

Coordinators, Coaches, and Parents,

As many of you are aware from local news reports, an incident occurred at a girls volleyball game last Friday, September 27th involving parents from separate parishes. The case is currently being handled by the City of Mason Police, and the GCCYS will not make any comment. GCCYS considers this to be an isolated incident, and all involved parties are indefinitely suspended from all future GCCYS events.

The GCCYS was founded to serve as a youth athletics ministry for the Catholic youth of Greater Cincinnati. The league is a volunteer run organization that strives to provide a safe environment for our student-athletes to compete with and against their friends with shared Catholic Christian values and in compliance with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Charter on Catholic Youth Athletics.

As parents, coaches, and coordinators, we ask you to join us in continuing to demonstrate good sportsmanship and Christian values that are routinely exhibited at each of our member parishes and schools every weekend. Please remember that our collective mission includes teaching appropriate sportsmanship, compassion, and charity for others as well as “coaching the game”, and our youth look to us to model appropriate behavior every day. GCCYS member parishes and schools hosted 246 volleyball matches this weekend without incident. This speaks to the great number of coaches, referees and parents who work to make the league a great place for our kids to play.

Previously, Parish Coordinators voted to implement a “Zero Tolerance” policy which allows the GCCYS to suspend and/or expel any party involved in behavior detrimental to a positive experience for the players, coaches, and referees. This policy remains in effect.

We thank those parents and volunteers that continue to demonstrate exemplary behavior for our student-athletes. As we gather at half court for prayer prior to our matches this weekend please include a special prayer for those involved in the events of last weekend and, as always, for all our players, coaches, referees and parents.

Thank you for your time and dedication to the kids.

Sincerely,
Greater Cincinnati Catholic Youth Sports