

CYO Athletics Coach Responsibilities – many items previously reviewed during in-person preseason coaches meetings are now available here.

Please consult your CYO Athletics manual or your Parish/School Athletic Director (AD) for more details on items below.

CYO ATHLETICS MANUAL –

1. Responsible for having a copy of the manual and bringing it to the game site,
2. Knowing the contents of the manual, particularly following the rules and playing time requirements of the sport coached.
3. No coach or game official may set aside the prescribed rules that govern CYO Athletics, especially those grade specific rules meant to assist in development and enjoyment of athletes. Rule changes may be proposed by Athletic Directors in preparation for the Spring AD Meeting.

COACHES MEETING –

1. Attending the preseason coaches meeting at the time and place designated by the committee of the respective sport.
2. In the event that this is not possible, the head coach must make sure an assistant coach represents the team. Please contact your AD if this is an issue so that they can be proactive in addressing it.
3. Teams not represented at an appropriate coaches meeting will have their coach suspended and forfeit a game in the standings.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM (SEP) – ARCHDIOCESAN

1. ALL volunteers with youth (head and assistant coaches) must satisfy the Safe Environment requirements outlined in Virtus.
 - a. Completed and cleared background check;
 - b. Current on Safe Environment training;
 - i. 1st year coaches must complete the in person, Protecting God’s Children training within 90 days of contact with youth
 - ii. All active coaches must complete online refreshers in future years
 - c. Sign off on policy paperwork
2. This includes reviewing with any coach under the age of 18 years old the Prevention of Sexual Abuse policies and the basic principles covered in the program as well as ensuring they are never left alone with the athletes;
3. Parish or school requirements may be more stringent, please confirm with your AD;

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM (SEP) – NON-ARCHDIOCESAN

1. ALL non-archdiocesan schools must annually submit the non-archdiocesan participant agreement form;
2. Coaches for non-archdiocesan schools should check with your AD to determine how to meet requirements for the prevention of sexual abuse;
3. Any volunteer from a non-archdiocesan school who assists with an archdiocesan parish/school program is required to meet the archdiocesan requirements;

PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION TODAY ® – (PLACT)

1. This training is designed to empower coaches to support and implement the CYO Athletics philosophy and to enhance the experience of the players, coaches and fans.
2. Every coach (including assistant coaches and coaches under 18 years old) is required to be trained in the PLACT program.
3. There is an initial, in person training, “Sports As Ministry” and online refreshers required every 3 years

PLACT INITIAL, “SPORTS AS MINISTRY” – PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION TODAY

1. This is a 3-hour in person training for all 1st year coaches, offered after each coaches meeting and at least one weekend option for each sports season;

2. Coaches have a season of grace to complete their training – that means they must complete it prior to their second season – however, it is advisable to not wait until last possible opportunity;
3. Online refresher does not substitute for in person training – coaches who are not current on PLACT will not be eligible to coach;

PLACT ONLINE REFRESHERS –

1. Any coach, head or assistant, who is three years removed from their last PLACT training must complete the PLACT “Parents as Partners” coaches training or Coaching as Ministry Advanced Workshop;
2. This training is offered online or in person and must be completed prior to the roster deadline for their sport.
3. If not completed, coach is no longer eligible to coach in CYO Athletics.

LYSTEDT LAW –

1. Each CYO coach is required by state law to be trained in recognition and management of concussions.
2. Coaches must view the 15 minute video on the WIAA website each year.
3. Coaches must also review the coach resource packets found on the WIAA website, and ensure parents and athletes satisfy their obligations around concussion awareness.

SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST –

1. Each year, prior to participating in an interscholastic athletic activity a sudden cardiac arrest form stating that the online pamphlet (found on under the Resources section of the website) was reviewed shall be signed by the youth athlete and the athlete's parents and/or guardian and returned to the parish/school.
2. Every three years, prior to coaching an interscholastic athletic activity coaches shall complete the online sudden cardiac arrest prevention program.

ROSTER –

1. Making sure the proper roster form is filled out and submitted to the parish/school athletic director with eligible players so they may be submitted to the CYO Athletics office prior to the roster deadline for each sport;
2. Verify the roster with your Athletic Director, to ensure accuracy.
3. Teams will forfeit games or matches each week after the roster deadline that their roster has not been received by the CYO Athletics office;

ELIGIBILITY –

1. Determining the eligibility of each player on one's team through the parish or school and ensuring that players play for only one team for the entire season.
2. The use of an ineligible player(s) either deliberately or unknowingly shall result in a forfeiture of each game in which the player(s) took part.
3. For playoff divisions, athletes must compete in 3 of 7 or 4 of 8 games or matches to be eligible in the postseason. Coaches will be asked to verify and sign off on this prior to each playoff game or match.

HOLY DAYS – Not scheduling any practices that will conflict with liturgies of any Holy Days.

CODE OF CONDUCTS –

1. Making sure that the signed CYO Athletics Code of Conduct is on file within their parish or school for themselves and for each member of their team and their parent(s)/guardian(s);
2. As required and appropriate, coaches are also expected to enforce these expectations with their athletes and fans to ensure the appropriate environment;

FIRST AID KIT – Having first aid supplies (including ice or ice packs) at each practice and games and medical emergency forms for each athlete.

PRAYER AND PRE-EVENT STATEMENT – Ensuring pre-game prayer and statement take place.

NO RESCHEDULES – coaches are responsible for ensuring their team is ready to play at the scheduled game time. If the team is unable to play, it must notify the opponent and CYO Athletics 72 hours before game time. Games cannot be rescheduled other than for unforeseen parish or school conflicts.

FORFEIT

1. Teams that do not have a viable team are first expected to work with the opposing team to see if athletes can be shared to ensure a “game” can take place. While still forfeiting to the opponent, a competitive and fun experience for the kids can still be had;
2. If this cannot happen, the forfeiting team is expected to notify the opposing coach and CYO Athletics outside of the 72-hour window leading up to the game or match;
3. If notification of forfeit takes place inside the 72-hour window, the team will be fined \$50, payable to CYO Athletics;

SCORE REPORTING –

1. For 5th-8th grade teams, the coach of the winning team (both teams in case of a tie in soccer) each week will be responsible for either calling in (206.654.4643) or emailing (cyo.scores@seattlearch.org) to report the game score by Sunday evening.
2. Failure to report a score so that it can be posted and verified by end of business day the following Friday will result in a loss. In case of a tie, if one team does not report the score, it results in a loss for the team that did not report it.
3. It is recommended that coaches call in on game day to report. The score report should include the name of the team, the grade level, the gender, the division (i.e. North, AA Central or AAA South) in addition to the score listing who won and who lost.