

Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish



Coaches Code of Ethics and Conduct

I understand that in CYO athletics the role of a coach is that of youth minister, leader, teacher, and parent. As a CYO coach, I understand that I must always be an example of Christ-like behavior to my players, parents, fellow competitors, officials, and spectators. I also understand that I am an important contributor in the physical, emotional, and spiritual development of young athletes. Therefore, I realize that I must exercise a high level of self-discipline and responsibility at all times. Specifically, I agree to:

- Be a positive force in the formation of each athlete as a total person through counseling and encouragement so that each one learns their value and responsibility to the team, the Church, and community,
- Master and follow the rules of the sport, CYO modifications, divisional rules, and the general policies of the CYO Charter and By-Laws,
- Help all athletes master the skills of the sport and to use practices, competitions, and games as opportunities to develop the fundamental skills in each athlete,
- Be punctual and responsible in the fulfillment of my obligations by arriving at competition and practice sites early, by making introductions to officials, scorers/timers/supervisors and other coaches and building a Christian community,
- Be mindful that my conduct during each event has a tremendous impact on the conduct of others – including athletes, parents, and spectators. As a CYO leader I will always demonstrate good sportsmanship, patience, manners, and an attitude indicative of the spirit of CYO.
- Be mindful that my conduct has a tremendous impact on the love of the sport a child may have, the view parents and spectators have of youth sports, the reputation of the youth coaching profession, and the quality of the Cleveland CYO Athletic organization.

I also agree that the following DO NOT represent the conduct expected in CYO and will not be tolerated:

- Refusal to abide by the rules and decisions of the CYO,
- Violation of the Influence Rule (recruiting),
- Knowingly using an ineligible player,
- Violation of the practice and playing season dates,
- Taking a team off the field, floor, or out of a tournament because of dissatisfaction with the officials or other unsatisfactory reasons,
- Failure to maintain control of myself, the players bench, parents, and spectators,
- Failure to adequately protect, if need be, officials and/or visiting teams,
- Use of profane, vulgar, or abusive language,
- Inappropriate conduct or disrespect toward officials, site personnel, and others involved in CYO athletics,
- Verbal or physical abuse of players, coaches, fellow competitors, officials, or anyone affiliated with CYO,
- Escalating behaviors that incite others to act in ways that are in direct conflict with the values of CYO
- Representing ideals that are contrary to the philosophy, rules, or spirit of CYO.

I understand that failure to abide by this code, as well as rules and policies outlined elsewhere, may result in disciplinary action and or removal from the program by the St. Mary Athletic Booster Club, Parish Council, Pastor and/or CYO.

Coaches Name: _____ Sport: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____