

Archdiocese of Baltimore
CYO Archdiocesan Basketball

Coaches Code of Conduct

The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), through the vehicle of sports, provides youth with an opportunity to practice Christian attitudes and responsibilities and to become friends with other children throughout the diocese. CYO activities should be examples of the meaning of Christian sportsmanship. The guiding principle behind the enforcement of this code is that the behavior of everyone involved in CYO should not detract from the children's enjoyment for the sport. This contract must be signed by each coach or they will not be able to participate in CYO basketball activities.

Acceptable standards of coaching behavior include but are not limited to:

- You have an obligation to review and understand the Archdiocesan Basketball Rules and Regulations for the current year. This booklet is provided to each school or parish that is a member of the CYO Archdiocesan Basketball program.
- Good sportsmanship dignifies you, and your team, and the game. Practice it all times. Instruct your team and your fans to practice good sportsmanship. Demand that they display good sportsmanship at all times.
- Respect the judgement of officials and abide by the rules of the contest. Referee's decisions are to be respected at all times. Never criticize or question the referee's decisions.
- Treat opposing coaches, participants and fans with respect.
- Always coach in a positive manner, reflecting Christian values. Treat your players fairly. Accept seriously the responsibility of representing your school or parish as well as the CYO basketball program.

Penalties include but are not limited to:

- Any coach ejected from a game because of unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended for the next two games for every league they coach in and may be subject to additional penalties.
- Any coach who abuses another person may be suspended for the remainder of the season and may be disqualified from CYO participation.
- Any coach who abuses an official will be suspended for the remainder of the season and may be disqualified from CYO participation.
- Any coach who engages in poor sportsmanship or violation of the rules and guidelines will be subject to disciplinary action. Such actions may, include ineligibility to coach in games to expulsion from the CYO program.

Enforcement

The parishes and leagues, under the supervision of the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee, shall enforce this code. Complaints regarding violations of this code shall be first brought to the attention of the parish/school basketball coordinators involved. Coaches and Assistant Coaches may be placed on probation or suspended from CYO activities for their actions.

I have read the Archdiocesan Basketball Code of Conduct. I agree to follow these guidelines.

Printed Name of Coach

Signature of Coach

Date