



**2025**

# Diocese of Cleveland **CYO**

## **COACH PITCH**

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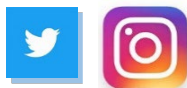
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# DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND CYO COACH PITCH PROGRAM PLANNER - 2025



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	Coach Pitch 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, 20770 Hilliard Blvd. Rocky River 44116 (must attend one)
	17	Team fee payments and fee summary due / 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
	23	Spring sports season ends Sanctioned Event period ends

## MULTIPLE ROSTERS

- A player may participate in CYO and other non-CYO leagues.

## 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.
- Coaches 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.
- Any Tee Ball and Coach-Pitch Soft Compression Ball may be used.

### Bat Regulations

- All bats cannot be altered. Bats that are broken, dented, cracked or do not meet the bat specifications are illegal.

## 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](http://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). There is no minimum number of players to start a game. Players can be borrowed from the other team if both coaches agree. Coaches will balance the number of players in the infield and outfield.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Boys and Girls in grades 1 and 2 are eligible to play Coach Pitch.

### 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

- All divisions will play four (4) innings or a 1 hour 10 minute time limit. No new inning will begin after 1 hour and 10 minutes from the actual start of the game. The game officially starts with the first pitch. Games called by time limit will be considered official and complete.

### 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

- Courtesy Runner will be selected at the discretion of the coach.

### REPORTING SCORES

#### Game Changer Links

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

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

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

8<sup>th</sup> 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

- The home team and visiting team will provide one adult umpire each game.

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