

CCCYO ATHLETICS PLAYER ELIGIBILITY 2024-25

Player Eligibility

1. Catholic Charities CYO Athletics player eligibility is based on the following factors as verified by the Athletic Director (Eligibility verification must be provided within two (2) business days upon request from Catholic Charities CYO Athletics). A player needs only comply with ONE of the following five categories to be considered eligible. Please note that the order of the following list does not indicate any preference or importance:
 - A. The school or program the child attends
 - I. Verification – Report cards, school ID, letter from the principal on school letterhead.
 - B. Home address
 - I. Verification – Parent driver’s license or state issued identification card, utility bill in the parent or legal guardian’s name.
 - C. School address (If not participating Catholic Charities CYO Program)
 - I. Verification – Report card, school ID, letter from the principal on school letterhead.
 - D. Parish the family belongs to (MUST be an active member for at least 18 months)
 - I. Verification – Letter from the pastor on parish letterhead.
 - E. Religious Education (CCD) Enrollment (Regular attendance is considered at least 75% of the class sessions and/or activities and MUST be an active member for at least 18 months)
 - I. Verification – Letter from pastor on parish letterhead.
 - F. CLARIFICATION
 - I. If the parent/guardian and the child have different last names, then the parent/guardian must present their child’s birth certificate.
 - II. The Athletic Director of a given program has the primary responsibility of verifying eligibility of their players prior to placing them on a roster. This includes obtaining all relevant documentation and submission to the eligibility committee upon request.
2. Dual Eligibility: Any child who has dual eligibility must inform Catholic Charities CYO Athletics of their intention to exercise their dual eligibility. Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Management will confirm the eligibility and inform the previous program in which they participated (if they are still eligible in that program). No child who has dual eligibility may be released to a third program. A child with dual eligibility must remain in the same program for the entire academic school year. They may not switch back and forth unless the program does not offer a Catholic Charities CYO sport the child wants to participate in during that school year. A player may use their dual eligibility status only ONE time in any given sport during their tenure with Catholic Charities CYO Athletics SF.
3. Grandfather Rule: Any player who has played for a program, in a particular sport, for the previous two (2) seasons, whether by eligibility or the granting of an eligibility exemption, is deemed to still be eligible for that program.
 - A. Eligibility exemptions must have been granted for both preceding seasons by Catholic Charities CYO Athletics or by the Eligibility Committee.
4. CAUTION to Athletic Directors: Whenever there are new participants in your program, verify they have never participated in another Catholic Charities CYO Athletics program, or, if they have participated in

another Catholic Charities CYO Athletics program, they are no longer actively participating on the other program.

5. Whenever a release is required, it must be in writing from the Athletic Director of the requesting program accompanied with the following information:
 - A. Player's name
 - B. Grade of the player during the sport in question
 - C. School attended by the player
 - D. Player's primary address
 - E. Parent/Guardian name and email
 - F. Previous CYO enrollments (if known)
 - G. Reason for request
 - I. All requests should be submitted to the Chair of the Eligibility Committee and received no later than four (4) days prior to the deadline for Team Entries. We cannot guarantee that any requests received after the deadline will be considered.
6. An entrant may play with only ONE team and in only ONE division for any given sport during the Catholic Charities CYO Athletics season.
7. No entrant can participate for any team whose classification is more than one (1) grade higher than the grade in which the child is registered during the fall school semester.
8. An entrant may not participate in a league lower than the actual grade in which the child is registered.
9. Catholic Charities CYO Athletics leagues will not be organized below the third-grade level. Third-grade leagues are authorized on the same basis as all other grade levels.
10. At no time will a child below the third-grade level be allowed to participate in any Catholic Charities CYO Athletics league or activity. Third grade teams must consist of third-grade players only (second-grade students are never eligible to play).
11. For any Catholic Charities CYO Athletics sport that is offered as both a separate boys' and girls' season, athletes are limited to participating in the season matching the gender they are registered as their school/program.
12. A child living on a street marking a parish boundary line will be considered to belong to that parish closest to the side of the street on which they live.
13. A child moving from one parish to another during the season of a particular sport will remain on the team on whose roster their name originally appeared.
14. Special Eligibility Exceptions: The granting of special exceptions to the Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Eligibility Rules is at the discretion of the Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Eligibility Committee and/or the Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Director.
 - A. Procedures for submitting eligibility requests -
 - I. All requests for eligibility exceptions must be submitted in writing to the Catholic Charities CYO Athletics office prior to the deadline dates of submitting rosters.
 - II. All requests must be signed by the Athletic Director. Letters from coaches and/or parents may accompany the request, but the Athletic Manager cannot act on a request that is not signed by the Athletic Director.
 - III. Requests must include all pertinent information, including any letters and/or certifications required by the Guidelines.

B. Guidelines for considering eligibility requests: It is the position of the Advisory Committee that all children, grades 3rd through 8th, should be provided with an opportunity to participate in all Catholic Charities CYO Athletics authorized activities. To this end, the Athletics Manager will permit all eligible children to have access to a functioning parish program in all sports. Parishes are encouraged to make every effort to accommodate all children in their parish who wish to participate in all Catholic Charities CYO Athletics activities.

C. Residential Exceptions:

I. Exceptions will not be considered in cases where a player is living in one parish or attending a particular school with a Catholic Charities CYO Athletic program wishes to play in another parish or school programs for which they are not eligible.

II. Exceptions will not be considered for any player who has dual eligibility.

15. Total Parish Eligibility: The Archdiocese of San Francisco and/or Catholic Charities CYO Athletics office may assign total parish eligibility to another parish. In assigning total parish eligibility to another parish, the neighboring parishes will have preference.

False Eligibility Information

Any player who participated in any Catholic Charities CYO Athletics activity and is found to be INELIGIBLE due to the presentation of false information about their age, address, grade level, or any other factor pertinent to their eligibility, may be automatically expelled from all Catholic Charities CYO Athletics activities for one (1) year from the date of the discovered violation. This is by decision of the Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Management.

If a player is expelled for violation of eligibility rules, and a member of Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Advisory Committee is involved in such deception, said Committee member is also subject to the same penalty, and they will be terminated from their membership on the Committee.

If a player is not penalized because false information was presented without their knowledge or cooperation, the responsible coach, manager, Athletic Director and/or Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Advisory Committee Member(s) are still liable and subject to penalty.

General Eligibility of Participants

(**) Combined-parish program

(*) Only if parish or school does not have its own program

(#) Independent program not in SF CYO at this present time

Bayview – Hunters Point YMCA

Members of Bayview – Hunters Point YMCA.

Members must extend back at least 6 months.

Bessie Carmichael

Students attending Bessie Carmichael.

Brandeis

Students attending Brandeis.

Cathedral School for Boys

Students attending Cathedral School for Boys.

Convent of the Sacred Heart School

Student attending Convent of the Sacred Heart School.

Cornerstone Academy

Students attending Cornerstone Academy.

DeMarillac Academy

Students attending DeMarillac Academy.

Donum Dei Classical Academy

Students attending Donum Dei Classical Academy.

Edison Charter Academy

Students attending Edison Charter Academy.

Epiphany Parish

Students attending Epiphany School.

Students residing or attending school within Epiphany Parish as defined in the current Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Parish Boundary Map.

Students residing or attending school within Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish.

Father Sauer Academy

Students attending Father Sauer Academy.

Students residing or attending school within St. Ignatius Parish as defined by the current Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Parish Boundary Map.

French American International School (FAIS)

Students attending French American International School (FAIS).

Good Sheperd Parish (Pacifica) (1)

Students attending Good Shepherd School.

Students residing or attending school within Good Shepherd Parish as defined by the current Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Parish Boundary Map.

Holy Angels Parish (Colma)

Students attending Holy Angels School.

Students residing or attending school within Holy Angels Parish as defined by the current Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Parish Boundary Map.

Holy Name of Jesus Parish

Students attending Holy Name School.

Students residing or attending school within Holy Name Parish as defined by the current Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Parish Boundary Map.

KZV Armenian

Students attending KZV Armenian.

Mission Dolores Academy

Students attending Mission Dolores Academy.

New School San Francisco

Students attending New School San Francisco

Notre Dame Des Victoires School

Students attending Notre Dame Des Victoires (NDV) School.

Students residing in or attending school within NDV Parish as defined by the current Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Parish Boundary Map

Our Lady of Mercy Parish (Daly City)

Students attending Our Lady of Mercy (OLM) School.

Students residing or attending school withing OLM Parish as defined by the current Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Parish Boundary Map.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish (Daly City)

Students attending Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) School.

Students residing or attending school within OLPH Parish as defined by the current Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Parish Boundary Map.

Our Lady of the Pillar (Half Moon Bay)

Students residing or attending school within Our Lady of the Pillar (OLP) Parish.

Students attending Cunha Elementary School.

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

Students attending Our Lady of the Visitation (OLV) School.

Students residing or attending school within Our Lady of the Visitation Parish.

Students residing or attending school within Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish.

Students residing or attending school within Brisbane.

RISE Prep

Students attending RISE Prep.

Salesian Girls and Boys Club of San Francisco

Students attending Saints Peter and Paul School.

Students residing or attending school within Saints Peter and Paul Parish.

Students who have been members of the club for at least 15 months.

Students residing or attending St. Mary Parish as defined by the current Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Parish Boundary Map.

SF PAL

Members of SF PAL.

San Francisco Waldorf School

Students attending SF Waldorf School.

Star of the Sea Parish

Students residing or attending school within Star of the Sea Parish, as defined by the current Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Parish Boundary Map, will have the option of playing for one of the following CYO Parish Programs: St. Monica, SVDP, St. Philip, St. Anne

St. Anne Parish ()**

Students attending St. Anne School.

Students residing or attending school within St. Anne Parish as defined by the current Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Parish Boundary Map.

St. Anthony of Padua Parish/St. Anthony – Immaculate Conception

Students attending St. Anthony – Immaculate Conception (SAIC) School.

Students attending school or residing in SAIC Parish as defined by the current Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Parish Boundary Map.

St. Brendan Parish

Students attending St. Brendan School.

Students residing or attending school within St. Brendan Parish as defined by the current Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Parish Boundary Map.

St. Brigid School

Students attending St. Brigid School.

Students residing or attending school within St. Brigid Parish as defined by the current Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Parish Boundary Map.

St. Cecilia Parish

Students attending St. Cecilia School.

Students residing or attending school within St. Cecilia Parish as defined by the current Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Parish Boundary Map.

St. Charles Parish

Students residing or attending school within St. Charles Parish, as defined by the current CYO Parish Boundary Map, will have the option of playing for 1 of the following CYO Parish Programs: St. Peter SF, Notre Dame Des Victoires (NDV), St. Brigid, St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP), or St. Philip.

St. Finn Barr Parish

Students attending St. Finn Barr School.

Students residing or attending school within the St. Finn Barr Parish as defined by the current Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Parish Boundary Map.

St. Gabriel Parish

Students attending St. Gabriel School.

Students residing or attending school within St. Gabriel Parish as defined by the current Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Parish Boundary Map.

St. Ignatius Parish

Students residing or attending school within a 1.5-mile radius of St. Ignatius Church.

Students whose families are registered parishioners at St. Ignatius Church.

St. James Parish

Students attending St. James School.

Students residing or attending school within St. James Parish as defined by the current Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Parish Boundary Map.

St. John the Evangelist Parish

Students who attend St. John School.

Students residing or attending school within St. John Parish as defined by the current Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Parish Boundary Map.

St. Monica Parish

Students attending St. Monica School.

Students residing or attending school within St. Monica Parish/St. Thomas Apostle Parish as defined by the current Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Parish Boundary Map.

St. Paul Parish

Students attending St. Paul School.

Students residing or attending school within St. Paul Parish as defined by the current Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Parish Boundary Map.

St. Peter Pacifica Parish (Pacifica)

Students residing or attending school within St. Peter Pacifica Parish as defined by the current Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Parish Boundary Map.

St. Peter San Francisco Parish

Students attending St. Peter San Francisco School

Students residing or attending school within St. Peter SF Parish as defined by the current Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Parish Boundary Map.

St. Philip the Apostle Parish ()**

Students attending St. Philip School.

Students residing or attending school within St. Philip Parish as defined by the current Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Parish Boundary Map.

St. Stephen Parish

Students attending St. Stephen School.

Students residing or attending school within St. Stephen Parish as defined by the current Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Parish Boundary Map.

St. Thomas More School

Students attending St. Thomas More School.

Students residing or attending school within St. Thomas More Parish as defined by the current Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Parish Boundary Map.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish ()**

Students attending St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) School.

Students residing or attending school within the St. Vincent de Paul Parish as defined by the current Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Parish Boundary Map.

Stella Maris

Students attending Stella Maris School.

Stratford

Students attending Stratford.

Stuart Hall Elementary School

Students attending Stuart Hall Elementary School.

Town School for Boys

Students attending Town School for Boys.

West Portal Lutheran School

Students attending West Portal Lutheran School.

Children enrolled in the Christian Education Program who also attend church regularly.

Zion Lutheran School

Students attending Zion Lutheran School.

Special Restriction

There is a special restriction upon any student with dual or triple General Eligibility which requires that student obtain a waiver or release from the program in which they have first participated (if that child is still eligible in that program) before they participate in another program for which they are eligible for. Students may not change programs during the school year except for those who are given special permission for volleyball or soccer due to their parish not participating in those sports.

Boundary Rule

If a child lives in a parish that does not have a Catholic Charities CYO Athletics Program, that child can play for any bordering parish. If the bordering parishes do not have a program, then that child may play for a parish that borders the bordering parishes, this continues until the child finds a program. Assignment to a bordering parish must be approved by the Director of CYO Athletics.