

## VALLEY YOUTH CONFERENCE Memorandum

To: All Valley Youth Conference Track and Field Participants (*Athletes, Parents, Coaches and Supporters*)  
From: Earle Charles, Executive Director of Valley Youth Conference, Inc.  
Subject: Please Ask Your Club Representative, Why? \*\*\* **PLEASE DO NOT DISCARD THIS NOTE** \*\*\*  
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Today marks an important milestone in the history of the Valley Youth Conference's Track and Field program... from what I understand, a number of Valley Conference Clubs have decided to leave this program to form their own. You, (*the parent, the supporter, the athlete*) might not be aware that this split is occurring and it might have remained in the "dark" had it not been for a number of trustworthy and caring individuals who exposed this mutiny. There are many who think that those who are leaving are fundamentally betraying the legacy of the approximately 400,000 athletes who have been served by the Four Sports of this Conference and they are putting at risk a program that can (*and will*) continue to serve thousand of athletes in the future who are yet to join one or more of our programs.

The fundamental question you must ask your Club representative is, Why? Why have Clubs such as Simi Valley and Santa Clarita West (*along with others*) chosen to disassociate? What is wrong with playing by the VYC rules?

### **A few words about the Valley Youth Conference, Inc. (VYC)**

Who are we? – We are a governing body for Four Sporting Divisions (*Track and Field, Football, Cheerleading and Basketball*) that have been serving the Youth of our community for over 40 years. Fundamentally our mission is to introduce your youngster to the Sport with a strong emphasis on fair rules and sportsmanship. Annually we serve over 10,000 athletes and families across four sports. Each Sport is governed by its elected officers (*Commissioner, General Manager, Treasurer, etc.*) who are subordinate to the Sports Board of Directors. At times of elections any person can be nominated (*those that are defecting have had equal opportunity to seek leadership positions in the last elections and for reasons unknown chose not to apply*). I expect this conversation to go on beyond today, therefore for more information on this matter, please go to the following website – [www.vycexecutiveboard.com](http://www.vycexecutiveboard.com).

**Back to the defecting Clubs.** At a recent meeting of the Track and Field Board, I asked those who were planning to leave our Conference, what was the fundamental reason for leaving. Two or three individuals found the courage to speak up and expressed themselves. I think I can justly summarize the points made by those individuals as "frustration" mainly (*not exclusively*) with a past leader who has since resigned his office.

**What happens next?** THIS IS YOUR CONFERENCE, therefore I ask each of you (*athlete, parents, coaches and supporters*) to search within your heart and ask if the representatives who voted to leave the Conference have squandered the fiduciary trust that you have placed in them? If you think that they have (*as I do*), then I encourage you to form a "splinter" (new) club to continue your association with the Valley Youth Conference. Please contact Earle Charles ([earlech@hotmail.com](mailto:earlech@hotmail.com)), Executive Director of Valley Youth Conference and I will gladly assist you in getting your "new Club" up and running.

We look forward to your continued participation in VYC Track and Field in the upcoming seasons.

Warm regards,  
Earle