

CATHOLIC YOUTH APOSTOLATE – CYC SPORTS
Archdiocese of St. Louis
KEN BIERMANN MEMORIAL TRACK MEET -- 2010

February 23, 2010

Dear Coach,

The CYC is preparing for their 61st annual track and field competition. The Preliminary meets are scheduled for Saturday April 24th at Trinity Catholic High School, 1720 Redman Rd. (63138), Saturday May 1st at De Smet Jesuit High School, 233 N. New Ballas Rd. (63141) and Saturday May 8th at Bishop DuBourg High School, 5850 Eichelberger St. (63109). The Final meet will be held Saturday May 15 2010 at Bishop DuBourg High School.

The CYC is proud to announce that the meet will be named in honor of Ken Biermann. Ken is responsible for much of the success and growth of the CYC track program. For decades he served as one of the meets directors. Ken was also the track coach for generations of runners at the Academy of the Sacred Heart. He established a dynasty unlike any other in the history of the CYC. ASH has won every meet since 1980. However above all these accomplishments, Ken's primary legacy is the fun and memories he provided for tens of thousands of young runners.

It seems that for the last five years this letter begins with a statement of the changes for the coming track season. This year is no different. We welcome DeSmet back as a prelim host. We now have a prelim north, south and central. The biggest change for this year is, after almost 30 years John Storjohann will not be a Meet Director. Coach John will be available in an advisory roll. This means we will need a person, probably many persons to step up and cover the duties John has performed so generously in the past. Over the past few years we have been transitioning to this point. We have a lot of smart, energetic volunteers in the track program. I am very confident that we can take this program that John and Ken have developed and continue its growth and development over the coming years. By next week I will provide each coach with draft of a plan containing a framework for the administration of the track program for the coming years.

Based on the feedback I received about last year's rule changes, they worked very well. The only tweak that received any traction in your responses was the suggestion to limit the number of relay teams going to the Finals to 4 from each prelim. We will use this option on a trial basis this year and evaluate after the meet. The only other option is to form a group that would work on a system to expedite process of setting up each heat.

We are again trying to institute an electronic roster and scoring system this year. We will know by March 15th if it is going to happen in '010.

Please note the cap for each Preliminary in 2010 will remain at 900 runners. This means that some returning teams, even if they beat the deadline set below, may not be able to run in their first choice of preliminaries if it is already full. So it would be a good idea to get your application and entry deposit to the CYC Office as soon as possible.

Teams that participated last year will be given preference for the same preliminary. If a first choice meet exceeds its cap, the remaining teams become eligible for their second choice regardless of preference status.

After March 19th, all returning teams lose their preferred status. New Parishes/Schools that

participate in the CYC Sports Program will be given preference until March 22nd. After March 22nd, applications from non-CYC entities will be considered.

All applications with deposit fees will be date stamped, and accepted for entry according to the date received. If multiple applications are received on the day a preliminary exceeds 900 runners, a random drawing will decide which team(s) are placed in that meet.

Like last year a running total of teams entering each preliminary will be kept on the web.

When filling out the application, please give an estimated number of participants. We realize that an exact number may not be possible at this time but we ask that you make a good faith effort to be as accurate as you can. You can fill out your invoice accordingly when you have a firm number.

COACHING REQUIREMENTS FOR 2010

The Spiritual Director or Child Safety Coordinator must verify that:

1. The Head Coach has completed the *Protecting God's Children Program*, signed the *Code of Ethical Conduct Form* and has a current Missouri Background Check on File with the Parish/School.
2. Other key volunteers have met these requirements as deemed necessary by that Parish/School.
3. That *Coaching to Make a Positive Difference Program* has been attended by the Head Coach. The coach's ID # must be on the application

Enclosed you should find an application, invoice form, coach's authorization form, meet records, 2009, Results, team roster forms, the schedule of events for the preliminary meets and general instructions.

These forms and the final payment are due at the mandatory roster meeting at the CYC Office, #20 Archbishop May Drive, in the Pope John Paul II Auditorium at 7:00pm on Monday, April 19, 2010. It cannot be stressed too much that a team's completed roster must be turned in at this meeting. Changes can be made up to 4:00pm on the Wednesday before your preliminary. New rosters or complete revisions will not be accepted after the April 19th meeting. John Storjohann will introduce the new meet organizers, explain any changes in format, review the event rules and discuss our expectations of the coaches, athletes and volunteers.

THE CYC IS AGAIN OFFERING TEAM SHIRTS AND SHORTS. A FLYER AND ORDER FORM ARE ENCLOSED.

Check our web page, **WWW.CYCSTL.NET**, for additional information and updates. If you have any questions I can be reached at the CYC office, 314-353-8911, ext. 14 or email me at brosier@archstl.org.

Sincerely,



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