

# **DIOCESE OF OAKLAND – CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION CODE OF CONDUCT and SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY AGREEMENT**

## **CYO CODE OF CONDUCT**

*The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), through the vehicle of sports, provides youth with an opportunity to practice Christian attitudes and responsibilities and to become friends with other children throughout the diocese. CYO activities should be examples of the meaning of Christian sportsmanship. The guiding principle behind the enforcement of this Code of Conduct is that the behavior of everyone involved in CYO should not detract from childrens' enjoyment of sports.*

### **1. COACHES**

#### **Acceptable Standards of Coaching Behavior include:**

- Set a good example for participants and fans to follow, exemplifying the highest moral and ethical behavior;
- Respect the judgment of officials, abide by rules of the event;
- Treat opposing coaches, participants and fans with respect;
- Instruct participants in sportsmanship and demand they display good sportsmanship;
- Coach in a positive manner, reflecting Christian values;
- In basketball and volleyball, remain seated on the bench at all times except in the instances in the National Federation Basketball Rule book.

#### **Penalties:**

- Any coach ejected from a game because of unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended for the next two games and may be subject to additional penalties.
- Any coach who physically abuses another person may be suspended for the remainder of the season and may be disqualified from CYO participation
- Any coach who physically abuses an official will be suspended for the remainder of the season and may be disqualified from CYO participation.

### **2. PLAYERS**

#### **Acceptable Standards of Participant Behavior include:**

- Treat opponents with respect; shake hands prior to and after contests;
- Respect the judgment of officials and abide by the rules of the contest;
- Accept seriously the responsibility of representing the school or parish by displaying positive behavior at all times;
- Play in a positive manner, reflecting Christian values. Do not bait or taunt opponents.

#### **Penalties:**

- Any player ejected from a game because of unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended from the next game and may be subject to additional penalties.
- Any player who physically abuses another player, participant or official may be suspended from play for the remainder of the season and may be disqualified from CYO competition.

### 3. SPECTATORS

**Acceptable Standards of Spectator Behavior include:**

- Remember that the players are children and are playing for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Remain seated in the spectator area during the games;
- Respect decisions made by contest officials;
- Be a role model by positively supporting teams and by not shouting instructions or criticism to the players, coaches or officials. Do not coach from the stands;
- Make no derogatory comments or gestures to players, coaches, parents of the opposing team, officials or league administrators.

**Penalties:**

- Participating teams and their coaches are responsible for the conduct of their spectators.
- Any spectator who displays poor sportsmanship may be removed from the facility by an official, their team coach, a league official or the host gym person-in-charge.
- Any spectator who interferes with the conduct of a CYO activity may, at the discretion of the spectator's parish, league, or the Oakland Diocese, be barred from attendance at subsequent CYO activities.

### 4. ENFORCEMENT

The parishes and leagues, under the supervision of the Diocesan CYO Office, shall enforce this code. Complaints regarding violations of this code shall be first brought to the attention of the athletic directors of the parishes / schools involved. Coaches, participants or spectators may be placed on probation or suspended from CYO activities for their actions.

#### OAKLAND DIOCESE CYO – SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The Oakland Diocese Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), as a part of the larger community of faith in the diocese that embraces technology, recognizes the following:

- ❖ Words transmitted using the Internet and related technologies are published materials, available for worldwide access, and are public documents;
- ❖ The values of dignity and respect for every person apply to all of our interactions with each other – in person at games, practices and events, or by virtual means;
- ❖ Using technology to publish opinions which are obscene, work against the values of dignity and respect of each person, or bring harm to the individual as well as to our CYO community are contrary to the mission of CYO.

The Diocese of Oakland CYO discourages players, coaches, spectators and family members from using technology in irresponsible ways relative to their CYO participation. CYO will hold all users responsible for their published words if they adversely affect individual teams, parishes and schools, leagues, sports officials, team members and families. Those affiliated with CYO who use technology in ways that are contrary to our mission will face disciplinary action, up to and including suspension/dismissal.

*I (We) have read the **CYO Code of Conduct** and the **CYO Social Media Policy**.  
I (We) agree to follow these guidelines in my (our) participation in all CYO activities.*

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Signature of Player

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Signature of Parent(s)

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Date