



## **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.

### **CONSEQUENCES**

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but it not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by Official, Head Coach, Gym Director, or CYO Administration.
1. Any coach, assistant coach, bench personnel or spectator who receives two (2) unsportsmanlike technicals during a CYO contest must exit the venue immediately or further punishment will be given at the discretion of CYO administrators. If the ejected individual is a head coach and a qualified assistant coach is not present to take over the coaching responsibilities for the remainder of the contest, the game will end by forfeit regardless of the score at the time of the forfeiture.
  2. Any coach, assistant coach, bench personnel or spectator who receives two (2) unsportsmanlike technical fouls during a CYO contest will, at a minimum, be suspended for the team's next two games (whether it be league or playoffs). This also means they may not attend the game. Any violation of this rule will result in an immediate forfeit of the game they attend.
  3. If any coach, assistant coach, bench personnel or spectator receives two (2) unsportsmanlike technicals twice during the CYO season (this includes all CYO sports), he/she may not coach or attend any CYO games for the remainder of that sport's season.