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As voted in by the South County Board of Control, the District has instituted the following policy, which was added to the South County Policy Book effective January 2009.

### **South County CYC Parochial Team Formation Policy**

The intent of the Parochial program is to allow players who attend a Catholic Parish Day School or Catholic Parish School of Religion (PSR), to participate for their Catholic Parish School team in competition against other similarly formed teams. This policy applies to all CYC Sports, if and when a Parochial team is formed for that Sport. Players must be attending a Parish Day School, or attending (or have successfully completed) a Parish PSR program.

In the South County District, a Parochial team must be formed first from those who are enrolled in their Catholic Parish Day School or Catholic PSR. The Parochial team must be offered to all eligible players who might, or do, have an interest. After all Parishioners are selected, reassignments will be considered on a need and/or geography basis. A program that conducts tryouts to form a Parochial team will not receive any reassigned "outside players" if any Parishioner who attended the tryout was not selected for the team. A program that uses invitations to form a Parochial team must extend the invitation to all interested students, and if any responders are not selected to participate, the team will not receive any reassignments.

All Parochial tryouts, when held, will be for the Catholic Parish Schools' own students/players, and are not "open" to other Parish students/players. The tryout, (or invitation), must be published in the Church Bulletin and/or day school and PSR newsletters. An original copy of the published announcement(s) must be submitted to the District. Also, an original tryout sign up or invitation response sheet, written by the attendees or invitees, must be submitted to the District prior to, or at the time of, roster submission. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in the Parochial team being declared ineligible for league championships or participation in District or Archdiocesan playoffs.

Any pool players requesting reassignment in the Parochial Division, will be authorized and reassigned to other teams only by the District Sport Chair, or the District Chair.

Individual Parishes may have their own restrictions and/or requirements governing participation in their Parochial program. These restrictions and/or requirements must be published as part of the Parish Athletic Association By-Laws. In some instances, children who are not attending the Catholic Day School or the Catholic PSR, but have participated in that Parish's program for a minimum of the 2 prior consecutive years with the Parish's regular grade team, will be allowed to participate with a "non-compete" Parochial League team. A "non-compete" team is not eligible for a League Championship, nor any District or Archdiocesan Playoff games or Championships. The two (2) year minimum playing requirement may be waived by the District Chair for special circumstances.