

General Coaches, CYM Sports Meeting



Meeting summary - Thursday Aug 28, 17:48-18:55



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Meeting summary Quick recap

The meeting began with 43 participants at 6:17pm.

Donald, the sports coordinator for the Diocese of Wilmington, introduced the office team and explained the communication structure for coaches, coordinators, and administrators, including the use of official emails and the sports website for contacting each other. He demonstrated the new Team Sideline sports management program and website features, which allows coaches and administrators to access schedules, submit scores, and receive notifications about cancellations or schedule changes. Donald discussed updates to sports handbooks and rule changes for various sports, emphasizing the organization's enforcement of rules and new requirements for coaches .

Next steps

Soccer coaches to be aware of potential schedule changes due to a Varsity team changing to a JV team.

Volleyball coaches to expect the final schedule to be released by tomorrow night .

Volleyball coaches to review the three rule changes at the Federation level that will be sent out in the next 24-48 hours.

All coaches to use the Team Sideline system for score submission via the auto-generated email sent one hour after scheduled games.

All coaches to follow the policy that the winning coach submits the game score.

All coaches to utilize the directory in the registration system to contact coaches from other programs when needed.

All coaches to check that they are listed in their team's division on Team Sideline to

ensure they are properly cleared and will receive communications.

Athletic Association representatives to complete team setup, rosters, and coach assignments within the next week.

Summary

Coach Meeting Logistics

Donald discussed the logistics of a meeting being recorded for coaches who were attending Father's memorial service. Donald mentioned that the meeting would be brief, and noted that some participants were at other events.

Sports Communication and Clearance System

Donald, the sports coordinator for the Diocese of Wilmington, introduced the office team and explained the communication structure for coaches, coordinators, and administrators. He outlined the process for contacting coordinators, athletic directors, and association presidents, emphasizing the use of official emails and the sports website for communication. Donald also discussed the coaching clearance system, explaining how coaches can access the sports online directory and contact other coaches or coordinators. He noted that the office is working on updating the system to improve user experience and address some limitations.

Team Sideline Program Introduction

Donald explained the use of the staff directory and emphasized the importance of using the contact information responsibly. He introduced a new sports management program called Team Sideline, which replaces previous systems and provides real-time schedules and standings. Donald outlined the process for submitting game scores and explained that coaches can now input scores directly through an auto-generated email system. He also demonstrated how coaches and administrators can access and subscribe to team schedules and rosters through the website.

Team Sideline App Features Overview

Donald demonstrated how to use the new team sideline app and website features, including finding team schedules and receiving automatic notifications about cancellations or schedule changes. He explained that parents and coaches can create accounts to manage multiple teams' schedules and communications under a single platform, which is a free resource included in their package. Donald noted

that while they are currently exploring alternatives for the registration process, the new system offers features similar to popular platforms like Team Snap or Sports Engine.

Soccer and Volleyball Schedule Updates

Donald discussed the delays in releasing the schedules for soccer and volleyball due to facility availability issues. He mentioned that the volleyball schedule is nearly complete and will be released the following night, with only two divisions still being worked on. Donald also highlighted the use of last year's standings to generate divisions more efficiently, noting that there were only four changes requested by volleyball coaches for the 71 teams. He encouraged coaches to check the principal website for updated ministry information and championship dates, emphasizing that Cym Sports website is the official program for sports administration.

CYM Athletics Rule Updates

Donald explained the location and structure of rule books and policies on the CYM athletics website, distinguishing between official diocesan policies and a CYM commentary and sports rule books. He noted that while most sports rules remain unchanged, some policies are outdated and being updated, with a new universal guidelines document for coaches being developed for implementation by 2027. Donald emphasized that the office is taking a stricter stance on enforcing rules, including denying affiliations, requiring forfeits for conflicts with club programs, and requiring forfeits for ineligible players in championships and playoffs.

Sports Rule Updates and Requirements

Donald discussed updates to sports handbooks and rule changes for football, soccer, and volleyball. He announced that volleyball coaches would receive information about three new Federation rule changes, and coaches were encouraged to reach out to Sue for volleyball, Matt for football, or Donald for soccer with any questions. Donald explained that the office is moving towards more general information sessions with less frequent rule changes and simpler verbiage, and introduced future plan for coaches to attend a coaches summit every 3-4 years.

The meeting concluded with 42 participants at 6:58pm.

