MERGER APPLICATION FACT SHEET

Members of the Diocese of Cleveland CYO understand that at times there may be a need for two or more members to merge for the purpose of fielding an athletic team. The Diocese of Cleveland CYO considers a merger to be the last resort and should be used only when all other attempts by the members to field a team independently have been exhausted.

Before a Merger Application will be considered, the following criteria that must be met:

- The parties to the merger have attempted to field a team in the sport independently.
- No more than five (5) parish/schools/members/unified programs are part of the merger application.
- The one member deemed the sponsoring member is identified. This member will be listed on the competition schedule, uniforms and is responsible for administration of the team.
- The rationale for the merger application is communicated in detail as part of the application process.
- The Merger Application is to be submitted by the sponsoring member to the CYO Athletic Office, 7911 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, 44102, c/o Noelia Speringo or nsperingo@ccdocle.org for approval no later than the regular team entry deadline of the season.
- Athletes from all parties to the merger are required to participate on the approved merged team(s).
- With CYO Athletic Administration approval, members may be added to the Merger Application until 10 days before the start of the season, provided the criteria of bylaw 8-1-2 have been met.

The diocese administration will review the following items as part of the approval process:

- Is the Merger Application complete with required signatures submitted. Incomplete Merger Applications will be denied. A new application could then be submitted in its entirety for approval.
- Was a description and rationale for the Merger Application which identifies the principles stated in bylaw 8-1-1 or other exception that should be given extraordinary consideration submitted.
- The number of parties to the application that have previously sponsored teams in the sport involved.
- The geographic proximity of the parties of the application for community building purposes.
- The merger is not sought to create nor will it create a competitive advantage.
- A CYO member is identified as the sponsoring member and assumes responsibility for the administration of the team and represents the name under which the team will be registered.
- The Merger Application is signed by the Member Administrator, Pastor or Administrator of each party involved and where applicable the member athletic directors involved.
- Is the request for a regular or standing merger.

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