

Press release to be posted

On BCCYO web site

Every board member of BCCYO recognizes that sports play an important and crucial role in the development of healthy young people. In addressing the question of should the 2020/2021 season be held, even if in some modified form, we asked for and received input from the Diocese of Syracuse Risk Management Department, pastors of parishes involved in CYO, moderators, coaches, parents and players. We also took into consideration Catholic Values about protecting the lives of individuals, especially the vulnerable.

Based on that input, especially about availability of gyms, and taking into account the rulings of the NYS Health Department, NYSHSSA, and STAC, we have concluded that it would be impossible to have any kind of basketball/cheering program this year. The bottom line is some truths that are hard to accept. First, the health and safety of the players is paramount and we cannot insure that safety this year. Second, the availability of gyms is greatly diminished because of parish concerns about use of their spaces.

To all our CYO participants, we are sorry for the loss of your season. To all the seniors, we are especially upset for you, for the end of your CYO basketball eligibility. We applaud all your efforts these past seasons to make BCCYO a great program to support playing a sport and we look forward to the day when once again we will be able to provide safe and healthy sports for all our young people. We will continue to monitor the Covid-19/sports situation and will make appropriate future plans for BCCYO basketball and cheering.

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