

CYO Policy

Article I – Mission

This athletic program is to provide reasonable physical education to instill a Christ-like code of sportsmanship and to give an opportunity for participation in athletics at the grade school level.

Article II – Theme

The underlying theme of every program shall be: "It is not important who wins, it is important that youth play.

Article III – Eligibility

Section 1 – Age: any player 16 years old on or before August 1 is ineligible to play in the CYO program that school year.

Section 2 – Gender: Boys must play in boy's sports and girls in girl's sports.

Section 3 – School: A student must be registered in the school they are playing for and have not completed the eighth grade. Any student added to the school squad after the season starts may become eligible in the CYO League provided all other rules are observed and the student's name is submitted to the CYO office by the coach.

Section 4 – Multiple and Single Teams: This policy applies to varsity (7th & 8th) teams.

- A. For a school that enters two (2) teams in any sport: Each athlete may play on a higher grade level team but **must** stay on that team for the duration of the season and tournament.

- B. For a school that enters only 1 team in any sport; each athlete may play on a higher grade level if the school does not have enough players to make a team. That same athlete **may** also compete on a team of his/her own grade level.
- C. Please see individual sport rules for exceptions to these two (2) rules.
- D. A player may only play on one tournament team.
- E. One team per grade level can be entered in tournament play.

Section 5 – Scholastic Suspension: It is the CYO policy for the Pastor/Principal to handle all discipline and scholastic problems.

Article IV – Team Requirements

Section 1 – CYO Consent Form: CYO Consent Forms **must** be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to the CYO office by the date given for each sport. Only one consent form is needed per year.

Section 2 – Physical Forms and Player Fees: Each player must have a physical form on file with their school. Also, a player fee per sport (including cheerleading) must be turned in to the CYO office prior to the start of each season. Violation of this rule will result in the athlete not being allowed to play until the situation has been corrected.

Section 3 – Team Roster: In the 7th & 8th grade division, each team may dress a total of three complete teams for any game. However, more players may be carried on the roster.

Section 4 – Awards: All awards will be presented after the championship tournament game of each division.

Article VI

Section 1 – Protest Rules: There is no protest rule in the CYO. The official's game decisions are final. A grievance of any nature must be submitted in writing to the CYO office.

Section 2 – Penalty of Eligibility: Infractions is an automatic forfeiture of all games in which the player or team participated.

Section 3 – Unsportsman-like Conduct: Any use of profanity, gestures, physical display of temper or verbal/physical harassment of officials, coaches, players, or spectators will constitute unsportsman-like conduct.

Section 4 – If a player, coach, or spectator is ejected from a game, he/she will be suspended form the next scheduled CYO game.

Section 5 – Any ejected player or coach may appeal this ruling within 48 hours of the incident with a written request to the CYO office. The Parish Representative will file this request. The official will also file a report. The officers will then make a decision as to whether the player or coach may be reinstated for the next game. The findings of the officers will be final and binding. If the official's report is not submitted within 48 hours, the suspension form the next CYO game will not be upheld.

Article VII – Grievances

Section 1 – A grievance of any nature must be submitted in writing to the CYO office through the school's Parish Representative.

Article V

Section 1 – Game Changes: All game changes must be arranged through the CYO office.

Section 2 – Division:

- A. Enrollment figures will be used for division placement if more than one division is required.
- B. A team may request to move up or down a division (based on ability.)
- C. Final decision is the responsibility of the Executive/Divisions Committee.
 - 1. The following criteria will be considered: enrollment, geographic location, and number of available athletes.

Section 3 – Determining Regular Season Tie-Breakers:

- A. Two-way ties: Head to head winner
- B. Three-way ties:
 - 1. Head to head winner
 - 2. The team with the most total net points against the other two tied teams
 - 3. Coin toss

Section 4 – Adult Supervision: The CYO recommends a female adult be present on the bench, in the locker room, and suggested to be at all practices if a girl's team has a male coach or coaches. Vice versa if a boy's team has a female coach or coaches.

Section 5 – CYO Workers: Priority of workers will be given to students of the Catholic High Schools.