



Interested in Coaching?

Here is some information to help you get started:

Requirements and responsibilities to coach in CYO Athletics are outlined below.

To coach in the Diocese of Cleveland CYO, an individual must first be approved by the member administrator and athletic director of the sponsoring member. Once approved, all CYO coaches must adhere to the responsibilities and meet the requirements outlined below.

Responsibilities

- Coaches are responsible to know and be an example of the CYO Mission & Values and the CYO Philosophy, outlined in CYO Charter Articles 2 and 3 of the [CYO Charter & Bylaws](#).
- Coaches are required to attend annual pre-season coaches meetings and identified training sessions.
- Coaches are responsible to teach the rules of the sport and the proper skills, techniques, strategies, and tactics for their sport in an age-appropriate manner.
- Coaches are responsible to conduct themselves in an appropriate fashion at practice and competitions, to wear required credentials and to be in accordance with [Bylaw 8](#).

- Coaches are responsible for the supervision of their team at practices and competitions, as well as the conduct of their spectators at competitions.
- Coaches must be represented at all scheduled practices, games and other events.

Required Training

Every coach, both head and assistant, must attend the [Coaches Development Program](#), and complete the requirements below before coaching their first practice.

Once a coach completes all of the Diocesan requirements, the member's volunteer coordinator will issue the coaching credential. Every coach that is on a sideline or bench must wear credentials throughout the CYO event.

- **Complete a volunteer application**
Obtain a copy from your volunteer coordinator or member athletic director.
- **Attend VIRTUS or an approved abuse prevention program**
 - Register at virtusonline.org.
- **Read and acknowledge the following policies**
 - Diocese of Cleveland [Policy for the Safety of Children in Matters of Sexual Abuse](#)
 - Diocese of Cleveland [Standards of Conduct for Ministry](#)
- **Obtain a background check**
- **Complete the Concussion Awareness Course**
- **Complete Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) training**

For more detailed information and the direct links, <https://www.ccdocle.org/service-areas/cyo-athletics/coaches/overview>

SVDP CYO will reimburse any fees incurred while certifying to become a coach. Receipts must be given to CYO AD Patrick Clark.



