

CYO ATHLETICS

CODE OF CONDUCT

The CYO Athletic Program is designed to be representative of the Christian character in life. As Christians, we are constantly challenged to better ourselves. In team sports we strive for improvement both as individuals and as a group. The development of such values is the primary objective of CYO Athletics. CYO Athletics is the arena in which the youngster practices the principles of Christian values and also provides opportunities for healthy growth and development. Within this arena the coaches, directors, and participants must manifest and exemplify the ideals of a Christian life.

The guiding principle behind the enforcement of the code is that the behavior of everyone involved in CYO shall not detract from the children's enjoyment of the sport. When the soul of a young person is injured, who usually is responsible for this situation? It is typically an adult who has lost control of the situation. CYO Athletics has a duty to each of its participants (coaches, players, officials), and that is to provide the best possible atmosphere of competition. All players, coaches, officials, directors and spectators must be treated with respect regardless of race, creed, color, gender or ability.

SPECTATORS

- Remember that the players are children and are playing for their enjoyment; **"THE GAME IS FOR THE KIDS"**.
- Do not coach from the stands;
- Remain seated in the spectator area during the games;
- Respect decisions made by contest officials;
- Be a role model by positively supporting teams and by not shouting instructions or criticism to the players, coaches or officials.
- Make no derogatory comments or gestures to officials or league administrators, players, coaches, or parents of the opposing team

PENALTIES

- Participating teams and their coaches are responsible for the conduct of their spectators both home and away.
- Any spectator who displays poor sportsmanship shall be removed from the facility by an official, their team coach, a league official or the host gym director in charge.
- Any spectator who interferes with the conduct of a CYO activity may be barred from attendance at subsequent CYO activities.

