

# ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION

## COACHES, PLAYERS, AND PARENTS

### CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

The Catholic Youth Organization is a program that, through the vehicle of sports, aids youth to become better Christians. It provides opportunities for all children it serves, regardless of physical talents, mental strength, or emotional health. It must always be stressed that CYO does not view itself primarily as a sports developmental program.

#### COACHES

Acceptable standards of coaching behavior include:	Penalties:
<p>Set a good example for participants and fans to follow, exemplifying the highest moral and ethical behavior;</p> <p>Respect the judgment of officials, abide by the rules of the event;</p> <p>Treat opposing coaches, participants, and fans with respect;</p> <p>Coach in a positive manner, reflecting Christian values;</p> <p>Instruct participants in sportsmanship and demand that they display good sportsmanship;</p> <p>In basketball and volleyball, remain seated at all times except in the instances in the National Federation of High School rulebook.</p>	<p>Any coach ejected from the game because of unsportsmanlike conduct will be subject to leaving the facility when the violation occurs. Persons empowered with this decision are game officials, commissioner, or the CYO Athletic Director. Further action will be considered by the specific sport commission. Any coach suspended from coaching will not be in attendance at the game they are suspended for.</p> <p>Any coach who physically abuses an official will be asked to leave the facility and must contact the commissioner assigned to their grade to discuss the incident. The incident will be sent to the appropriate commission for review.</p> <p>Any coach who verbally abuses another coach, player, or spectator in any manner (swearing, racial slur, etc.) will be subject to suspension, based on the findings of the sport commission involved.</p>

#### PLAYERS

Acceptable standards of player behavior include:	Penalties:
<p>Treat opponents with respect; shake hands prior to and after contests;</p> <p>Respect the judgment of officials and abide by the rules of the contest;</p> <p>Accept seriously the responsibility of representing the parish by displaying positive behavior at all times;</p> <p>Play in a positive manner, reflecting Christian values. <b>Physical or verbal abuse of any kind will not be tolerated!</b></p>	<p>Any player ejected from a game because of unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended from the next game and may be subject to additional penalties by the appropriate sport commission.</p>

#### PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

Acceptable standards of spectator behavior include:	Penalties:
<p>Remember that the players are children and are playing for their enjoyment, not yours;</p> <p>Remain seated in the spectator area during the games;</p> <p>Respect decisions made by contest officials;</p> <p>Be a role model by positively supporting teams and by not shouting instructions or criticism to the players, coaches, or officials. <b>Do not coach from the stands!</b></p> <p>Make no derogatory comments or gestures to players, coaches, spectators of the opposing team, officials, or league administrators;</p> <p>Remember that coaches and parents set the example for the behavior of their team's fans. If you see fans of your team behaving in a negative manner, please try to appeal to their conscience at an appropriate time.</p>	<p>Any spectator who displays poor sportsmanship may be removed from the facility by an official, their team coach, a league official, or the host gym supervisor;</p> <p>Any spectator who interferes with the conduct of a CYO activity, at the discretion of the spectator's parish, league, or the Archdiocese of Seattle, be barred from attendance at subsequent CYO athletic activities.</p>

#### ENFORCEMENT

The parishes and the Parish Athletic Coordinators, under the supervision of the CYO Office, shall enforce this code. Complaints regarding violations of this code shall be first brought to the attention of the appropriate Parish Athletic Coordinators. Coaches, participants, and spectators may be placed on probation or suspended from CYO activities for their actions.

**Athletes and Parents / Guardians: Please read this sheet and retain for your reference.**