



# PLAYING TIME & PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY

## PLAYING TIME POLICY

A key theme of Catholic Social Teaching is the sanctity of human life and the dignity of all persons. CYO Athletics supports this through its playing time policies. Each sport has a playing time policy to ensure participation, enjoyment and development for all athletes.

- Infractions of the playing time policy will result in a warning for the 1<sup>st</sup> offense. If witnessed by a designated representative of CYO Athletics, warning will consist of a verbal address to the coach during the contest in question. If the playing time issue is not addressed by the coach within this game, the representative will confer with the Sports Committee and/or CYO Athletics staff and a forfeit of the game and suspension of the coach may result.
- If the first offense is not witnessed by a designated representative of CYO Athletics, warning will consist of a verbal address to the coach via phone call. After the coach has received the warning, any subsequent verifiable offense of the playing time policy will result in a forfeit of the game for the team and suspension of the coach.
- A second verifiable offense of the playing time policy in the same sport season (including playoffs) will result in a forfeit of the game for the team, two game suspension of the coach, and the coach will be required to attend the next available PLACT Sports as Ministry coaches training, to be completed prior to their next season of coaching.
- **NOTE:** A coach who is suspended from coaching a team is not eligible to be present as a fan.
- If a player will not be participating in a game due to illness, injury or athletic director approved concerns and will not complete minimum playing time policy, they may sit on the bench to be with their team but should not be suited up.

## PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY POLICY

All players competing in soccer, basketball, volleyball, and baseball will need to compete in **half of their team's scheduled games (rounded down, including non-counters)** to be eligible for playoffs.

Coaches must bring a new Playoff Eligibility Form (found on the website) to each playoff game, signed to verify the eligibility of each player on the team roster.

This policy will be monitored by the parish/school athletic directors. If a violation occurs, the parish/school will inform the coach of the ineligibility of the athlete. If an injury to an athlete occurs or other issues arise, the athletic director should contact CYO Athletics to clarify eligibility. As in the regular season, any athlete not playing in a playoff game may not wear their uniform on the bench or sideline.