



2025

Diocese of Cleveland CYO

BASEBALL

COACH'S MEETING



DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND CYO BASEBALL COACH'S MEETING

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DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND CYO BASEBALL/SOFTBALL PROGRAM PLANNER – 2025



March	1	Coaches Development Program – St. Ambrose, 9:00am 929 Pearl Road, Brunswick, OH 44212	
	6	In-person mandatory winter sports season coaches meeting, 6:00-8:00pm Walsh Jesuit High School, 4550 Wyoga Lake Rd. Cuyahoga Falls 44224 (must attend one)	
	10	Baseball/Softball season opens, practice may begin. Early registration ends 9 am Regular registration begins	
	11	In-person mandatory winter sports season coaches meeting, 6:00-8:00pm Magnificat High School, 20770 Hilliard Blvd. Rocky River 44116 (must attend one)	
	17	Regular registration ends 9 am. LAST DAY to enter team blackout dates.	
	18	Spring Sports fee payments and Fee Summary Form due	
	19	Coaches Development Program – Seton Catholic School, 6:00pm 6923 Stow Rd. Hudson, OH 44236	
	26	Deadline to register athletes and coaches to online roster	
April	2	Spring Sports Schedules available on website	
	12	Competition begins	
	12-13	Parents' Day at the games	
	18	CYO offices closed – Good Friday	
	18-20	No CYO Competitions can be scheduled – Easter Break	
	27	Team Mass Sunday	
May	3-4	Officials Appreciation Weekend	
	13	Regular Season Ends	
	17-23	Diocese of Cleveland CYO Spring Baseball/Softball Championships	
	23	Spring sports season ends Sanctioned Event period ends	

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MULTIPLE ROSTERS

- A player may participate in CYO and other non-CYO leagues.
- Girls are eligible to play baseball as long as they meet the age and grade as outlined in the CYO Charter and Bylaws.

LIGHTNING & INCLEMENT WEATHER

- When thunder is heard or a lightning bolt is seen at a practice or competition, the teams must suspend play and take shelter immediately. Once play has been suspended, a period of at least 30 minutes after the last thunder heard or lightning flash is witnessed must be honored prior to resuming play/practice.
- Umpires or the CYO Administration assume authority for competitions when they arrive on the field. When the officials recognize inclement weather they are duty bound to suspend the game. Coaches and Member Athletic Directors are responsible for application of this policy at practices
- Announcements related to the status of competitions will be posted on the main page of the [schedule website](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) (@CYOSportsDOC) and media as needed.
- Contests that are suspended as a result of inclement weather and cannot be resumed within a reasonable time at the same site will be canceled, unless deemed necessary to reschedule by the CYO Administration.
- Teams are to report to the field at the scheduled time of the game, unless they are notified through the CYO Office of the field/game cancellation.
- If the home team field is not playable, the home team is responsible to contact Commissioner Linda DeCarlo 440.669.7291 as soon as possible no later than 2pm on game day.

FORFEITS

- Contact your AD. For forfeits, Monday through Thursday, the AD must send an email to the CYO Administration. Baseball, Softball and Coach-Pitch, Dave Stefanski. For forfeits Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays, the AD must call the forfeit line. See Athletic Staff in General Packet – page 4.

EQUIPMENT & UNIFORMS

Helmets

- Helmets are required for all batters, base runners and on-deck batters.
- ***All batting and catcher's helmets must have the NOCSAE standard label.***

Ball Size

- Each team will provide one official new game ball.
- CYO recommends the Rawlings "R100" game ball.
- Other National Federation (NFHS) approved balls may be used as long as they meet the NFHS regulations.
- All baseballs used for competition must have both the NOCSAE and NFHS mark/stamp on the baseball.

Bat Regulations

- Bats may not weigh numerically more than more than ten (10) ounces less than the length of the bat (i.e., a 34 inch bat cannot weigh less than 26 ounces).

BENCH PERSONNEL and COACHES CREDENTIALS

- All CYO Coaches must be certified through the CYO Coaches Development Program.
- CYO Credentials must be worn around the neck and visible at all times.
- If a coach has lost or forgotten their credential, must inform the umpire or Site Director and show proof of certification with a photo ID and either the photo of the credential or the coach's name on the certification list
- Any coach who gives their credentials to another coach, even for one game, will lose coaching privileges for one year.
- See www.ccdocle.org/cyo for all coach's requirements.

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

OFFICIAL NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- The official number of players on the field is nine (9). A game may not be played with less than seven (7) players per team. Late arriving players may be added during the game and will occupy the vacant spot(s). Additional players may be added during the game and will occupy the vacant and any subsequent spot(s) in the batting order. Teams will not be penalized with automatic outs for missing players in the line-up

ELIGIBILITY

- Girls are eligible to play baseball as long as they meet the age and grade as outlined in the CYO Charter and Bylaws.

PARTICIPATION

- Each player must play a minimum of two (2) full defensive innings in the field unless the game is shortened by the umpire.
- Late Arriving Players: Any player arriving late to the game will be added to the end of the line-up and must still play one defensive inning.

GAME, TIME & RUN LIMITATIONS

- Seven (7) innings or a two (2) hour time limit. No new inning can start after the time limit.
- If at the end of seven innings the score is tied, the game will continue with the International Tie-Breaker. The maximum number of extra innings is two (2). The time limit is no longer in effect.
- The Tie- Breaker Rule will be used for a maximum of two innings. After two extra innings if the score is still tied, the game will result in a tie.

RUN DIFFERENTIAL AND LIMITATIONS

- If after the 5th inning (4-1/2 innings for the home team) and a team is ahead by ten (10) runs, the game shall be called, if all participation requirements are met.
- If the participation requirements are not met, those players that have not played must be substituted in the next inning.
- The game will end when the participation requirements have been met and there is a ten (10) run differential.

INNING RUN LIMIT RULE

- The inning will end when a team has scored eight (8) runs.
- Continuous runs scored on a play will be counted.
- Unlimited scoring will be permitted by both teams in the last inning of the game.

BATTING ORDER

- The continuous batting order rule will be in effect. Unlimited substitutions are permitted on defense.
- If a player is removed from the game for any reason, when his position in the line-up is up, the team will not be given an automatic out. The next batter in the order will be up.

COURTESY RUNNER

- When there are two (2) outs, and the catcher or pitcher is on base, the courtesy runner is the last recorded out. If a courtesy runner is needed for an injury, the courtesy runner is the last recorded out. This courtesy runner must be reported to the umpire. The runner is not noted in the scorebook and does not satisfy any participation requirements.

PITCHING LIMITS

- One (1) inning will be charged to a pitcher that pitches one (1) pitch in an inning.
- The pitcher limitation will be five (5) innings in any game.
- Once five (5) innings are pitched in the game, he will be ineligible to pitch any remaining innings for that game. Innings pitched must be consecutive. Once a pitcher is removed from pitching, he/she is not eligible to pitch the remainder of the game. In addition to the limit of five (5) innings pitch counts are also to be recorded for all players who make at least one (1) pitch in a game. The maximum number of pitches will be 50 4th Grade, 80 6th Grade, and 95 8th Grade. In the situation when a pitcher will reach the maximum pitch count with the current batter he/she may go over until the batter reaches base, retired or end of inning.

- 1-20 pitches 0 Days Rest
- 21-35 pitches 1 Days Rest
- 36-50 pitches 2 Days Rest
- 51-65 pitches 3 Days Rest
- 66+ 4 Days Rest

REPORTING SCORES

- Each team is required to use the “Game Changer” app as the official scorebook. Registration is under the Diocese of Cleveland CYO account.

Game Changer Links

Coach Pitch: <https://web.gc.com/organizations/HmDZshg7SY0w/join>

4th Grade: <https://web.gc.com/organizations/ckjdU4k4kvX5/join>

6th Grade: <https://web.gc.com/organizations/zpzoP7JUTvZQ/join>

8th Grade: <https://web.gc.com/organizations/d80oLspvpXdZ/join>

Go to the iOS app or Android app to create your team and join the CYO organization.

Android app <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.gc.teammanager>

iOS app <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/gamechanger-team-manager/id1308415878>

Game Changer Support <https://help.gc.com/hc/en-us>

UMPIRES

- Umpires are assigned by CYO.
- Any questions regarding umpires should be directed to Commissioner Linda DeCarlo at 440.669.7291.



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