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**Announcement: CYO Season Schedule Update and Parish Coordinator Survey**

Hello Parish Coordinators and Athletic Directors,

I hope you are well and having an enjoyable summer, the best we can during these times.

As a new, and different, academic school year approaches, I wanted to update our community on two items as the CYO adjusts to the current state of the pandemic. This message is to update you on **1) the CYO facility and feasibility survey being sent this Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> and 2) the announcements addressed to school and pastoral leadership that will impact our seasons.** The below announcements were made to the catholic school leadership and also to the pastors regarding the CYO:

**SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT:**

The Arch superintendent’s office recently sent out their reopening plans to their teachers and parents. If you did not get a chance to see the announcement, the below excerpt will impact our CYO programing:

*The after-school program will be an extension of the school day with the same regulations and guidelines in place for social distancing, masks, and limited access to areas outside of the assigned classroom (cohort). **After-school programs will not include any sports programs, third-party vendors, clubs, CYO activities, and so on.***

**Shared spaces are to be eliminated (cafeteria, gym, science lab, auditorium). These spaces may be appropriated for additional classes as per social distancing norms and expectations as long as teacher/ student ratios are in place for teaching purposes.**

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT TO PASTORS:**

During a ZOOM call two weeks ago, the pastors were made aware of the Archdiocese CYO’s plans for the upcoming season that 1) No indoor basketball until January 2021 at the earliest and 2) our intent to expand Fall outdoor cross country.

Based on the above announcements, we will need to adjust our season calendar to support the schools and parishes. In addition, many of the CYO programs rent public school facilities and a delayed season allows us a better chance for a successful year.

<b>DRAFT CYO CALENDAR</b>	
<b>Fall Season</b>	<b>Sept 21 – Dec</b>
<b>Winter Season</b>	<b>January – May</b>
<b>Spring Season</b>	<b>May – July</b>



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The CYO continues its almost century long tradition of providing our youth a safe, healthy and fun environment to participate in the sports they love. Many of our parish and school leadership will step up during this challenging time to keep that tradition going for another 100 years. Like you, I'm proud to be part of this community and want the children to be back as soon as it is safe for all parties to do so.

Please complete the short survey that will be sent this **Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020** as a first step to help us plan for a "Return to Play". The short survey will consist of 3 parts, the impact the school and pastoral announcements have had on your facility, a feasibility section for this year and an open comment section for you to share your input. We need to hear directly from you in order to progress forward in a unified approach. We will begin updating the website going forward, you can always check your county website or the main [www.cyony.org](http://www.cyony.org) site for additional information going forward.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Peloso'.

Seth Peloso  
CYO Director