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Announcement: Archdiocese CYO Eligibility Rule Change

Dear Parish Coordinators and Athletic Directors,

In order to keep up with the changing landscape in the Catholic community, as a result of parish mergers/closings and school closings, we’re excited to announce an important rule change! Beginning September 1, 2019 in all counties, Catholic players will NOT count towards the team’s 3 exceptions.

Rule will read as follows:

1. If no program or team exists in a parish, the player may participate on a team of an adjoining parish with authorization from the CYO County Commissioners/Director. Catholic players will not be counted as an exception on the assigned team. The Parish Coordinator must contact the County Commissioners/Director, and the player can only be assigned to a team in a neighboring parish by the County Commissioners/Director.

The merging of parishes and closing of catholic schools, resulting in fewer programs and teams, has had an adverse impact on our CYO participation. Compounding the problem, in every County, is a reluctance to take a catholic child from a neighboring parish because it would put them over the 3 exemption rule.

That is why we are making this rule change. It will: 1) support our parishes and schools with CYO programs, by allowing them to accept children into their program within the rules 2) support our parishes and schools without CYO programs, by giving them the opportunity to send players to a neighboring program and 3) support catholic children, by giving them the opportunity to participate in CYO.

Though the landscape may be changing, the need to serve these programs and children has not. We are here to support the parishes and schools of the Archdiocese, and this rule change does just that.

To review the rules, please visit the CYO website at www.cyony.org. Remember to reference your county rules as they take precedent during county play. If you have any questions, please contact your County Commissioner or Director.

Regards,

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