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TO: All CYO Athletic Directors

FROM: Edward J. Tinder, Executive Director

RE: Non-Affiliate Participation

March 16, 2010

The rules for participation in CYO sports have been revised for the 2010-2011 school year by the CYO Board of Directors. Beginning next Fall, in order to participate in CYO grade school sports, all participants must be either a student enrolled in a Catholic school or a child residing in a household registered and participating in a Catholic parish. A participating household is determined by official registration on the parish roster. However, pastors, at their discretion, may also require regular attendance at Mass and/or active participation in the religious education or youth ministry programs offered by the parish. The parish athletic director will be responsible for checking that all participants meet the eligibility criteria for participation.

For the 2010-2011 school year only, any participant not included in the new eligibility criteria will be eligible to participate if they were legally on a team roster during the 2009-2010 school year. As it applies to non-affiliate participation, if a non-affiliate was not legally on a team roster during the 2009-2010 school year, he or she will not be allowed to be placed on a team roster during the 2010-2011 school year. No new non-affiliates can be added to a team roster that did not participate during the 2009-2010 year. This will begin the phase out of non-affiliate participation on CYO parish teams.

Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year no non-affiliates will be allowed to be placed on any team roster for the CYO sports programs. Additionally, non-affiliates who participated on parish teams during the 2010-2011 school year will not be grandfathered to participate in CYO athletic programs for the 2011-2012 school year and beyond.

Thank you for your attention to this important information regarding CYO athletic eligibility.