



LEAGUES & AWARDS

DIVISIONS

Due to the essential nature of the “social” aspect of CYO Athletics, participants in activities will be separated into divisions based on grade level in school.

Age is not the primary factor in determining the level of participation, although this is subject to the discretion of the CYO Athletics Advisory Committee and any exception it deems appropriate and necessary. Any deviance between age and “normal” schooling grade of 2 or more years should be sent to CYO Athletics for consideration.

A student may participate in a higher grade division, but not vice-versa. A student playing in a division above their grade level is subject to committee review and approval.

NOTE: The age and grade of each participant as of January 1st will apply.

In some sports, a varsity and junior varsity level of competition will be offered. It is the responsibility of the parish/school athletic director to determine the level of competition in which to register the teams.

- The varsity level of competition will be for teams that seem to have average or above average ability.
- The junior varsity level of competition will be for teams that seem to have below average ability.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

In the 6th grade and up, league standings will be published in a timely manner on the CYO Athletics website.

- The following procedure will be used when ties in the final league standings involve tournament participation:
 - a) The team that beat the other team or teams during league play will be awarded the higher position, or
 - b) If this procedure does not break the tie, the committee may eliminate those teams not having a certified coach.
 - c) Additional criteria for breaking ties may be used by the committees.

If none of these criteria apply, then additional games might be scheduled as necessary.

TOURNAMENTS

Each varsity grade division (starting in the 6th grade) will be eligible to participate in the CYO Athletics post-season playoff tournaments. Commissioners for each sport will determine the number of teams qualifying, and the tournament format will be handed out as soon as possible. Pre-season and Christmas tournaments are available to CYO Athletics teams on an entry or invitational basis. Check with the CYO Athletics office for specific information.

AWARDS PROGRAM

With its awards program, CYO Athletics seeks to encourage and acknowledge athletes, coaches and programs that compete and achieve excellence in the spirit of CYO Athletics and in congruency with its mission of sports as youth ministry.

The Champions of Faith Celebration takes place at year end to gather the community and acknowledge award winners.

Coaches will be honored at the Champions of Faith Celebration, which will take place at the end of the program year. Play Like A Champion Today® (PLACT) Coach Awards will be given to one coach in each of the sports in CYO Athletics:

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Soccer
- Track & Field
- Volleyball

One coach among PLACT Coach Award winners who are currently coaching will be honored with the St. Sebastian Coach of the Year Award.

An Athletic Director of the Year Award and the St. John Bosco Award for Service to CYO Athletics will also be conferred.