



INCIDENTS, CONDUCT, PROTESTS, & APPEALS

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

Definition: *Unsportsmanlike conduct at a game site is any antagonistic action(s), including vociferous and/or persistent complaints directed toward an official, another coach, opposing players, and spectators. This may include any types of verbal or physical abuse.*

- Any coach or spectator may be cited for unsportsmanlike conduct by a game official, a commissioner, or the staff of CYO Athletics. At the time of the alleged infraction, the above named are empowered to remove the accused offender(s) from the playing facility. If the accused offender(s) refuse to leave, the game will be forfeited in favor of the team not involved in the citation.
- Each citation is reviewed and its justification is discussed by the Sports Committee involved. No citation is official or formal until the committee votes on it.
- Someone other than a game official, a commissioner, or CYO Athletics staff may file a complaint, by using the official incident report form, for unsportsmanlike conduct.
- This form must be submitted by the parish/school athletic director to CYO Athletics. Emails or incident reports not submitted by the parish/school athletic director will not be considered for action.
- These complaints will be investigated and a citation could result. No one other than the above named are empowered to take any action regarding forfeiture. Once a decision has been rendered, it will be communicated to the parish/school athletic director(s) involved so that they can share with involved parties what the resulting action is.
- In most instances, the person(s) cited will be placed on probation and/or receive a one game suspension. A second citation will result in a three (3) year expulsion from participation in CYO Athletics. If the first infraction is flagrant (i.e. physically contacting someone in anger) a person(s) may be expelled from CYO Athletics on the first infraction. Expulsions may be appealed.
- In most instances where a coach is ejected, the coach will be required to attend a Play Like A Champion Today ® Sports as Ministry coaches training, to be completed prior to their next season of coaching.
- In most instances where an ejected spectator is a parent of an athlete, the parent will be required to attend a Parent Like A Champion Today ® workshop before returning to the spectator area of a CYO Athletic game/match.
- In the case of athletes, penalties attached to citations will be handled on a case by case basis – generally, adults (coaches, fans, game officials) will be held to a higher standard of conduct than the athletes befitting their role as examples for our youth.

NOTE: EACH TEAM, SPECIFICALLY ITS COACH, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF ITS FANS!

INCIDENT REPORTS

- Incident Reports can be submitted online using the online form found on the CYO Athletics website.
- Please be advised that the Incident Report Form should go directly to your parish/school athletic director (AD).
- He or she will review your submission and determine whether or not action or response from CYO Athletics is necessary. Unless requiring action due to facility issues, incident reports regarding injuries will be utilized by the individual parish/school and will not be forwarded on to CYO Athletics.
- If forwarding on to CYO Athletics is warranted, as per policy, your AD will do so.

- Depending on the nature of the incident, you (and the witnesses listed) may or may not be contacted by a CYO Athletics representative in the process.
- Representatives of CYO Athletics may contact any and all parties to the issue to determine the appropriate course of action.
- This may include but is not limited to: incident report writer and witnesses, individual or team who are the focus of the incident report, coaches and AD's of parishes/schools involved, game officials, unbiased observers.
- A decision will be made in consultation with the appropriate Sports Committee, taking into account current policy and practice as well as historical precedent. Once a decision has been reached, CYO Athletics will communicate that decision to the AD's of the parishes/schools involved.
- It is the responsibility of the AD's of parishes/schools involved to follow up with the parties from their parish/school community that are involved, except in the case of citations against an individual which will be directly communicated by CYO Athletics and cc'ed to AD's of parishes/schools involved.

GAME FORFEITURE

- Given that the CYO Athletics regular season is only 7 or 8 games long, it is incumbent upon registered teams to show up for their regularly scheduled games. Parish or school conflicts should be submitted with team registrations at the deadline so that they can be incorporated into the schedule. Even if you know you will be short the minimum number of players for a game, work with the opponent to share players to provide a "game" experience for the committed players.
- When a coach determines in advance they do not have the required number of players to compete as scheduled, they should reach-out to the coach of the team they are scheduled to play.
- First effort should be made to work with the other team to share players to provide a "game" experience for the committed players for both teams. The team unable to provide enough players to compete will forfeit to the other team.
- If this is not possible, the coach of the forfeiting team needs to notify the coach for the team they are scheduled to play by phone and/or email and ask for confirmation of the notification of forfeiture.
- The coach of the forfeiting team must notify CYO Athletics at cyoscores@seattlearch.org via email and carbon copy their athletic director (and sport coordinator, if applicable) and coach of the team they are scheduled to play. CYO will notify the paid officials.
- Each team scheduled for a contest shall be dressed and ready for play at the appointed hour. Should any team not be ready with the required number of players at the appointed hour (game time), the contest shall be forfeited.
- Should both teams not be ready with the required number of players at the appointed hour (game time), the game shall be declared a no contest, and both teams will be charged with a loss on their season's record.
- Teams forfeiting a game or match will be fined \$50.00 unless CYO Athletics and the opposing team have been notified of the impending "no show" at least 72 hours in advance. Fine is payable before the next scheduled contest.
- **NOTE:** In **volleyball**, only the first game shall be forfeited at game time. If the team in question is not ready for play 11 minutes after the appointed hour, then the complete match will be forfeited.
- **NOTE:** In **soccer**, games will be forfeited when a team cannot supply nine players 15 minutes after the official start time for the game.
- Baseball and Basketball follow NFHS rules for Game Forfeiture.

GAME PROTEST – MISAPPLICATION OF RULE

All game protests are subject to the rules of the specific sport.

Before any protest will be accepted by the RCO Committee, the protest must meet all of the following requirements:

- The protest is based on misapplication of rule and not based solely on the judgment on the part of an official, and
- Process initiated by Head Coach, and
- Protest indicated at time of misapplication of rule, and
- CYO Athletics manual is checked before or at time of protest to clarify any CYO specific rule and exception to governing rules from NFHS or FIFA and ensure shared understanding of relevant rule, and
- If protest is sought, coach from each team and referee(s) shall sign the scorebook (baseball, basketball) or sheet of paper (soccer) at time of protest, and
- In baseball and basketball, details of scorebook will be recorded. Basketball: time, fouls (team and individual), score, timeouts, etc. Baseball: score, baserunners, count on the batter, relevant pitch counts, etc.
- Continue and finish game "under protest".

- A detailed report of the exact reasons for the protest is submitted in writing (email is sufficient) from the AD to the CYO Athletics office within 48 hours of the game's starting time, and
- The protest must include a \$50.00 protest fee that will be refunded if the protest is allowed.
- The determination of a protest will be based on a majority vote of the RCO Committee. The Director of CYO Athletics will break ties.
- The protest letter(s) as written will be available to all the committee members and a vote will be made in person or by phone. The committee will make every attempt to notify a parish of its decision prior to the next scheduled game.
- The decision of the committee is final.
- If the protest is allowed, for a playoff game, there will be a replay from the time of the misapplication of rule. For regular season, the decision will be considered when determining playoff eligibility of teams involved.
- **NOTE:** in line with NFHS rules, there is no game protest for volleyball. Misapplication of Rule Protests are available in soccer, baseball and basketball. Issues or concerns in Cross Country or Track & Field should be brought by a head coach to the Meet Committee during the meet in question.

CITATION APPEALS

Only those citations resulting in expulsion will be subject to appeal. The process for appeal is as follows:

- State the reason(s) for your appeal in writing to the Rules/Compliance/Officiating Committee.
- The appeal must include a \$50.00 fee that will be refunded if the appeal is allowed.
- The RCO Committee will attempt to schedule a hearing within 45 days.
- During the appeal process the person charged with the citation will be ineligible to participate in CYO Athletics.
- The parish/school athletic director and the person involved in the citation will be the only people attending the citation hearing. In case of a hearing involving a parish/school athletic director, the pastor or another staff person as designated by the pastor may be present at the hearing.

ELIGIBILITY APPEALS

- If a parish/school athletic director is dissatisfied with an eligibility decision of a Sports Committee, that athletic director may ask the Director of CYO Athletics to review the decision with the committee.
- If the Director of CYO Athletics agrees with the committee decision, the parish/school may appeal the ruling to the CYO Athletics Advisory Committee.
- The process for appeal is as follows: The parish/school is to be represented by the parish/school athletic director. The parish/school athletic director must include a (\$50.00 fee. The CYO Athletics Advisory Committee will attempt to schedule a hearing within 10 days after the appeal is received at CYO Athletics. During the appeal process, the involved player(s) will not be allowed to play.