



parkview parochial league

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Deb Adlam
Volleyball Coordinator
Holy Apostles

Re: 6W Equal teams

Dear Deb,

Thank you for attending our meeting on November 13 and answering our questions concerning the rosters for your 6th grade teams.

One of the important aspects of our 5th and 6th grade divisions is that we want those teams to be instructional, not competitive. Consistent with that goal, we need the larger schools, or those with multiple teams in one grade, to divide the teams so that their standings are similar, especially at season end. Otherwise, it would be easy for a school with a larger number of players to turn games into lopsided competitions, where it is difficult to teach fundamentals. We allow up to a 15 match differential, out of a possible 36 matches. The differential between your Blue team and Gray team was 22.

We understand that one of your three coaches utilized a successful training or motivational program, and we certainly encourage experimentation on different systems or strategies. But when something is as successful as you experienced on your Blue team, it becomes necessary to make some player adjustments, mid-season, to even things out. Different coaching styles need to be taken into consideration in making player assignments. And changes need to be made in rosters mid-season when necessary, even though we know it is difficult.

We are also concerned about the message that is being sent to the players in the league. When the people who are in charge of a program do not abide by the league rules regarding talent division, or in this case, do not make an adjustment, and their team finishes in a trophy position because of it, that is not fair to the other teams. It sends the wrong message to the students, in our opinion.

Accordingly, the board has decided to disqualify the Holy Apostles Blue team and move the trophies down to the next three teams in the standings.

You indicated that you would make appropriate adjustments next year, if you have multiple teams in 5th or 6th, and we appreciate that gesture.

With that, we consider the matter closed, and are looking forward to next season for volleyball.

Roger Lewicki, VB Sport Coordinator, Parkview Parochial League
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