

ISTROUMASPORTS

2023 BASKETBALL

"DOING SPORTS A DIFFERENT WAY"

WELCOME TO ISTROUMA BAPTIST CHURCH, where we glorify God by making disciples of all nations. Istrouma has two campuses: Baton Rouge and Ascension. Sunday service times are 9:00am & 10:30am at both campuses. Visit our website at istrouma.org for more information.

WELCOME TO ISTROUMA SPORTS MINISTRY- This is our 13th year. We offer kids leagues of Flag Football, Basketball & Baseball (for boys), and Volleyball, Basketball & Softball (for girls).

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: *We are a gospel-centered sports ministry that intentionally creates opportunities to glorify God, make disciples and redeem sports back to God.*

OUR COACHES are volunteers who must go through the vetting process to be approved.

OUR TAGLINE is *"We Do Sports a Different Way"*

- Istrouma Sports starts with the Gospel.
- By playing for God's glory.
- By playing as an act of worshipping God.
- We believe that God cares about sports. He is the Creator of our gifts, talents and abilities.
- We believe that competition should be defined as striving together for the glory of God rather than against others for our own glory.
- We integrate the gospel into the sport. We believe that God cares about what goes on during the game.
- All players will play equally during each game.
- Coaches will develop the skill of each player with a team concept.
- Boys ages 8-14 and Girls ages 9-13 will have Redemption Week on February 6, 7 and 9. This is a time held during practice when coaches offer an opportunity for players to evaluate their spiritual life and make a decision to follow Jesus, if desired.

PARENTS HAVE A PLACE TO SERVE

- Volunteer to be a Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Bench Coach, Scorekeeper or Concession Stand worker.
- To encourage coaches and teams by helping with snacks, being present at devotionals and award ceremonies, and writing Fan Mail to encourage your child and others.
- To help children to learn memory verses.
- To support children and bring them to games and practices on time.
- Parents should never holler at an official, nor coach your child from the sideline when you are not a vetted coach of your child's team.

**Thank you for choosing Istrouma Sports! Our website is istroumasports.org.
Check it out for updated information throughout the season and for upcoming opportunities.**