

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A CYO COACH

A CYO Coach is primarily a youth minister with a gift of reaching out to young people through sports.



Prior to coaching, a CYO coach must:

- Be selected and approved by their parish or Catholic school;
- Be of **high school age or older**. (An adult coach (18 years of age or older) must be present and responsible for the team at all times.);
- Complete diocesan coaches' certification, safe environment training and screening requirements.

Responsibilities of the CYO Coach include:

1. Attend a Coaches Certification Workshop prior to the first sport coached each school year. Complete diocesan safe environment training and screening requirements. *Note: only certified coaches may sit on the team bench.*
2. Conduct a preseason meeting with parents to be certain that all parents, coaches and players understand their responsibilities and the philosophy of the CYO athletic program.
3. Be knowledgeable concerning the rules and policies in the current *Diocese of Oakland CYO Athletic Manual*, the rules of their sport and their league rules.
4. Learn and be able to teach and coach the fundamentals of their sport.
5. Coach in a Christian manner while following the *Oakland Diocese CYO Code of Conduct*, while ensuring that the actions of players and spectators follow the *CYO Code of Conduct*.
6. In accordance with Christian ideals, teach and guide the team with a sense of fair play, sportsmanship and acceptance of winning and losing.
7. Take special precautions to ensure the safety of children, following diocesan safe environment policies in the *Diocesan Safe Environment Code of Conduct Involving Interaction with Minors*. Make certain that there will be at least two adults present for each game or practice.
8. Ensure a safe playing environment by being prepared for emergency care. Maintain an adequate first aid kit and keep medical forms readily available. Provide required safety equipment in good repair and make certain that they are properly used by the players.
9. Determine that each player on their team is eligible and in compliance with CYO eligibility rules prior to participation. Return accurate rosters and support materials to the CYO athletic director.
10. Be aware that individual parish/school CYO programs will be held responsible for damages caused by team members or followers.
11. Schedule practices and games so as not to conflict with the religious obligations of the children. No CYO activities are allowed to begin before noon on Sundays.
12. Arrange for an annual team service project to aid the parish, Catholic school or local community.
13. Be visible within the parish community. Work with the CYO athletic director in supporting the league and parish CYO programs.