



# St. Alphonsus Athletics Association

## ST. ALPHONSUS ATHLETICS UPDATE – October 2020

Parents of St. Alphonsus Athletes,

Please review the following updates from the St. Alphonsus Athletic Association (SAAA):

### Archdiocese delays basketball season to January 4, 2021

We received a communication from the Archdiocese detailing the plan for this year's basketball season. The details of the communication are copied below, but here is a summary of key points:

- The start of the Basketball Season is **postponed to January 4, 2021**
- Circumstances surrounding Covid at that time may further delay the season
- Protocols and procedures will be strictly enforced

Specific to St. Alphonsus:

- Basketball Registration deadline extended for two weeks to: **October 16, 2020. *Please complete registration by then if you want your child/children to participate***
- Register here: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/230906>
- All fees will be refunded if the season is eventually cancelled (or partial refund based on actual duration of the season pending any cancellations after the season has started)
- Player evaluations, team selection, coach selection, etc. cannot begin prior to January 4, 2021

Below is the official communication from **Bruce Varick, Associate Superintendent for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee**:

*The upcoming winter athletic (basketball) season for Elementary School and Parish-Based Athletics, as governed under Policy 6145.2, has been postponed until January 4, 2021. No games, practices, or organized team activities may occur prior to January 4, 2021. Please note the following important factors:*

- *The January 4, 2021 start date is not a guarantee that the season will happen. Circumstances may dictate a further delay or cancellation. However, parishes and schools may move forward with planning for the season.*
- *Protocols and procedures to be strictly followed for practices and games are being developed and will be published by November 1, 2020. These will be consistent with, and in alignment with, protocols and procedures currently used by parishes and schools.*
- *Parishes and schools will be able to opt out of playing in the upcoming season. A final date to indicate whether the parish and school will participate or not will be forthcoming.*
- *Parishes and schools will be able to decline the use of their facilities for the season, even if they choose to allow their students to participate. A final date to indicate whether the parish and school will or will allow their facility to be used will be forthcoming.*