

# **CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT LEAGUE MANUAL**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION/MEMBERSHIP**

All Catholic Parishes or Catholic Elementary Schools/Academies within the Archdiocese of Detroit have the privilege of being members of the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO). Members may remain in good standing, providing they abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the CYO.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

An act of conducting oneself in a true Christian manner regardless of any and all extenuating circumstances. The Parish/School will be held responsible for the behavior of its coaches, students, participants, and spectators.

## **PURPOSE OF THE CYO ATHLETICS**

1. To re-affirm and expand our commitment and involvement in the promotion of quality athletics for all of our member Parishes/Schools of the Archdiocese of Detroit.
2. To regulate competition among member Parishes/Schools of the Archdiocese of Detroit.
3. To provide opportunities for participation and competition based on the education and physical well being of all participants.
4. To insure a fair and equal opportunity for all member Parishes/Schools of the Archdiocese of Detroit and their participants to experience positive opportunities in athletics.
5. To promote safety, crowd control, sportsmanship and sports education.

## **CYO ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**

The CYO Athletic Department shall be in control of all athletic contests and events. The CYO Athletic Department shall have full authority to enforce and interpret all rules and regulations. The final decision on all matters not covered in the CYO league manual shall be decided by the CYO Athletic Department.

## **SERVICES**

Services provided to the members of the CYO:

1. Athletic programs are coordinated and implemented through the CYO Athletic Department. The CYO Athletic Department is under the supervision of the CYO Executive Director.
2. To assist Parishes/Schools of the Archdiocese of Detroit in planning and developing athletic programs by:
  - a. Building levels of competition.
  - b. Scheduling of league and assisting with non-league scheduling.
  - c. Contracting and assigning officials.
  - d. Assisting in obtaining athletic sites.
  - e. Promotion and management of play-offs and championship events.
  - f. In-service/education of coaches and athletic directors.

## **ROLE OF THE CYO ATHLETIC TASK FORCE**

1. Maintain the promotion of Christian values, fair play, sportsmanship, and leadership consistent with the vision of the agency.
2. Seek the greatest good for the greatest number so as to ensure that competition is conducted in a sportsmanlike atmosphere.
3. Provide advice and support to staff in the achievement of objectives.

## **PASTOR/PRINCIPAL**

The Pastor is the chief authority of their respective Parish/School and is directly responsible for the athletic program. The Pastor may designate the Principal as chief authority. It is the duty of the Pastor/Principal to derive from the athletic program a full measure of educational value in developing good sportsmanship.

## **PARISH/SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

The Parish/School Athletic Director is the official representative of the Parish/School activities. The Athletic Director represents the Parish/School coaching staff and athletes, implements and carries out the policy of administrating the

Parish/School athletic program. The Athletic Director has the responsibility to conduct the Parish/School's athletic programs in accordance with league regulations.

## **CYO LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

These rules and regulations apply to all member Parishes/Schools of the Archdiocese of Detroit for both boys and girls athletic competition. Parishes/Schools that sponsor teams voluntarily accept as binding all rules and regulations.

1. **Manager/Coach** of teams is responsible to the CYO Athletic Department, Pastor, Principal, and Athletic Director.
2. **Final Management** is under the direction of the CYO.
3. **Noisemakers** are prohibited at all indoor CYO sporting events. Noisemakers include, but are not limited to: megaphones, thundersticks, cowbells, sirens, clackers, cans/bottles with marbles, rocks or coins inside, and various other creative devices.
4. **Alcohol** is prohibited at any CYO events.
5. **Tailgating** is prohibited at any CYO events.
6. **Video Taping** - Parishes/Schools not in an event or contest may **NOT** film or videotape other member Parishes/Schools contests/events.
7. **Score Reporting** – By Monday morning each Parish/School must send in the results of all CYO home games from the previous week regardless if you won or lost by mailing, faxing or emailing the CYO Weekly Home Game Score Report Sheet to:

CYO Athletics                                    313-963-9791  
12 State Street        OR                                    OR                                    athletics@cyodetroit.org  
Detroit, MI 48226                                    313-963-7179

It is the Athletic Directors responsibility to ensure that all CYO home game scores are being reported to the CYO Office.

**8. Coaches of Teams:**

- A. Head Coaches must be 18 years of age or older - a person 18 years of age or older must be present at all activities (i.e. games, practices).
- B. Coaching staff members may be reprimanded, censored, placed on probation or suspended for violation of the rules and regulations or for poor sportsmanship, by the CYO Athletic Department.
- C. Athletic Directors and Coaching staff members are required to attend scheduled meetings called by the CYO Athletic Department. Athletic Directors and/or Pastors/Principals will be notified of meeting attendance. Repeated absence could result in progressive penalties.

**9. Sportsmanship:**

- A. The Parish/School and its athletic staff will be held responsible for the behavior of its coaches, athletes and spectators. Principles of good sportsmanship and Christian values must be foremost in athletics.
- B. Teams should not run up a score in any sport at any level. In one-sided games, it is ethical that the team with the advantage use substitution, altered play and sportsmanlike conduct to avoid injury, embarrassment and harassment of members of competing teams.
- C. All athletes and parents/guardians should be informed of the specific expectations with regard to sportsmanship, conduct, and behavior. Forms are available from the CYO office and are to be completed for every athlete and kept on file at the Parish/School.

**10. Officials:**

The CYO shall assign all officials for league home contests in all sports, unless there is no assignor for that sport, then home teams will have to obtain their own officials. The CYO will also assign all non-league officials, with advance request. Home teams will have the option of obtaining their own MHSAA (FIFA - Soccer) registered officials for Baseball, Cross Country, Softball, Soccer, and Track. Home team pays officials no more or no less than the set CYO fees. In the event a contracted basketball official does not show up for a game, the home team shall compensate the official who works the game alone with additional monies totaling ½ the fee. The CYO does not view game video tapes to review officials' calls or interpretations of the rules.

**11. Schedules:**

- A. Date, time, and site of league contests shall not be changed after the Final Schedule is printed without the approval of:
  1. CYO Athletic Department.
  2. Payment of previous contracted officials to the CYO office.
  3. Approval of competing teams.
- B. All changes in schedules must be approved by the CYO Athletic Department.