



# TRANSPORTATION & WEATHER POLICIES

## TRANSPORTATION POLICY

- When considering any aspect of transportation to and from a Youth Ministry event, the definitive authority is your (Arch) Diocesan transportation policy.
- You should review the policy periodically and refer to it any time a question arises about transportation.
- You should also take the online training course "Church Transportation – Is it Necessary and Ministry-Based?"
- In general, it is best to limit any church-provided transportation as much as possible. Thus, whenever possible, it's best to have participants meet at the location. If that is not practical, the next best option is to hire a contracted carrier or utilize public transportation (i.e. airlines, city bus, etc.)
- If public transportation is used, no further information is required. However, if transportation is provided through a contracted carrier, signed contracts should be executed with appropriate hold harmless/indemnity language protecting the parish and the (Arch) Diocese. Also, contracted carriers should provide proof of insurance with minimum limits of liability of \$2,000,000 CSL (Combined Single Limit) for in-state travel and \$5,000,000 CSL for travel involving multiple states.
- The third option would be utilization of volunteer drivers. A volunteer driver should always be a minimum of 21 years of age and not have any impairment which could prohibit safely driving the vehicle. If the volunteer will be responsible for transporting other individuals, the recommended minimum age is 25. Volunteer drivers should complete the Volunteer Driver Form. (Exhibit D) For frequent drivers, a Motor Vehicle Record check (MVR) is recommended. Volunteers using their own vehicle must maintain minimum liability coverage on their vehicle of \$100,000/\$300,000. The volunteer should be informed in advance that their insurance would be primary if an accident occurred.
- Please reference guidelines for determining Unacceptable Drivers. (Exhibit E)
- We recommend that all volunteer drivers be required to take the online defensive driving course "Be Smart – Drive Safe". This course is available at no cost and takes less than 20 minutes to complete.
- Volunteer drivers must also complete the Driver Acknowledgement Form. (Exhibit F) This important form reviews safe driving practices all drivers should follow.

## **WEATHER POLICY**

- It is the policy that when weather creates a challenge to attend league or tournament games, the Director of CYO Athletics, in consultation with the Sports Committee decide as early as possible on the cancellation of such events.
- If athletic events are cancelled, the games will not be made up. If games are played during a cancelled day, they will not count in league standings.
- Due to different weather conditions in various areas, CYO Athletics suggests all adults use common sense during difficult days of travel!
- All cancellations will be posted on the CYO Athletics voicemail message at 206.654.4643 as quickly as they are determined. If your gym/field is not listed as closed, it should be open.
- Please see the baseball section in regards to rainouts.