

## **A SAMPLE Agenda for Athletic Directors Meeting with Their Coaches**

**\*\*\*THIS IS WHAT WE EXPECT YOU WILL REVIEW WITH THEM!**

### **Why CYO... What makes us different.. or should**

#### **Faith In Athletics! What does that look like?**

- maybe start/ end practice with a prayer
- maybe start/ end a game with a prayer
- do players see their coaches at Church
- embrace and use winning AND losing as teachable moments
- teach and DEMAND values and fair play

#### **Looking at the 4 Building Blocks for Catholic Youth Sports**

##### **-Sports as Youth Ministry**

Catholic parish and school athletic programs must be intentionally connected with the mission and values of the Gospel. How does your Catholic youth sports program enhance, animate, or violate the mission and values of your parish or school?

##### **-Coach as Youth Minister**

When sports are rooted in the mission and values of your school/parish, the Coach becomes a youth ministry leader who is ministering to young people on behalf of the faith community.

##### **-Team as Christian Community**

This relates to how the young people and coaches live Christian values of caring, forgiving, encouraging, settling conflicts peacefully, supporting, loving, and challenging each other.

##### **-Parents as Partners**

This requires active work with parents to identify what is and is not acceptable in Catholic youth sports while working together to always keep the value of the child growing in faith as central to all considerations.

#### **Why Bother With All This?**

Estimated Probability of a High School basketball player playing in College is 3.5%

Estimated Probability of a High School basketball player making it to the NBA is less than 1%

A child's Faith can last forever. Think about the opportunity you have

## **Coaching Eligibility**

Safe Environment- PGC, Background checks , etc  
Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y class  
Who can and cant coach .. ages  
Asst coaches on bench .. stay seated, etc  
Head coach.. where can and cant go  
What is expected of coaches – Coaches Covenant

## **How Overall Communication Should Be Done**

Coaches speak to their AD's  
AD's speak to AD's  
Coaches should not be contacting opposing AD's

## **What coaches should have at EVERY game**

Copy of Athletic Guidelines  
Copy of League Specific Rules  
First Aid kit – WITH ICE PACKS  
Roster  
Permission Forms  
Score book

## **Parents and Fans**

Understanding they feed off of you, keeping your composure  
Control the situation  
What is expected of you to control them

## **Archdiocesan Handbook**

### **League Specific Rules**

Possible things to cover based upon your specific counties league specific rules might be...  
All play rule/ substitutions  
Press Rule .. letting them at least cross over  
Fast breaks  
Lopsided score  
    How to prevent it  
    What happens if it happens

### **Reporting scores**

### **How schedules get made**

Letting AD's know conflicts  
Once schedule is made

### **Playoffs**

When they are  
Block out those weekends..

## **Finals**

### **Referee Payments**

### **League Paperwork**

- Team Form
- Team Roster
- Code of Conduct Forms
- Permission Release Forms
- Coaches Covenant
- Lopsided Winner Form

### **Parish/ School Specific Information to Review**

\*\*\*Have all coaches sign in on the pre season coaches list