

## 2017-2018 CYO Athletics Manual Changes

Team Registration and Fees - Parishes/schools **will be invoiced** for team fees after the drop deadline.

Practice Time on City of Seattle Fields - Parish/schools will be **fully charged current hourly rates** for soccer and baseball practice allocations from CYO Athletics for Seattle parks and school district fields.

Team Rosters - Names may not be added to the team rosters after the roster deadline date **without approval from CYO Athletics.**

Player Eligibility - Requests to play a player up one grade division or more must be submitted **by the Drop Deadline.**

Coaches – Criteria for whether an individual is a coach or a “helper”:

- If an individual helps with more than half of the practices, they are a COACH;
- If an individual devises coaching/playing strategy and/or sits with the team during competition, they are a COACH;
- If an individual will be in a place of primary supervision for athletes on a team, they must be cleared and trained as a COACH;
- Coaches are responsible for primary supervision of athletes, they do not transfer that primary supervision to a “helper” or underage coach (under 18 years old, who has not met SEP requirements) because that individual has not been authorized for that role in that context;

Score Reporting - If auto-coach scoring is enabled through Team Sideline, score reporting may be done that way.

Safe Environment - Read, understand, and sign the following policies **within 3 days** of their beginning service date.

PLACT for High School aged coaches - Underage coaches (those under the age of 18 years old) are not required to take the in person, “Sports as Ministry” training but instead **required to complete the online refresher, “Advanced Workshop”** on or before the roster deadline for the sport that they are coaching. Unlike the coaches who are required to take the in person training, **they do not have a season of grace.**

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.

Game Protest – new clarity around policy when a misapplication of a rule occurs.

Soccer - Headers – at the K-5<sup>th</sup> grade level, headers will not be allowed. Penalty will result in an indirect free kick. Headers will be allowed in 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Point of emphasis as coaches would be to teach correct techniques and head safety.

Soccer – 6<sup>th</sup> Graders will play with a **size #5 ball.**

Soccer - For 5th and 6th grade, a build out line will be established equidistant between the 18 yard-line and midfield. This line will not physically be on the field - CYO encourages the home team coach to delineate the line for each half with cones placed one yard beyond the touch line (off the field of play) Failure to move to the build out line will result in an indirect free kick for the team with the goal kick from the build out line.

Basketball - the intent of the no backcourt defense rule is to ensure that teams have the opportunity to get into an offensive set. There is a nuanced difference between backcourt defense and swiping at a ball as someone is dribbling by advancing the ball into the frontcourt. Referees will use discretion. If players or teams are seeking maximum protection for advancing the ball into the front court, they should let the player traffic clear and walk the ball up.

Volleyball - Teams do not switch courts in the middle of the third game.

Track – relay judge instructions are now listed

Track – 4x200m relay added to Qualifying and Championship Meet

Track – 4x800m Distance Relay added to Relay Meet

Track – All-Comers Meet added

Track – B Heat eligibility at Championship Meet has been updated: Athletes who do not qualify for an A-heat Running Event are eligible to run in one B-heat at the Championship Meet.