

16th Annual SJ Lions Club Middle School Basketball tournament
Saturday January 21st, 2022
St. Joseph High School
Grades 6-8
XVI

1. The cost for each team is \$105 for the tournament. Each team will play 3 games.
2. This is a school tournament and not a travel or AAU tournament. Only players from the same school will be allowed to participate on the same team.
3. Players on a team must be from the same school.
4. Each school is responsible for understanding MHSAA rules.
5. We will split the teams into divisions so the games are competitive. For **example, we will not put a 6th-grade team vs. an 8th-grade team**. Our goal is to create divisions based on grade and ability. Teams can be a mixture of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.
6. Teams are welcome to wear their own uniform top or buy a Lions Club uniform top for \$ extra per player.
7. "The St. Joseph Lions Club Basketball Tournament is an official Qualifier for the 2023 [Michigan Middle School Basketball Championship](#) to be held in Ann Arbor/Brighton on March 10-12. The Top 2 teams in each division will qualify for the State Championship to battle top teams from towns throughout Michigan.

History of the Tournament

For the past 15 years, the Saint Joseph Lions Club has sponsored a middle school boys basketball tournament. This tournament provides another opportunity for athletes to participate in friendly team competitions. Over the 15 years, we have provided for approximately 21 hundred athletes to participate in an accumulative 315 games of basketball. This averages out to 140 athletes per year and 21 games per year for these young athletes.

We want to thank St. Joseph Public Schools for the use of their facilities and the MHSAA registered officials for the donation of their time.

RULES

1. Quarters will be 6 minutes long, and overtime is 3 minutes long.
2. Teams can play any defense. Teams can press until the lead is at 10 points, then no press is allowed unless the lead drops to 6 points.
3. Any defense can be played.
4. Running clock will begin when the lead is at 25 points, running clock will stop when the lead gets back to 15 points.
5. All other high school basketball rules per MHSAA will apply to the tournament.

SCHOOL: _____

PLAYER _____ **GRADE** _____ **JERSEY NUMBER** _____

Please make payment to SJ Lions Club for \$105 and mail payment to 711 Court Street
St. Joseph MI 49085.