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To: Athletic Directors, Baseball and Volleyball Commissioners,

For the 2008-2009 sports season, the PPSL league will operate all programs in accordance with Archdiocesan policies regarding the screening and training of Athletic Directors, Commissioners, Coaches and other adults with regular contact with children. Executive Board members agreed to employ methods that would ensure compliance with the Archdiocesan policies and to require appropriate screening and training for the upcoming sport season. (Bylaws: art.1, sec.1)

If head coaches or assistant coaches have not completed the necessary screening and training, they will not be allowed to coach or practice with their team(s), and any games played with a non-compliant coach participating would be forfeited.

To be in compliance all Athletic Directors, Commissioners and Coaches must complete the following:

- 1- **Athletic Directors, Commissioners and Head Coaches** must complete the fingerprinting [livescan] requirement.
- 2- **Assistant Coaches** must complete either background checks or fingerprinting [livescan] requirement; **Assistant Coaches** who have completed only the background check requirement, must have with them at all practices and games an adult or coach who is in compliance having completed the Archdiocesan fingerprint, [livescan] and online training requirements. [No Exceptions]
- 3- **Athletic Directors, Commissioners and all Coaches** must complete the Shield the Vulnerable online training, "Recognize Report and Prevent Child Abuse."
- 4- **Under 18 years of age coaches** must complete the Shield the Vulnerable online training, "Recognize Report and Prevent Child Abuse." **Coaches under 18** must have with them at all practices and games an adult or coach who is in compliance having completed the Archdiocesan, fingerprint [livescan] and online training requirements. [No Exceptions]
- 5- **The following adults who volunteer to work at league games are not required to be fingerprinted [livescan] or have background checks.**
 - **Scorekeepers** for baseball, volleyball and basketball games
 - **Line Judges** for volleyball games
 - **Timers, Starters, Lane Judges, etc.** for track meets.

IMPORTANT REMINDER RE THE ABOVE:

When you complete the above requirements, request a copy of the receipt, so you have proof that the Archdiocesan requirements were completed.

Hope this letter explains the Archdiocesan policy guidelines for the PPSL for the 2008-2009 sports season. If you have any questions or concerns please call or email me.

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