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TO: Parish / Athletic Association Sport Lay Directors

A proposed rule change for the CYC Constitution, regarding qualifications for Parochial team formation, would have allowed children who do not attend a Parish day school or PSR program to be eligible to play on a parochial team. The proposal was voted down at the Archdiocesan Board meeting. The proposal is based on the fact that non-Catholic children participate in our programs for years, only to be told when they reach the Parochial level, that they cannot participate with the Parochial team. However, the South County Board voted in favor of this change at our April 2007 meeting.

With the District level support for the proposed change, several parishes have requested that South County implement this change for the Parochial Division. Therefore, beginning with Soccer and Volleyball in 2007, the District will allow the provision for a parochial type team to participate in the South County Parochial Division program. Basically, we will allow participating parishes that field Parochial teams, that in addition to the stated Constitutional requirements for Parochial team formation, they would also have children who are not attending the Parish day school or PSR (including non Catholics) on the roster. We do require that these exempted individuals **must** have participated with the regular CYC grade level teams for at least the previous 2 years, and the manager acknowledges that a Parochial team formed in this manner will not be eligible for any league championship, nor be eligible to participate in any District or Archdiocesan playoffs.

This change does not alter the procedures used to establish a parochial participant for Archdiocesan playoffs. It also does not change the Open/Closed requirements of a team within the District. South County District will hold playoffs only for Parochial teams that meet the criteria for Parochial team formation established by the Archdiocesan Constitution. If there are not enough leagues for District playoffs, then the "eligible" team with the best record will be the Archdiocesan representative.

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