

Coach's Code of Conduct

- ❖ *I will conduct myself in a Christian like manner with respect to coaches, players, referees and spectators*
- ❖ *As a coach, I recognize that the game belongs to the players and will put the welfare of the game and players above any personal gain*
- ❖ *I will do my best to learn the fundamental skills and teaching techniques related to the game in which I coach and become familiar with the rules of the game.*
- ❖ *As a coach or assistant coach, I will not engage in any unsportsman-like conduct and will not tolerate such behavior from my players or spectators*
- ❖ *I will uphold the authority of the referee(s) who are assigned to the game, in which I coach. I will refrain from criticizing the referee(s) and I will assist them every way possible to conduct a fair and competitive contest*
- ❖ *I will avoid arguing with opposing coaches, player(s), referee(s), or spectators before, during or after a game.*
- ❖ *I will learn the strengths and weakness of my players so that I can develop a training program to enhance their strengths and place them into situations that provide them with maximum opportunity to achieve success and development*
- ❖ *I will conduct and develop practices so that the players have an opportunity to improve their skill level through active participation and learning processes*
- ❖ *I will protect the health and safety of my players*
- ❖ *I will avoid running up the score on an opponent; remember C.Y.O does not stand for Crush Your Opponent*

CYO Mission Statement

CYO Sports is one component of a parish's comprehensive youth ministry program which enables the partnership of parents, coaches, priests, religious, teachers, and adult leaders to manage and support a sports program that allows youth to grow in their relationship with God and come to better understand themselves and the Catholic Faith.

Such a program:

- * employs healthy and enjoyable competition to promote the sharing of gospel values among athletes, parents, and coaches.*
- * assists parish leadership in nourishing the emotional, spiritual, social and physical needs of young people.*
- * encourages young people to appreciate the gifts that they possess, and challenges them to share these gifts with their community.*
- * allows youth to witness the life of Christian discipleship in their coaches and adult leaders.*
- * encourages youth to become responsible members of their faith community.*