warning from them about mask issues with one of our teams. Please help to enforce this policy so we may continue to safely play winter sports.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR ADDRESSING CONCERNS ABOUT WINTER SPORTS?

- ❖ Whether it is about your child's playing time, gym location, practice times, etc., please follow the process below:
 - 1) Parent or other persons that have concerns or complaints about the athletic program or a team must initially discuss them with the Head Coach of the team involved. This initial discussion must not take place immediately before, during or after a sporting event
 - 2) If the concern or complaint is not resolved at the initial meeting/conversation with the Head Coach, the AA Board may address the matter at a mutually agreeable time and place. In addition to those raising the

concern, this meeting will include the Athletic Director and/or Head Coach and, if appropriate, any assistant coaches.

3) The Board will resolve all matters brought to their attention.

- ❖ With 17 basketball teams, we do have some new coaches who are working hard on teaching skills and facing the challenge of trying to ensure every player gets some playing time in a 24- minute basketball game. The Athletic Board is working with the new coaches to ensure that playing time in games is managed correctly and safely, along with any other issues brought to our attention.
- ❖ As a reminder, below are the playing time guidelines set forth by the Diocese:

3rd and 4th Grade - Introductory Levels

- At this level, any sports program offered is strictly introductory and developmental. Basic skills and fundamentals should be taught. There is no scorekeeping in any games until end of the year tournaments.
- Playing time should be as equal as possible.

5th and 6th - Junior Varsity Levels

- Teams may be formed on the basis of player proficiency, but every student should have a place to play and every effort should be made so that every player has some playing time in every game.

7th and 8th - Varsity Level

- Varsity teams may be formed on the basis of player proficiency, allowing players to compete at a level appropriate to their development.
- There is no guarantee of equal playing time, but every school is asked to provide a second team so that no student is excluded from playing. Every effort should be made so that every player has some playing time in every game.

Player Movement

- A player may be permitted to play up to a higher level, but never forced to play down to a lower level.

Responsibility of Student Participants

- Players must realize that attendance, behavior, effort and attitude are factors that may effect their playing time.

LET'S GO ROYALS!

