

To: The Reverend Clergy, Athletic Directors, Coaches, Players and Parents
of the MGOBL family

Re: Player Eligibility

We would like to thank all of the participating communities for their cooperation and dedication in these, the first days of the 2010-2011 MGOBL Season. Of the 39 participating teams, 38 had turned in rosters as of last night's deadline. We have had a great response and we truly appreciate that. As we processed the rosters last night, there is still some paperwork missing for some individuals. Please turn in that paperwork as soon as possible, as no player will be allowed to play until their entire file is completed, turned in and approved by the Steering Committee.

As for the issue of player eligibility, there is still some confusion as to what the defined rules are. We have included in this memo a simplified reading of the eligibility for the MGOBL. Please note that this list is not meant to be exhaustive, and can be amended by the Steering Committee or by myself in cases of special exemption.

If you have any questions regarding eligibility or any other MGOBL related issue, please contact our League Director, Chris Pantazis at 516-640-7283.

I am looking forward to a great season and your continued cooperation and dedication to this ministry of our Direct Archdiocesan District!

In Christ,

Rev. Deacon Evagoras Constantinides
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Player Eligibility for MGOBL is as follows:

- 1) Must be baptized Orthodox Christian and the family must be members "in good standing" at a Parish of the Direct Archdiocesan District of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
- 2) Must play for the Parish that the family has taken membership in
- 3) Must belong and be active in the GOYA chapter of the Parish for which they play
- 4) Must be 13 years of age by January 1st and not have turned 18 years of age by January 1st of the competition year. A 12 year old may

- participate if the team is low in personnel and must also be approved by the Steering Committee
- 5) High school team players are acceptable as long as they meet the above age requirements
 - 6) A player may not play in the League for the first time if they are in their final year of eligibility
 - 7) If a player's family has not taken any Parish membership, that player must play for a MGOBL participating Parish closest to their home residence
 - 8) If a Parish does not have a team registered in the League for that specific division of the current season, an Eligible Player may participate as per #2 & #7 above. Should their original Parish field a team in the League in said division the following season, those players must play for their original Parish.
 - 9) If a family has taken membership in more than one Parish, participation shall be determined by which Parish the family has been receiving Communion. This shall be attested to by the Priest of that Parish using a guideline of two years membership. Eligible players cannot change teams from one year to the next based solely on multiple membership status. A player may opt to forfeit a year of eligibility based on multiple memberships; however, future participation MUST still be approved by the Steering Committee.