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NEW COACH'S ORIENTATION & TRAINING PROGRAM GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL PROGRAM

CYO is proud to announce a new orientation and training program for our Girls and Boys Basketball Coaches. **This is a mandatory program for all new basketball coaches entering the program, as well as new Basketball Coordinators.** The program is also available to existing coaches and Coordinators as space permits. We have scheduled 6 clinics on Saturday mornings over the next 8 weeks throughout Nassau & Suffolk. The clinics will run from 9am until 10:30am, but we ask that you arrive by 8:30am. **This clinic replaces our Coaches Sanctioning Program.** For new Coordinators, CYO Staff will be present to answer any questions you have and to provide guidance as you acclimate to CYO.

Gus Alfieri, a member of St. John's Hall of Fame as one of their premier guards; and well known as the legendary coach at St. Anthony's High School, has agreed to lead this program. Gus will focus on teaching: i) the fundamentals of basketball; ii) how to run an effective youth basketball practice; and iii) the X's and O's of game strategy.

Guy McBride, an accomplished basketball referee, will join us to teach: i) the most common fouls called in basketball; and ii) how referees are trained in what to look for in assessing a foul and positioning on the court. Guy has run this clinic in our Parishes and coaches universally learned valuable insights into this aspect of the game.

By introducing this program, we hope to make the coaching experience more rewarding, while providing an opportunity for the newly minted coach the tools be an effective teacher. At a time when it is becoming difficult to get volunteers to coach, we hope this program gives parents the confidence and tools to volunteer. Lastly, we hope that by entering into a dialogue with our referees, and understanding the rules and fouls better, that we can take some of the "tension" out of youth sports.

Please see the attached schedule of host sites. Our first two clinics will be held at Our Lady of Mercy Gym in Hicksville on Saturday, September 21st; and then at Christ the King Gym in Commack on Saturday, October 5th.

Thank you for all that you do for CYO. **Please contact Pam at pam@cyoli.org to register for the clinics.** Please call me with any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul".

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