



**April 7, 2025, 6:30 to 8:00 PM**  
**Ascension Athletic Board Meeting Minutes**

1- Welcome and pray (5 min) – Father Robert

2- Budget 25/26 Overview Questions/Concerns/Approvals (10 min) – Brian S + Coordinators

**This is the second year with Brian S doing the overall budget**

**All coordinators has received the budget**

**Kristin pointed out the need to have 25 volleyball for each size category; her count was 16 and 18, so 16 more balls will be ordered. Brian had in the budget 8 for girls VB and 8 for boys VB so no extra adjustment is required in the budget.**

**The door lock has been repaired, so it is not likely for kids to open the ballroom during school hours to obtain balls, it is recommended to keep the out of season sports equipment in the attic.**

**Note after the meeting: Brian has shared with the board via Band the final 25/26 budget.**

3- Sports Schedules– (45 min) Coordinators

3.1 Games/Meets/Competitions (CSAA and non-CSAA JK-2) Sports to host and times.

**There were brought to the attention of the board different opportunities:**

- Offer girl volleyball games on Friday/Sunday in addition to Saturdays**
- Have Basketball JK-2 play at different hours that are not 5-9 pm on Fridays and Saturdays.**
- Offer Soccer time to CSAA or do a JK-2 league.**

**After reviewing the different possibilities, the board concluded:**

- The board has concluded that there is no interest or benefit in offering extra volleyball time to CSAA as it will remove possible time for extra practices and will require of extra volunteers and increase the load of the Coordinator.**
- The board is afraid that not offering Morning Times on Saturday and early afternoon on Sunday will remove the desire of CSAA to assign games in Ascension, generating a possible concession/gate income loss. Games for JK – 2 will stay on Fridays and Saturday evening and, when possible, will be accommodated in the morning.**
- The board does not consider the parish ready to host soccer games as requires a field manager and logistics for concessions and gates in addition to an extra workload to parents and volunteers to host the games in Ascension. This applies to all age groups.**
- As conclusion, no changes in this section.**



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**3.2 Practices and time coordination (All Athletics)**

**- It was reviewed a schedule proposal made by AD to accommodate some of the concurrent opportunities in Ascension Athletics, the schedule was proposing:**

**- 2 practice per week for All Kids age.**

**- No interferences between sports for any kid in any season.**

**- Time of the practices by age group (starting 4:30 for the youngest grades and going through the afternoon with the oldest grades at a later time)**

**- Same age/grades/families practicing at the same time.**

**- Possibility to have players from lower grades to play with higher grades after practice or on a different day arranged by coordinators.**

**- It was considered 2 teams per grade or age group (Blue and Gold)**

**After reviewing the board has concluded:**

**- The current practice schedule does not have any problems.**

**- It will be difficult to accommodate the coaches and volunteers, so it has been more effective to accommodate the kids to coaches' availability as there are not enough coach volunteers.**

**- Coordinators have been managing the needs in case by case basis**

**- To accommodate some of the gym activities, older kids will have to practice 30 minutes in the half gym, it is better to have the half gym for the little kids.**

**- It is impractical to have the full gym for age group JK-2 for basketball practices.**

**Comments from GIRLS VOLLEYBALL:**

**Both front and back courts are used for practices beginning at 4:30pm each day.**

**The gym is used on Friday for practices.**

**Some practices (7th/8th grade) end after 8:30pm.**

**Many teams (typically 3rd-8th grades) practice longer than one hour.**

**It's not feasible for a team to move from the front court to the back court to allow for a 1.5 hour practice.**

**Typically 1st/2nd (and sometimes 3rd/4th) practice on the back court. 5th-8th practice on the front court due to space needed.**

**There may be more or less than two teams per grade level.**

**Board agreed no changes needed to the above.**

**AD confirmed his proposed schedule will not be mandated.**

**Coaches will continue to choose practice times as this method has been successful for many years at Ascension.**



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**As is general for all team sports, no changes in current practice schedule arrangement is forecasted.**

**3.3 Clinics/Jamborees (on season/off season)**

**- Coaches/Coordinators are willing to do FREE clinics on off offseason, like in summer, Dink is looking for girls basketball, Steven for boys volleyball, Kristin for girls volleyball and Brian probably will help with boys basketball.**

**- There is also a desire to organize Jamboree and Christmas tournaments in Ascension as well as clinics where there is a long period between practices.**

***Note after the meeting: Review with CSAA the following requirements:***

**in the CSAA handbook (p. 17).**

***Clinics/Camps: Any athletic clinics or camps sponsored by a CSAA member involving parish grade school student-athletes or grade school coaches must be approved by the CSAA Executive Director. An e-mail or Phone request for approval must be submitted to the CSAA prior to the clinic with the dates, times, set-up, etc. The clinic cannot occur within 2 weeks of the announced starting date of try-outs/practice of that sport. This applies if the clinic is held on parish grounds or at an outside location. If a parish is sponsoring a clinic, they must open the clinic to all parish students and limit it to parish members or students of that school only.***

**CSAA responded**

***"In short, you can email me a brief explanation on a clinic or camp and as long as it's complete more than 2 weeks before the official start of a CSAA sport it will be approved"***

**The procedure for coaches or coordinators that want to have a clinic will be as follow:**

- 1- Email to Jose Vega and Emily O'Daniel with the information to be forwarded to CSAA**
- 2- Permission request**
- 3- Accepted/Denied**
- 4- After acceptance, the Coordinator will place the time in the Parish Calendar and Band.**
- 5- If there are conflicts in time and space between different activities to be done, AD will review and resolve.**

**4- Any Ongoing/next sport needs -Tennis/Soccer/Field Hockey/golf/F&T (10 min) – Coordinators**

**Concession: All jobs will start after the last fish fry on 4/10. Concession jobs will not interfere with any activities.**

**First aid kits and ice will be available in the gym during the concessions refurbishment; first aid kit will be located in the ballroom, and the ice machine will be close to the concessions.**

**Golf will start next Wednesday, April 23rd, from 5:30 to 7 pm at Oxmoor Club. June 2nd for the CSAA tournament at Seneca.**

**5- Final Pray (5 min) – Father Robert**