



Memorandum

DATE: December 18, 2023
TO: St. Bede CYO Parents and Guardians
FROM: Lisa Patterson, CYO Athletic Director
SUBJECT: Athlete Eligibility to Participate in St. Bede CYO Athletics

In 2012, St. Bede the Venerable School merged with Assumption BVM School to form the St. Katharine Drexel Regional School. At that time, St. Bede's CYO released an eligibility policy to address the scenarios of an Assumption parishioner joining a St. Bede's CYO Team. Recently, Assumption BVM suspended its CYO program.

Further, prior to the 2012-2013 school year, St. Vincent De Paul children who attended St. Bede the Venerable School were permitted to play CYO sports for St. Bede the Venerable. This practice was inherited from previous pastors. This practice continued for several years. At this time, St. Vincent De Paul, has expressed interest in building its own CYO program.

Based on the above, the St. Bede CYO wishes to clarify the current state of eligibility for participation in the St. Bede CYO Program.

After consultation with the CYO Board, the CYO Board Moderator, and the St. Bede pastor, through the CYO Board Moderator, the St. Bede CYO Board is releasing this memo to update the eligibility requirements. To participate on a St. Bede CYO Team, the following minimum criteria must be met:

I. St. Bede the Venerable (Holland, PA)

To be eligible to play a St. Bede CYO Sport, an athlete must:

1. Be a registered member of St. Bede the Venerable Parish
2. Be enrolled in a Catholic, Parochial school OR attend the CCD program

NOTE: This criterion applies only to grades 1-8

II. All Other Parishes

To be eligible to play a St. Bede CYO Sport, an athlete must:

1. Attend St. Katharine Drexel Regional School; and
2. Have written permission from his/her pastor and Athletic Director*; and
3. Have written permission from the St. Bede the Venerable Pastor and Athletic Director*.
4. In the case of an athlete from a parish outside of St. Bede's Region, that athlete is directed to participate in CYO for their own parish. If a team is not available for that parish, the athlete is encouraged to approach another team within their parish's assigned region.

These policies were unanimously approved by the St. Bede the Venerable CYO Board.

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*Obtaining these permissions falls squarely on the athlete/family. St. Bede sport commissioners are not charged with obtaining these permissions for athletes.