

STBC 2013 Survey

The most common comment from our survey was: **Can we keep practices at the same place and time every week?**

By far the biggest challenge and expense for STBC is gym time. We have thirteen teams that practice at Simsbury High School, Henry James Memorial School, Central School, Westminster School, Ethel Walker School and The Master's School. We are not the highest priority for any of these facilities. They all have activities that take precedence over STBC practices. These activities may take place on any night of the week and at different times. We do not have enough time slots for practice to give teams the same place, day of week and time for practice every week. This is an adjustment for families that have played other sports where facilities for practice are more readily available and we appreciate the understanding.

The next most common comment was: **Can practices for the younger (5th & 6th grade) teams end earlier, some ended at 9:00pm.**

Similar to the response above, gym time is a constant challenge for STBC. Our most common practice times are 6-7:30 and 7:30-9:00 and we can not always give those slots to the younger teams. Due to the amount of feedback we received, we will make a stronger effort next season to get the younger teams the earlier times more often, however it is not always possible to get the younger teams the earlier times.

Another comment that we received multiple times was: **Coaches should receive training on teaching fundamentals.**

Due to weather, we have canceled our pre-season clinic for coaches the past two years. For next season, we will schedule the clinics earlier and schedule two clinics, along with providing more support for coaches from the board. This is something we can and will improve upon. If you have specific feedback on your coach during the season, please communicate with the coach first. If you don't feel your feedback was acted upon in an appropriate manner, please contact the club President or Vice-President. Contact information is on the STBC web site as well as a "Feedback" button where feedback can be sent anonymously.

We received several comments on the NCC league, in particular, scheduling concerns.

We have little control over the NCC scheduling for away games. We will work to make sure our NCC coaches better understand how the NCC scheduling works in the future so that game scheduling can be communicated as effectively as possible to the STBC families.

Another comment we received was: Some teams have fewer games, should they pay less?

The vast majority of our revenues are used to pay for gym time. Some of that gym time is used for home games, but most of it is used for practices. Teams are scheduled for the same amount of practice time each week. Half of the games are away games, which are paid for by the hosting team. It would not be practical to have each team pay a different amount. Some teams played in Preseason and/or Holiday Tournaments and paid additional fees to their coaches for those games.

There were some additional comments that were received which were specific to certain teams. Those teams will receive (or have already received) additional communications from the Club to address those comments.

Thank you for being part of the Simsbury Travel Basketball Club and if you have any further feedback, please feel free to contact the President or any other board member. Your feedback helps us to improve our club.

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Simsbury Travel Basketball Club