

Code of Conduct

General Behavior

All coaches, parents, students, participants and spectators are representatives of OLPH CYO and are expected to abide by the policies set forth in the Archdiocesan CYO Handbook. Coaches, parents, students, participants and spectators should refrain from any activity that would violate school policy, Catholic teachings or the law while participating in any CYO activity or function. Christian behavior is essential and expected as a witness to the philosophy and values of CYO athletics.

The coach and/or event coordinator are responsible for the behavior of any individual on their roster, as well as for the atmosphere created by parents and spectators. An official may eject from a CYO event any coach, parent, student, participant or spectator who displays unsportsmanlike conduct during a CYO event. The ejected individual must leave the facility immediately and may not return for the duration of the event.

All those involved in CYO activities, including, but not limited to coaches, parents, students, participants and spectators agree:

- To refrain from using foul or profane language or derogatory comments or gestures
- To refrain from criticism of players, coaches and officials
- To show respect towards game officials and their judgement
- To demonstrate good sportsmanship towards teammates, opponents and spectators alike
- To set a good example for others to follow, exemplifying the highest moral and ethical behavior
- To accept seriously the responsibility of representing OLPH Parish by displaying positive behavior at all times
- To play and participate in a positive manner, reflecting Christian values
- To graciously accept the results of each play and each game

Unacceptable Conduct

All those involved in CYO activities agree that conduct that is contrary and to the philosophy, spirit and rules of CYO will not be tolerated during a CYO event or outside of a CYO event where the behavior is contrary to Catholic teaching, CYO rules and civil law. Unacceptable conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- Inappropriate or disrespectful conduct towards officials, site personnel and anyone affiliated with the CYO program
- Refusal to abide by an official's decision
- Use of profane, vulgar, taunting or abusive language or gestures
- Personal verbal abuse toward any official or coach for any decision or judgment
- Abusive verbal attacks on any participant, athlete, coach, official, opponent, spectator or anyone affiliated with the CYO program, which includes, but is not limited to, electronic communications such as telephone calls, text messages and emails

- Physical attacks or threats on any participant, athlete, coach, official, opponent, spectator or anyone affiliated with the CYO program
- Theft, vandalism, misuse or the destruction of property, including buildings, interior and exterior
- Inciting others to act in ways that are in conflict with the values of the CYO program
- Any conduct which is morally offensive to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church
- Activities that involve unlawful behavior and/or result in the intervention of law enforcement
- Refusal to abide by the rules and decisions of the CYO
- Failure to comply with disciplinary consequences

Consequences

Violations of the CYO by-laws, code of conduct, disciplinary consequences and/or violations of the CYO Board, may result in disciplinary consequences for the offender. These consequences may include, and are not limited to, suspension from CYO activities in various manners such as length of time, activity type, number of scheduled events, or any other combination determined by the CYO Board; membership probation; and expulsion. Expulsion is especially warranted in cases of serious violations, repeated violations, or violations where illegal activity was involved.

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CYO athletic competition is a means of developing youth and giving them the opportunity to enjoy healthy sporting activity. Participation in CYO activities is a privilege and is conditional upon proper conduct. The guiding principle behind the enforcement of this code is that the conduct of everyone involved in CYO should be consistent with Christian values and should not detract from the children's enjoyment of the sport.

PLAYERS

I agree that:

- I will accept seriously the responsibility of representing the parish by displaying positive behavior at all times
- I will treat my teammates and opponents with respect and good sportsmanship before, during and after contests. I will not heckle other players or jeer their mistakes
- I will respect the judgement of my coaches and not complain about losses or personal playing time
- I will respect the judgement of officials and abide by the rules of the contest
- If I am suspended from school, I am automatically suspended from participating in CYO activities. If I violate this Code of Conduct or the Code of Conduct from the school that I attend, I may be suspended or disqualified from participating in CYO activities

PARENTS

I (we) agree that:

- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for them, not for adults
- I will accept seriously the responsibility of representing the parish by displaying positive behavior at all times, and I understand that failing to do so or failing to prevent any of my guests from doing so may result in my being barred from attending future CYO activities
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child, the coaches or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition or playing time
- I will respect the decisions made by contest officials, and I will not make any derogatory comments or gestures to them or other players, coaches or parents of the opposing team
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that might endanger the health and well being of the athletes
- If my child is suspended from school, I will notify his or her coach immediately
- I will handle all problems privately with the coaching staff or CYO Board. I will not conduct a public forum
- I understand that it is the parent's responsibility to organize and handle the team stewardship project for each sport and will volunteer if available
- I will return my child's uniform in wearable condition within 2 weeks after the end of the season. By failing to do so, I (we) will forfeit the return of the uniform deposit

We have read the above items and the attached Code of Conduct and we agree to follow these guidelines in our participation in all CYO activities

Player Signature _____ Date _____

Parent(s) Signature _____ Date _____