



Welcome back everyone for the 2024 Volleyball and Basketball Season.

If you are no longer involved, please reply to this email and let me know who is involved. I want to include the AD and BB and VB Coordinator for each school.

The annual meeting is set for September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at St. Mary's Hales Corners, room 312. Please make sure someone from your school attends.

A word of thanks to Bob Roloff who managed basketball for Parkview for many years. We will be moving on from him in the future and we thank him for his many years of service.

We had a bad scheduling experience last season, and I want to assure you that will not happen again. Roger and I, along with Joel Tomski, have been working through the summer to get ready for the scheduling task.

We are going to be using a lot more technology to assist us in this endeavor. While we are confident this technology will work, we want to have a plan B in case it does not. Roger has been scheduling the VB manually for many, many years now, and that will be our BB fall back. Roger and I are ready to schedule this the old way if needed.

We have a couple of changes that we are making as we move forward.

In addition to gym availability forms, we will adding the equivalent of team availability forms. On the team commitment form, we will be asking for conflicts, with a maximum of two days for each team. We play on 22 days, or 11 weekends, and we need teams to be available on 20 of those 22 days.

We are aware of conflicts with the WYBL games and other outside teams and did address a potential solution with the archdiocese. This is your ability to easily borrow players from another team at your school or at one of the schools that make up a combined team. This is what the Archdiocese will allow us to do:

Teams may borrow players from another team at the same school or parish to avoid a forfeit under the following conditions:

1. The player being borrowed by another school / parish team must be on a team roster submitted to the league at the start of the league year.
2. The player being borrowed cannot be the same player every week. All of the players who wish to assist on another team should be given a chance to move before a player gets a second opportunity to move.

3. The player being borrowed can be from the same grade or only move up or down a single grade.
  1. Consideration should be given when playing a borrowed player down a grade level so as to not create a physical mismatch between players.
4. The team can only move players to make a team of six players.
  1. This number may not be exceeded.
5. The players that are borrowed cannot play more than two league games on a single day nor more than four league games in a weekend.
6. The AD for the school moving players must notify the league at least a day before the game, indicating the
  1. Name of the borrowed player
  2. Borrowed player's uniform number
  3. Team borrowed player is moving from
  4. Team borrowed player is moving to
7. The coach for the team borrowing a player needs to convey this information (from above) to the opposing coach before the game.
8. This provision to borrow a player to prevent a forfeit applies only to league games, and not tournaments or the Padre Serra Tournament.
9. The league director has the authority to make accommodations to these guidelines as warranted in unique individual circumstances.

I am counting on the coaches and AD's to make sure that different players are moved around, and if we hear that the same couple of player are the only ones moving, we will not hesitate to make those games forfeits.

Our goals are to have as many players as possible, as many teams as possible, have teams be reasonably sized, and avoid forfeits. We know you have to work around WYBL games as much as possible. Being able to move players around easier may make these conflicts easier.

We are looking to get team commitments and conflicts by October 4. We would like to discuss this at the meeting and make sure that is going to work.

There are a number of other items on the agenda that we will circulate before the meeting.

Finally, the archdiocese and all the leagues are meeting about league re alignment. We will hopefully have something worked out for the 2025 season. There is a moratorium on changing leagues until this is accomplished. I think everyone agrees there needs to be adjusting done. Please let us work this out.

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