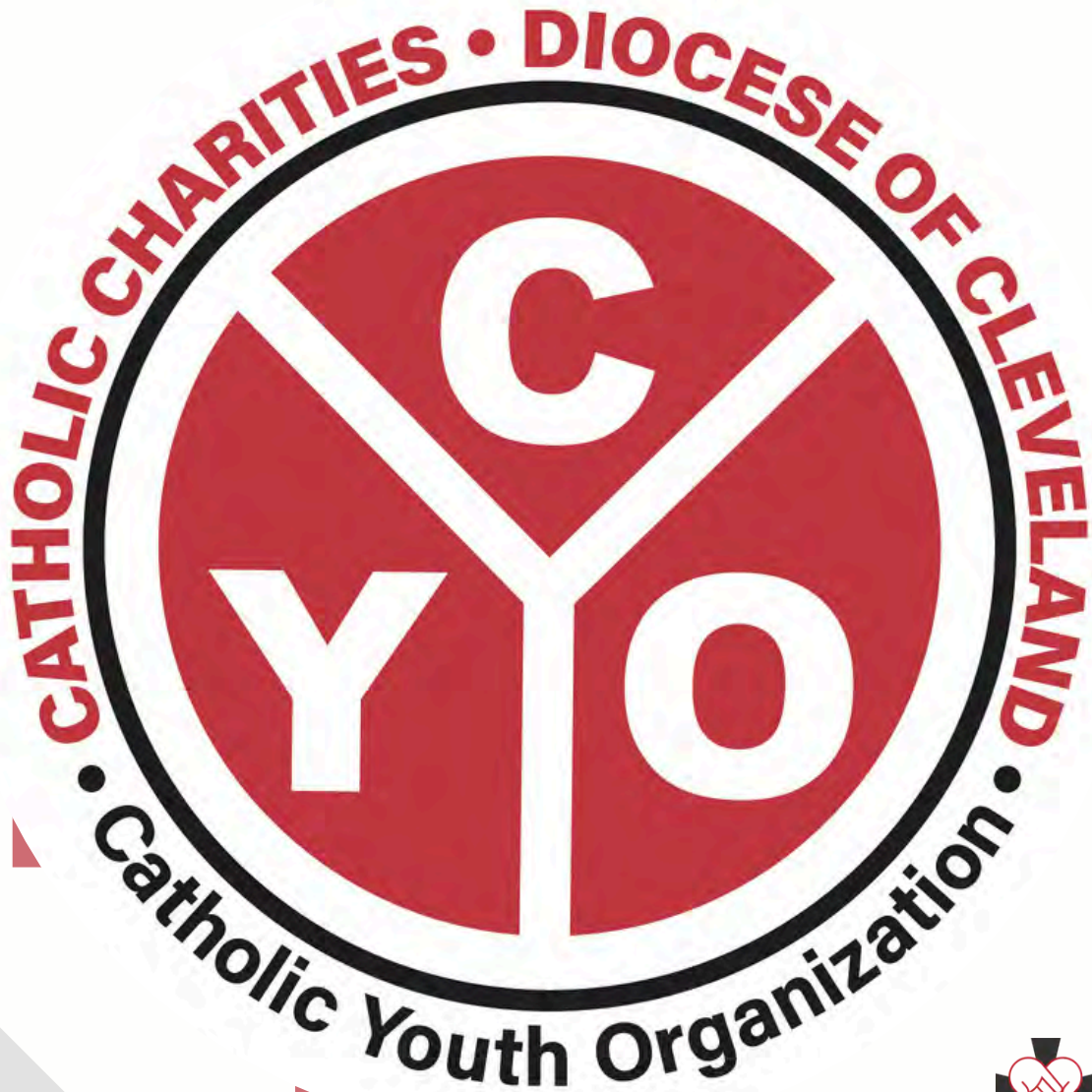


# JUNE 2026 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

*The Way We do Things Here*



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# 2026 Catholic Charities CYO MEMBER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AGENDA

## “The Way We Do Things Here” General Agenda

When: June 13, 2026 - 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon      For: CYO Member Organizations ADs  
Where: Woodside Event Center at St. Michael’s      Facilitated by: CYO Staff  
5025 Mill Rd, Broadview Heights, OH 44147

- 8:00-9:00      **Registration: Foyer – Breakfast: North Room**
- 8:15-8:45      **Pre-Conference: New Athletic Directors (South Room)**
- 9:00-9:15      **Session 1: Welcome, Theme, Prayer, Introduce Staff - North Room**
- 9:15-9:50      **Session 2: 9:20-9:30 “The Way We Do Things Here at CYO”**
- How will you support the Culture of CYO when coaches or parents challenge it?
- 9:50-10:15      **Session 3: Updates & What’s New for CYO**
- 10:15-10:25      **Session 4: Rankings, Conferencing and Tournament Brackets**
- 10:25-10:45      **Session 5: Things That Matter – Network Time**
- 10:45-10:50      **Session 6: Lack of Sites/Lack of Staff**
- 10:50-11:10      **Session 7: Girls Flag Football**
- We will grow the program next year. 3 divisions: 3-4; 5-6; 7-8.
  - Any opposition to tournaments for 5-6 and 7-8?
  - Grades 5-6 and 7-8 Saturday afternoons; 3-4 Flag Sunday afternoons
- 11:10-11:20      **Session 8: Eligibility Sections/Zones**
- 11:20-11:30      **Session 9: Mental Health for Athletes**
- What topics should we cover? Help us formulate what that night could look like?
  - What should the Parent, Coach or AD Session include?
  - What should the Athlete Session Include?
- 11:30-11:40      **Session 10: Girls Basketball Numbers**
- What solutions can you offer to increase Girls Basketball at 6-8 level?
- 11:40-11:55      **Session 11: Award Presentations**
- Bishop Roger Gries Good Shepherd Fund Recipients
  - Cleveland Browns Grants
  - Recognition of CYO Athletic Directors: Service Year Milestones
- 11:58-12:00      **Closing Prayer**
- 12:15-12:45      **Post Conference Gathering: Football Sponsoring Organizations-South Room**
- Football Rule Changes – Padded Flag, Rookie, Tackle

**CYO inspires young people to know God, to love God, and to serve God through athletics.**

# 2026 CYO Membership Conference

## Opening Prayer

**All:** Let us begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.... Amen.

**A reading from John 20:19-23**

On the evening of that first day of the week,

when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews,

Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side.

The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. **As the Father has sent me, so I send you.**"

And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord     **All:** Thanks Be To God

Side 1: Thank you God for this opportunity to serve you in CYO.

Side 2: As the Father has sent me, so I send you.

Side 1: Gives us the skills and abilities we need to help **ALL** children grow and develop in CYO.

Side 2: As the Father has sent me, so I send you.

Side 1: Help us to teach and demand from our Coaches and parents that we are about the growth and development of young people over winning!

Side 2: As the Father has sent me, so I send you.

Side 1: Help us to lead with Faith, Character and Integrity as servant leaders in CYO.

Side 2: As the Father has sent me, so I send you.

**Together we read:**

As we join in prayer today, thank you God for the gift of life. Thank you for our many blessings. Help us to be grateful and aware of all that you give us! Thank you for this call to **inspire young people to Know you, to Love you and to Serve you through athletics**. Give us the wisdom and insight we need to stay focused on you, when dealing with difficult parents, coaches and situations. Help us to remember in those moments that we are making a sacrifice for you to serve young people! Help us to remember that just as God sent Jesus, now Jesus sends you, to bring Christ to others through CYO!

**Leader:** We pray in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All:** Amen.



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# **Diocese of Cleveland CYO**

## **New Member Athletic Directors**

### **MEMBER**

Corpus Christi Academy  
Holy Family – Parma  
Holy Trinity – Avon  
Our Lady of Angels  
St. Bernadette  
St. Christopher  
St. Dominic  
St. Francis of Assisi  
St. Thomas More  
Sts. Joseph and John

### **NAME**

Erikke Donovan  
Martha Gorman  
Justin Whelan  
Lance Estergall Co-AD  
Terry Reidel  
Logan Feldkamp  
Marcus Pinto  
Danny Gallagher Jr.  
Michael Fahey  
Joe Ries



# CYO CULTURE

*The Way We do Things Here!*

## 6 Characteristics of a High Performance Culture

- 1. Everyone understands why their work matters!**
- 2. Values are practiced throughout the organization**
- 3. All Activities provide real value to the customer (CYO Community)**
- 4. People's roles match up with their passion & capabilities**
- 5. Teams grow & flourish without dependency on individual leaders**
- 6. Bottom line results and goals are achieved!**

**How will you support the Culture of CYO when coaches or parents challenge it?**



<b>JUNE</b>	15	Fall Early Registration Begins
	25	New Athletic Director and Year 2 Athletic Director Orientation
<b>JULY</b>	4	CYO offices closed - Independence Day
	9	Deadline to add tackle football athletes & coaches to rosters in SportsPilot
	11	Tackle Football weigh-in
	13	Coaches Development Program (Seton Catholic Gym)
	14	Teams Meeting: Neighborhood Children
	15	Mandatory Fall Coach's Meeting
	17-20	Dick's Sporting Goods CYO Shop Days
	20	Fall sports season opens, assessments & practices may begin
	25	Football Coaches Continuing Education (Huntington Bank Field)
	27	Fall early registration ends 9 am, regular registration begins
	28	Mandatory Fall Coach's Meeting
<b>AUGUST</b>	29	Mandatory Fall Coach's Meeting
	3	Fall sports season regular registration ends 9 am
	4	Team fee payments. Last day to enter team blackout dates
	5	Coaches Development Program (Gesu)
	8	Coaches Development Program (St. Ambrose)
	10	Deadline to add athletes & coaches to rosters in SportsPilot
	14	Fall sports season schedules published on CYO website
	17-19	Fall Site Director Meetings
	18	Coaches Development Program (St. Jude)
	22	Fall sports regular season competition begins
	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	7
8		Teams Meeting: Basketball Sanctioned Events
12-13		Parents and VIP Weekend at the games
15		Winter Early Registration Begins
20		Team Mass Sunday
24		Teams Meeting: Site Management
<b>OCTOBER</b>	26-27	Officials Appreciation Weekend
	2-18	Diocese of Cleveland CYO Fall Volleyball Championship Tournaments
	11-18	Diocese of Cleveland CYO Soccer Championship Tournaments
	11-25	Diocese of Cleveland CYO Football Championship Tournaments
	11	Diocese of Cleveland CYO Cross Country Championships
	14	Teams Meeting: How to Assess and Balance Teams
	16-19	Dick's Sporting Goods CYO Shop Days
	18	Diocese of Cleveland CYO Soccer and Fall Volleyball Championships
	19	Winter season opens; assessments & practices may begin
	21	Winter Site Applications Due
	22	Mandatory Winter Coach's Meeting
	24	Diocese of Cleveland CYO Fall Cheer Competition
	25	Diocese of Cleveland CYO Football Championship
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	26	Grade school Early Registration closes 9 am, regular registration begins
	27-28	Mandatory Winter Coach's Meeting
	2	Grade school winter sports season regular registration ends 9am 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Division Team Strengths and Petitions Deadline
	3	High School winter sports early registration ends 9 am, regular registration begins
	9	Grade School team fee payments. Last day to enter grade school teams' blackouts
	10	High School winter sports regular registration ends 9 am
	10	High School Team fee payments due. Last day to enter high school teams' blackouts
	12	Deadline to add grade school athletes & coaches to rosters in SportsPilot
<b>DECEMBER</b>	19	Deadline to add high school athletes & coaches to rosters in SportsPilot
	25	Grade school and high school winter sports schedules published on CYO website
	27-28	CYO offices closed – Thanksgiving
	30-Dec 2	Winter Site Director meetings
	1	We Give Catholic
	5	Winter sports regular season grade school and high school competition begins
	22-Jan 9	Holiday Break – No Regular Season Basketball Games



<b>DECEMBER</b>	24 & 25	CYO offices closed – Christmas Eve & Christmas Day	
	31 & Jan 1	CYO offices closed - New Year's Eve & New Year's Day	
<b>JANUARY</b>	9	Winter Regular Season Games Resume	
	9-10	Parents and VIP Weekend at the games	
	15	3-on-3 Basketball and Spring Sports Early Registration opens	
	17	Team Mass Sunday	
	18	CYO offices closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day	
	21	Winter Membership Conference	
	23-24	Officials Appreciation Weekend	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	31	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade High School Basketball Regular Season Ends	
	6-13	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade High School Championship Tournament	
	13-March 7	Diocese of Cleveland CYO Winter Championship Tournaments	
	15	CYO offices closed - President's Day	
	16	3-on-3 Basketball registration closes Spring Sports Registration Opens	
	19-21	Ohio State CYO Boys and Girls High School Basketball Tournament Hosted by Diocese of Cleveland CYO	
	22	Spring Sports season opens; assessments & practices may begin;	
<b>MARCH</b>	25	Teams Meeting: Track and Field	
	26	3-on-3 Basketball schedules published on CYO website	
	1	Spring Volleyball early registration ends 9 am, Spring Volleyball regular registration begins	
	5-8	Dick's Sporting Goods CYO Shop Days	
	6	Diocese of Cleveland CYO Winter Cheer Competition 3-on-3 Basketball season begins	
	7	Winter sports season ends	
	8	Spring Volleyball regular registration ends Spring Outdoor Sports early registration ends 9am, regular registration begins	
	9	Last Day to enter Spring Volleyball Blackouts	
	15	Spring Outdoor Sports Regular Registration Ends Deadline to add athletes & coaches to Spring Volleyball rosters in SportsPilot	
	16	Last Day to enter Outdoor Sports Blackouts. Spring Team Fee payments due. Mandatory Spring Coach's Meeting	
	18	Mandatory Spring Coach's Meeting	
	24	Spring Volleyball Schedules published on CYO Website	
	25	Deadline to add athletes & coaches to Spring Outdoor Sports rosters in SportsPilot	
	26	CYO offices closed - Good Friday	
	26-28	No CYO competition can be scheduled - Easter break	
	<b>APRIL</b>	2	Spring Outdoor Sports Schedules published on CYO Website
		4	Spring Volleyball Competition begins Last day of 3v3 Basketball
5		Last day to drop Track athletes for refund	
10		Outdoor Sports Competition begins	
17-18		Parents and VIP Weekend at the sporting events	
<b>MAY</b>	25	Team Mass Sunday	
	1-2	Officials Appreciation Weekend	
	7-23	Diocese of Cleveland CYO Spring Volleyball Championship Tournaments	
	16	Diocese of Cleveland CYO Track District Meets	
	22	Diocese of Cleveland CYO Track Section Meets	
	23	Diocese of Cleveland CYO Track Championship	
	28	Spring Season Ends	
31	CYO offices closed - Memorial Day		

**Calendar Subject to Change**

**Registration Dates**

**Coaches Education – (CDP, Coach's Meetings, Continuing Education)**

**Teams Meetings**

**CYO Offices Closed**

**2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS – THANK YOU FOR THE TEAMWORK!**

- In 2025 the Diocese of Cleveland CYO served 24,962 participants competing in 14 different sports across 11 counties of Northeastern Ohio.
- 2025 Spring Sports – 5,190 athletes, with an average of 225 events a week across 43 sites.
- 2025 Fall Sports – 10,327 athletes with average of 454 events a week across 102 sites.
- 2026 Winter Basketball & Cheer 9,445 athletes with an average of 530 games a weekend across 70+ sites.
- Over 304 tackle FB coaches re-certified at Cleveland Browns stadium; 4<sup>th</sup> grade padded FB pilot program
- Over 20,000 crosses were distributed in 2025 through the Cross Initiative.
- 1046 new CYO Coaches were trained and certified in our CYO Coaches Development Program.
- CYO distributed over \$58,800 in 2025 from the Bishop Roger Gries Good Shepherd Fund to Members.
- CYO We Give Catholic raised a record amount: Over \$44,470.92 – **THANK YOU!!**
- We continued our CYO Officials appreciation weekend with Gratitude for them and Crosses.
- CYO Administration re-conferenced 56 out of 250 (23%) 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls teams over break to be in more competitive divisions to reduce blowouts.
- In 2025 CYO Administration followed Incident Management protocols for 156 reported fall/winter incidents from a total of 5000 games. 3.1% of total games played. Up slightly from 3.0% in 2024.

**CHALLENGES – HUMAN GROWTH BEGINS WHERE BLAME ENDS! WE ADDRESS THESE TOGETHER!**

- Site availability and staffing at CYO Member host sites and non-Member sites – community centers, etc.
- Communicate and Share with parents our 3...2...1... Conduct policy so parents aren't shocked and so basketball incidents decrease.
- Focus on the growth and development of young people over winning!
- Increase number of neighborhood children playing in CYO: **We Make Community Stronger!**

**FUTURE DIRECTIONS AND POSSIBILITIES - IMAGINE WHERE WE CAN GO TOGETHER!**

- Build upon our amazingly successful Girls Flag Pilot Program. Full Program in Spring 2027
- New! Sponsor opportunities! Increase our Sponsorships to support CYO!
- Welcome more neighborhood children into CYO programs: **We Make Community Stronger!**
- Increase the number of CYO coaches participating in the Cross Initiative to 95+%
- Increase sport participation among Member programs that are struggling
- Continue to increase quality of CYO coaches by providing sports specific continuing education through our coach's meetings and not a separate training.

**CONTINUE TO BE CLEAR ABOUT WHAT IS ESSENTIAL TO CYO PROGRAMS!**

1. Mission: **Inspiring young people to know God, to love God and to serve God through athletics.**
2. Valuing the development of the child and children as more important than winning.
3. Developing our CYO culture to provide memory making opportunities/experiences for children to have fun with friends while playing CYO

***CYO inspires young people to know God, to love God and to serve God through athletics.***



## Organization Scope

The Diocese of Cleveland is an organization that serves 24,000+ participants competing in 14 different sports across 11 counties of Northeastern Ohio. The Athletic Calendar for CYO takes place from August through the end of May. When in season, we operate 7 days a week with majority of our games/events taking place all day Saturday, and Sunday after 1:00pm.

### Overall Numbers – Participants/Team

Participant wise, the fall season is slightly larger than winter but the winter season is considered our heaviest season based on the quantity of games, number of teams, and the number of facilities that we use.

#### Spring 2025 Participants

Baseball	317
Coach Pitch	109
Lacrosse	102
Track & Field	3302
Volleyball - Boys	116
Volleyball - Girls	990
3v3 Basketball	52
Tennis	202

5,190

#### Fall 2025 Participants

Cheer	770
Cross Country	1418
Flag Football	1599
Rookie Tackle Football	522
Tackle Football	556
Soccer	876
Volleyball	4409
Tennis	177

10,327

#### Winter 2025 Participants

Basketball	8308
Cheer	917
Tennis	182
Pickleball	38

9,445

#### Teams

Baseball	26
Coach Pitch	11
Lacrosse	4
Track & Field	113
Volleyball - Boys	16
Volleyball - Girls	92
3v3 Basketball	25

287

#### Teams

Cheer	60
Cross Country	96
Flag Football	157
Rookie Tackle Football	40
Tackle Football	25
Soccer	74
Volleyball	463

915

#### Teams

Basketball	928
Cheer	83

1,011

### Games – the amount of games a team plays varies by sport and by level

Spring Sports – On average 225 events a week across 43 sites

Fall Sports – On average 454 events a week across 102 sites

Basketball – On average 530 games a weekend across 70+ sites

**Officials in Arbiter** – In order for our events to take place, we use Ohio High School Certified officials. We work closely with our assigners to make sure the officials know the expectations and Mission and Values of CYO. To assign officials, we use a database called Arbiter. We upload all of the events into Arbiter, and the officials are assigned based on their geographical location and availability. To date, we have over 1,088 officials in our Arbiter group.

## **Arbiter Payments**

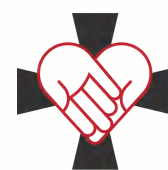
In addition to assigning officials through Arbiter, we have the capability to pay them as well. Payment is a direct deposit from our RefPay account to the official's bank account on file. What does this look like? Games take place primarily on the weekends, our staff, site directors, and assigners verify the official assigned worked the game(s) then payment process begins. From season to season, the Arbiter processing looks a little bit different. During all three seasons we payout officials on a weekly basis. Spring is typically around \$9,000 weekly, Fall is \$21,000 weekly, and Winter is around \$34,000 weekly. When payment is processed, Catholic Charities Finance Department is sent a report so they can apply that to our general ledger.



# COACHING PHILOSOPHY



## The Way We do Things Here



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## 2026-27 Cross Initiative – CYO Champions for this life and the Next!

**What is the Cross Initiative?** In 2023 we were trying to find a practical way to help live out our CYO mission of inspiring young people to know God, Love God and Serve God through CYO athletics. As Catholic Christians we understood that a central teaching of our faith is the Cross so we implemented the “**CYO Cross Initiative**” to bring our CYO Mission to life!



**How does it work?** We are asking all coaches this year to give a cross to each athlete on your team when you see a sacrifice made, an act of kindness or a moment of gratitude shared by an athlete! You choose when and how you give the crosses! After a game when you huddle up your team... during practice if that time is better. You pick the time and the moment... even a player or athlete from another team. Your Assistant Coach could help with this also...

**We call these moments “God Sightings.”** It is paramount to recognize these “God Sightings” as they build faith, character, and the dignity of each young person in CYO.



**What is a God Sighting?** It is when we recognize the Love of God through a sacrifice made, an act of kindness given or a moment of gratitude shared by an athlete. God sightings happen at every event... We need to see and recognize them! Call these God sightings out and name them for your athletes. They need to know these God sightings are so important and that is why we are giving a cross when we see them...

**Examples:** Jesus made a sacrifice for you and me. Today I would like to give this cross to Lisa for making a sacrifice by setting a great pic that allowed Jenny to make the winning basket.

I am grateful for what Jesus did for us. Today I would like to give this cross to Zach as I am grateful for his leadership when he took his little brother by the hand to the concession stand after the game.

**Small acts of Sacrifice** – An athlete holding the door open... carrying in a little sister... spending time with a little sib after the game and walking with them to the concession stand... helping Grandma into the gym... thanking grandparents for coming to the game... congratulating an opposing player from the other team. These little moments happen at every game, we simply need to recognize them and be awake to these moments.



Give the CYO Cross to one of your players today and say the following.

We are grateful for what Jesus did for us!  
I am grateful for \_\_\_\_\_  
because he or she \_\_\_\_\_.



Give the CYO Cross to one of your players today and say the following.

Jesus made a sacrifice for you and me.  
Thank you \_\_\_\_\_ for making a  
sacrifice today by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Small acts of Gratitude:** Thanks for being positive. Thanks for being on time... for trying a new drill even though it was challenging for you...for giving 100%... For listening during practice... for remembering the play...for helping a teammate get in the right position. For encouraging a teammate when they made a mistake... for helping another player up off the floor.



Remember to include: 1.) Jesus 2.) A sacrifice, a moment of gratitude or a kindness shared 3.) the specific act they did.

These moments teach our youth the values of sacrifice, kindness, and gratitude – and we need these skills in life and more of that today! It is fast – 1-2 minutes, you have the template, and it comes from you, their Coach!

We are giving the most powerful take home gift we could ever give – The Cross!

**What does this have to do with my faith?** Jesus made a sacrifice for you and me! When we make a sacrifice for others, we are doing what Jesus taught us to do by loving our neighbors as ourselves! Through sacrifice, kindness, and gratitude we are all Champions! Champions of Faith and there is no greater Champion than that!

## **“Pay it forward” Crosses for Parents and Officials**

***Our athletes will give a Cross to their parents on Parents Weekend telling their parents why they are grateful for them! We will also give Crosses to Officials at Officials weekend! Details at Coaches Meetings.***

We love to get pictures at the CYO Office! Have someone take a picture of you giving a cross to your athletes or an athlete giving a Cross to their parents. They tell us your story, make us smile and build what our CYO community is all about! Please send your pictures to [Noelia.Speringo@ccdocle.org](mailto:Noelia.Speringo@ccdocle.org).





## **NEW FOR ATHLETIC DIRECTORS!**

### **Microsoft Teams Meetings to provide resources and support for Athletic Directors**

**Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> 7-8 pm**

Neighborhood Children Participation  
Rule Changes for Fall Sports

**Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 7-8 pm**

Sanctioned Events  
How to Run a Great Sanctioned Event

**Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm**

Site Management – Volunteer recruiting, training, and delegating

**Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm**

How to Run Assessments & Balance Teams  
Basketball Conferencing and Pre-Season Rankings  
Tournament Rankings  
Improving Competitive Balance in Grades 1-5.  
Winter Sport Rule changes

**Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> 7-8 pm**

Track Updates for 2026-27 Season  
Girls Flag Football  
Spring Sport Rule changes



## CYO 2026 – 2027 Program Operation Updates

The safety of athletes, officials, volunteers, and spectators is a top priority at CYO. Please review the following and communicate this information to the parents, coaches, and athletes in your CYO community.

### **Coach's Meetings & Continuing Education Requirements**

#### For all Sports except Football:

- Coaches will receive a seasonal sticker at the end of the CYO Coach's Meetings from grades 1-8.
- At least one coach on the bench for grades 1-8 must have the current season colored sticker they have received from attending the seasonal CYO Coaches Meeting.
- If a 7th or 8th grade team does not have one coach on the bench with a current season colored sticker, consequences could include game forfeiture, loss of eligibility for tournaments/post season meets, and possible coach suspension.

#### For all Football programs except 1st-4th Regular Flag Football:

- For 4th grade Padded Flag, 5th & 6th grade Rookie Tackle, and 7th & 8th Tackle Football, all coaches must have the current season colored sticker they received from attending the CYO Football Meeting on July 25th at Cleveland Browns Stadium.
- If any of the 4th grade Padded Flag, 5th or 6th grade Rookie Tackle and 7th and 8th grade Tackle Football coaches do not have a current season colored sticker, that coach is not permitted on the sideline during games. Consequences could include game forfeiture, loss of eligibility for tournaments and possible coach suspension.

### **Weather**

- Weather conditions are continuously monitored by CYO staff and weather professionals.
- Weather delays or cancelation decisions will be made ONLY BY CYO STAFF and communicated promptly.
- Official contest delays or cancellations regarding the weather is available on the scheduling page of the CYO website.
- When lightning is detected within a 10-mile radius, all outdoor activities will be suspended immediately.
- When heat index thresholds become too high, outdoor events may be delayed or canceled.
- When spring temperatures are below 35°F, with windchill, outdoor events will be canceled. Athletes should dress appropriately for the weather.
- When a county Sheriff's Office declares a Level 2 Snow Emergency for a county:
  - All contests being held IN that county will be cancelled.
  - Any Member Program located in the county with the Snow Emergency will not have to travel to a different county, therefore their contests will be canceled.
    - County Location is determined by the Member Program address.
- Events may be delayed, relocated, or rescheduled due to field or facility conditions.

### **Weight for Grades 7 – 8 Tackle Football**

- CYO consulted with Pediatric Sports Medicine Medical Doctors to request a recommendation for minimum and maximum weight requirements for children playing tackle football.
- Medical experts reviewed the options of lower and upper direct weight limits and the option of basing participation on each athlete's Body Mass Index (BMI) and its effect on athletic performance.
- After reviewing the options, CYO accepts the medical recommendations as follows:
  1. A child weighing 79 lbs. or less may not play in Grades 7 – 8 Tackle Football.
  2. A child weighing 80 – 89 lbs. must get a waiver signed by a parent AND a medical doctor to play.
  3. A child weighing at least 90 lbs. does not need a waiver to play in Grades 7 – 8 Tackle Football.
  4. There is no upper weight limit in Grades 7 – 8 Tackle Football.

## **Weight for Grade 6 Rookie Tackle Football**

- The “Dot” rule is being added in Grade 6 Rookie Tackle Football.
- Players will be required to weigh-in before and during the season.
- Players weighing-in over 140 lbs. will receive a “Dot”
- After reviewing the options, CYO has decided the following:
  1. A child weighing 59 lbs. or less may not play Grade 6 Rookie Tackle Football.
  2. A child weighing 60 – 69 lbs. must get a waiver signed by a parent AND a medical doctor to play.
  3. A child weighing at least 70 lbs. does not need a waiver to play Grade 6 Rookie Tackle Football.
  4. There is no upper weight limit in Grade 6 Rookie Tackle Football.

**\*\* There is an inherent risk when a child plays contact sports. CYO fully supports the rights and responsibilities of parents’ decision making regarding the safety of their child in accordance with CYO rules.**

## **Basketball Competitive Balance**

- Competitive balance describes why CYO places teams in grades 6 - 8 in conferences with opponents with an opportunity to win or lose every game and to avoid blowouts whenever possible.
- In CYO Basketball, teams are placed in conferences during the regular season based on past performance. For season ending tournaments, teams may be placed outside their conference in rank order based on:
  1. Team’s current season performance and rank order placement with all teams until mid-January
  2. Team’s performance in sanctioned event tournaments
  3. Point differential of completed contests and strength of opponent schedules
- CYO consults with [www.MyHockeyRankings.com](http://www.MyHockeyRankings.com) who provides the algorithm used to determine rankings.
- CYO uses the terms GOLD, SILVER, BRONZE to describe different skill levels. Rankings are used in basketball to place teams in season ending tournaments with a better opportunity to play more competitive games.

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## 2026-2027 CYO Season Sponsorships

CYO Athletics is the largest faith-based sports program in the region, with over 24,000 young people participating annually honing new skills that focus on teamwork, social skills, and character building. We are a Catholic organization whose mission is to inspire young people to know God, to love God and to serve God through athletics. Youth learn important life lessons through participation and mentorship from more than 5,000 coaches. Who doesn't love a little competition? Please support CYO while raising awareness of your brand through a CYO Championship Sponsorship.

### When you sponsor CYO Athletics, you:

- Keep participation fees affordable
- Cover costs for gym rental, officials, site directors and score keepers
- Cover costs for trophies, medals, basketballs, volleyballs, footballs, and more
- Provide safe, well-organized tournament sites
- Support faith-based, character development through sport
- Celebrate achievements of young athletes



### Season Sponsor Opportunities

- **Gold Sponsor \$25,000** – Largest recognition on signage at 8th grade championship sites, in-game announcements mentioning your company, participation in Pre/Post game activities at championship sites, logo on CYO website, recognition in e-mail sent to all 24,000 families, social media highlight.
- **Silver Sponsor \$10,000** – Second largest recognition on signage at 8th grade championship sites, in-game announcements mentioning your company, logo on CYO website, recognition in e-mail sent to all 24,000 families, social media highlight.
- **Bronze Sponsor \$5,000** – Third largest recognition on signage at 8th grade championship sites, logo on CYO website, recognition in e-mail sent to all 24,000 families.
- **Team Spirit Sponsor \$2,500** – Recognition on signage at 8th grade championship sites, name on CYO website, recognition e-mail sent to 24,000 families.
- **Spirit Sponsor \$1,500** – Recognition on signage at 8th grade championship sites, name on CYO website, recognition e-mail sent to 24,000 families.

### 2026-2027 Season Sponsorships will be recognized at all of the 8th grade Championships:

Basketball (February/March 2027), Cheer Championship Competition (October 2026 & February 2027), Cross Country (October 2026), Football (October 2026), Soccer (October 2026), Track & Field (May 2027), Volleyball (October 2026 & May 2027)

## CYO Sponsor Contact Information

Please complete the form below to confirm sponsorship. Deadline is August 1st, 2026, to receive all benefits.

**All donations will support Championship & CYO expenses through the Catholic Charities CYO Bishop Roger Gries Good Shepherd Fund.**

### Contact Information

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Company's website: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment: Total amount included: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed:  
(payable to Catholic Charities CYO Good Shepherd Fund)

**Questions please contact:** Jamie at 440-241-2270 or  
[Jamie.Mewhinney@ccdoble.org](mailto:Jamie.Mewhinney@ccdoble.org)

**If paying by check, please mail to the address below or to pay electronically, scan the QR code below the address.**

Jamie Mewhinney  
Catholic Charities CYO Athletics  
7911 Detroit Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44102



CYO SEASON SPONSORSHIPS

# CYO Member & Staff Representatives

If you have general questions, please contact the CYO staff liaison as assigned.

Matt Aloisi	(216) 978-5321
Mark Cuccia	(440) 596-9338
Ann Danuloff	(216) 470-4230
Beth Flynn	(216) 217-3640
Dave Stefanski	(216) 538-8315

## All High School Athletic Directors

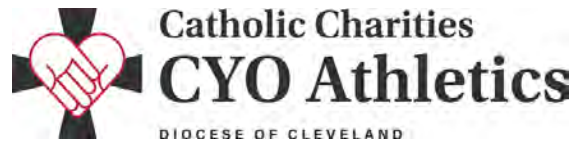
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## Membership Conference

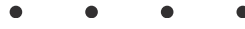
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Member	Section	CYO Rep
Archbishop Lyke School	3	Mark Cuccia
Assumption	2	Dave Stefanski
Corpus Christi Academy	3	Mark Cuccia
Emmanuel Christian Academy	5	Matt Aloisi
Gesu	3	Mark Cuccia
Holy Family - Parma	2	Dave Stefanski
Holy Family - Stow	5	Matt Aloisi
Holy Name - Cleveland	3	Mark Cuccia
Holy Trinity - Avon	1	Beth Flynn
Immaculate Heart of Mary	5	Matt Aloisi
Incarate Word Academy	2	Dave Stefanski
Lakewood Catholic Academy	2	Dave Stefanski
Mary Queen of Peace	2	Dave Stefanski
Mater Dei Academy/OLMC-Wickliffe	4	Ann Danuloff
Metro Catholic School	2	Dave Stefanski
Notre Dame Elementary	4	Ann Danuloff
Our Lady of Angels	2	Beth Flynn
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - Cleveland	2	Dave Stefanski
Our Lady of the Elms	5	Matt Aloisi
Our Lady of The Lake	4	Ann Danuloff
Pinnacle Academy	4	Ann Danuloff
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Wadsworth	5	Matt Aloisi
Seton Catholic School	5	Matt Aloisi
SS. Robert & William	4	Ann Danuloff
St. Adalbert - Cleveland	3	Mark Cuccia
St. Albert The Great	2	Dave Stefanski
St. Aloysius-St. Agatha	4	Ann Danuloff
St. Ambrose	5	Matt Aloisi
St. Angela Merici	1	Beth Flynn
St. Ann School	3	Mark Cuccia
St. Anselm	4	Ann Danuloff
St. Anthony of Padua - Akron	5	Matt Aloisi
St. Anthony of Padua - Lorain	1	Beth Flynn
St. Anthony of Padua - Parma	2	Dave Stefanski
St. Augustine	5	Matt Aloisi
St. Barnabas	5	Matt Aloisi
St. Bartholomew - Middleburg Hts.	2	Beth Flynn
St. Basil the Great	2	Dave Stefanski
St. Benedict Catholic School	2	Dave Stefanski
St. Bernadette	1	Beth Flynn
St. Brendan	1	Beth Flynn
St. Charles Borromeo	2	Dave Stefanski
St. Christopher	2	Beth Flynn
St. Columbkille	2	Dave Stefanski

Member	Section	CYO Rep
St. Dominic	3	Mark Cuccia
St. Francis de Sales - Akron	5	Matt Aloisi
St. Francis of Assisi	3	Mark Cuccia
St. Francis Xavier	5	Matt Aloisi
St. Francis-Cleveland	3	Mark Cuccia
St. Gabriel	4	Ann Danuloff
St. Helen	4	Ann Danuloff
St. Hilary	5	Matt Aloisi
St. Ignatius of Antioch	2	Dave Stefanski
St. Jerome	4	Ann Danuloff
St. Joan of Arc	3	Mark Cuccia
St. John Neumann - Mogadore	5	Matt Aloisi
St. John Vianney	4	Ann Danuloff
St. Joseph - Amherst	1	Beth Flynn
St. Joseph - Avon Lake	1	Beth Flynn
St. Jude	1	Beth Flynn
St. Leo the Great	2	Dave Stefanski
St. Mark	2	Beth Flynn
St. Mary - Avon	1	Beth Flynn
St. Mary - Berea	2	Beth Flynn
St. Mary - Chardon	4	Ann Danuloff
St. Mary - Elyria	1	Beth Flynn
St. Mary - Hudson	5	Matt Aloisi
St. Mary Byzantine Catholic	2	Dave Stefanski
St. Mary of the Assumption (Mentor)	4	Ann Danuloff
St. Mary of the Falls	2	Beth Flynn
St. Michael	2	Dave Stefanski
St. Paschal Baylon	3	Mark Cuccia
St. Patrick - Kent	5	Matt Aloisi
St. Peter - Huron	1	Beth Flynn
St. Peter - Lorain	1	Beth Flynn
St. Peter - North Ridgeville	1	Beth Flynn
St. Raphael	1	Beth Flynn
St. Rita	3	Mark Cuccia
St. Rocco	2	Dave Stefanski
St. Sebastian	5	Matt Aloisi
St. Stanislaus	3	Mark Cuccia
St. Thomas Aquinas School	3	Mark Cuccia
St. Thomas More	2	Dave Stefanski
St. Vincent de Paul - Akron	5	Matt Aloisi
Sts. Joseph & John	2	Dave Stefanski
Urban Community School	2	Dave Stefanski
Welsh Academy	2	Dave Stefanski



# 6th-8th Grade Conferencing



## External Strength

How does the team compare to all other CYO Teams?

**Gold - Highly Skilled Team**

**Silver - Average Skilled Team**

**Bronze - Lower Skilled Team**

Used When Conferencing:

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball

Non-Rated 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball



## Internal Strength

How do my teams compare to one another?

**Upper**

**Middle**

**Lower**

**Balanced**

Used When Conferencing:

Previously Rated 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball

**Make sure to enter in SportsPilot before registration deadline**





# Eligibility Center



## Who is eligible to play CYO with my member program?

Athletes must be one of the following:

1. Registered parishioners.
2. Attend the school.
3. Attend your PSR.
4. Neighborhood Child as outlined in Bylaw 3
5. Registered parishioner of a provisional parish in your zone/section



## What should I do if I don't have enough athletes to form a team?

In all sports, other than 11v11 Tackle Football and high school sports use the General Section Assignments-Grade School.

First reach out to other programs in your Zone, then try the other Zones in your Section

Need to go outside your Zone or work with a No Zone?

Use the MCRF.

## What about 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Tackle Football?

The CYO Administration forms Football Sections and assigns smaller CYO programs to a football section to help balance the number of athletes a team may have. If you have an athlete interested in playing 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Tackle Football, please contact your CYO Staff Rep.

## and HighSchool?

Use General Section Assignments  
- High School

## What should I do if an athlete from another member program registers with my program?

Contact the Athletic Director of the athlete's member program. Member programs cannot turn away their own athletes if they are having a team in a particular sport.

## Other Eligibility Questions

**Are 6th graders eligible for 7th & 8th grade football?**

No



**Can you register players from other sections in padded flag football?**

Padded flag now follows the General Section Assignments



**Can a player be on two different CYO rosters in the same sport?**

No, an athlete may only be on one CYO roster per sport per season. Athletes can play more than one sport in a season.



**Can 8th graders play on a high school team?**

No



**Can 5th graders compete in the Diocesan CYO Cross Country or Track and Field or Championship meets?**

No. Team scoring is used in these meets.

The teams competing are considered 8<sup>th</sup> Grade teams.

5<sup>th</sup> graders are not eligible to participate on an 8<sup>th</sup> grade team.



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Zone - Small group of programs that can work together to form teams.

No Zone - Cannot register athletes from any other program to participate on their teams without written permission from CYO Administration. **These programs that have schools with more than 400 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade students.**

Section - Large group of programs that can work together to form teams if no teams can be formed within their parish zone.

*Provisional - Athletes from these parishes can play with any program within the zone.*

***If a Diocese of Cleveland parish is not listed in the provisional list, please contact the CYO Administration.***

(Restricted Provisional) - Athletes from these programs can participate with their assigned member without written permission from the CYO Administration.

School - Cannot have athletes from any program other than their assigned Restricted Provisional parish participate on their teams.

### **Section 1**

**Zone A:** St. Anthony of Padua-Lorain, St. Peter-Lorain

*Provisional: Sacred Heart Chapel-Lorain, St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, St. Mary-Lorain, St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Teresa of Avila*

**Zone B:** St. Joseph-Amherst, St. Mary-Elyria, St. Peter-Huron (Restricted Provisional: St. Mary-Vermillion), St. Peter-North Ridgeville

*Provisional: St. Agnes-Elyria, St. Julie Billiart-North Ridgeville, St. Vincent de Paul – Elyria*

**Zone C:** St. Joseph-Avon Lake (Unified: Holy Spirit-Avon Lake), St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

**Zone D:** St. Angela Merici, St. Bernadette, St. Brendan (Unified with St. Clarence & St. Richard)

*Provisional: St. Ladislav*

**No Zone:** Holy Trinity-Avon, St. Jude, **St. Raphael**

### **Section 2**

**Zone A:** St. Bartholomew, St. Mary of the Falls, St. Mary-Berea,

*Provisional: Mary Queen of the Apostles, St. Adalbert-Berea, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

**Zone B:** Our Lady of Angels, St. Christopher, St. Mark

*Provisional: Blessed Trinity, St. Mel, St. Patrick-West Park, St. Vincent de Paul-Cleveland*

**Zone C:** Mary Queen of Peace, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-Cleveland, St. Ignatius of Antioch, St. Leo the Great, St. Mary Byzantine, **St. Rocco**, St. Thomas More

*Provisional: St. Boniface, St. Patrick-Bridge Ave,*

**Zone D:** Holy Family-Parma, St. Anthony of Padua-Parma, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Columbkille,

*Provisional: St. Bridget of Kildare, St. Francis de Sales-Parma, St. Matthias-Parma, St. John Bosco, St. Sava*

**Zone E:** Assumption Academy, St. Basil the Great, St. Benedict, St. Michael

**No Zone:** St. Albert the Great, Sts. Joseph & John

### **Section 3**

**Zone A:** Corpus Christi Academy (Restricted Provisional: St. Clare, Sacred Heart of Jesus-South Euclid), St. Adalbert-Cleveland, St. Ann (Formally: Communion of Saints), St. Paschal Baylon

*Provisional: Holy Redeemer, Holy Rosary, Our Lady of Peace, St. Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima*

**Zone B:** Holy Name, St. Dominic, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Joan of Arc, St. Rita, St. Stanislaus

*Provisional: Holy Angel-Chagrin Falls, Resurrection of Our Lord, SS. Cosmas & Damian*

**No Zone:** Gesu

## Section 4

**Zone A:** Our Lady of the Lake, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-Wickliffe, SS. Robert & William, St. Aloysius-St. Agatha, St. Jerome

*Provisional:* Immaculate Conception-Willoughby, St. Casimir, St. John the Cross, St. Mary-Collinwood

**Zone B:** St. John Vianney, St. Mary of the Assumption

*Provisional:* Divine Word, St. Anthony of Padua-Fairport Harbor, St. Bebe the Venerable, St. Justin Martyr, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Mary Painesville, St. Noel

**Zone C:** St. Anselm, St. Helen, St. Mary-Chardon

**No Zone:** St. Gabriel

## Section 5

**Zone A:** Sacred Heart of Jesus-Wadsworth, St. Augustine, St. Francis de Sales-Akron, St. Francis Xavier

*Provisional:* Nativity of the Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, St. Andrew the Apostle, St. Anne-Rittman, Sts. Peter & Paul, Holy Martyr, St. Martin of Tours-Valley City, St. Victor

**Zone B:** Holy Family-Stow, Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Barnabas, St. John Neumann-Mogadore-Rootstown (Formally St. Joseph-Randolph), St. Mary-Hudson, St. Patrick-Kent (Restricted Provisional: Immaculate Conception-Ravenna)

*Provisional:* Mother of Sorrows, Our Lady of Victory, St. Eugene, St. Joseph-Cuyahoga Falls

**Zone C:** St. Anthony of Padua-Akron, St. Sebastian, St. Vincent de Paul-Akron

*Provisional:* St. Bernard/St. Mary School-Akron

**No Zone:** St. Ambrose, St. Hilary (Restricted Provisional: Guardian Angels)

## Schools

Cannot register athletes who are not students at their school or from any program other than their assigned Restricted Provisional parish members to participate on the school team.

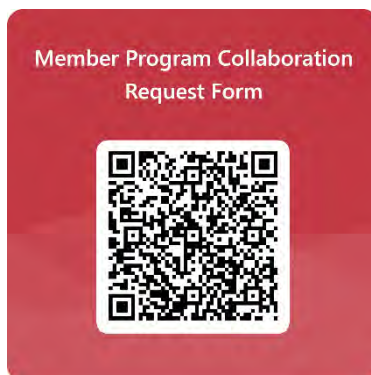
Archbishop Lyke, Emmanuel Christian Academy, Incarnate Word Academy, Lakewood Catholic Academy (Restricted Provisional: St. Clement, St. James, St. Luke, Transfiguration), Metro Catholic, Notre Dame Elementary, Pinnacle Academy, Seton Catholic School (Restricted Provisional: St. Mary-Hudson), St. Francis-Cleveland, St. Thomas Aquinas, Urban Community School, Welsh Academy

***This list does not apply to 7<sup>TH</sup> and 8<sup>TH</sup> grade Football Sections or High Schools.***

***This list does apply to football grades 1-6.***

**Want to work with a member program who is a No Zone or not in your section?**

**Please use the form below to submit any requests that meet these criteria.**



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## GENERAL SECTION ASSIGNMENTS High School ONLY 2026-2027



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Section - Large group of programs that can work together to form teams if no teams can be formed in their zone.

Zone - Small group of programs that can work together to form teams.

*Provisional* - Athletes from these parishes can play with any program within the zone.

No Zone - Cannot have athletes from any other program participate on their teams without express written permission from CYO Administration.

School - Cannot have athletes from any other program participate on their teams

### ELIGIBILITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES/TEAMS

- **IF THE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE IS ENROLLED IS A CYO MEMBER AND HAS A TEAM:**
  1. They can play on their high school team if where they are enrolled OR
  2. The parish in which they/their parents are a registered parishioner AND
  3. Their parish has a team.
- **IF THE HIGH SCHOOL THE ATHLETE IS ENROLLED IS NOT A CYO MEMBER AND THE ATHLETE IS REGISTERED AT A PARISH:**
  1. They are eligible at the parish in which they/their parents are registered parishioners.
  2. If their parish does not have a team, they must play in their zone first then within their section.
  3. See zones below. Follow the zone guidelines for grade school sections.
- **IF AN ATHLETE IS ENROLLED AT A PAROCHIAL HIGH SCHOOL, THE ATHLETE:**
  1. Is eligible to participate in CYO high school
  2. Must play within the section closest to their primary home address
  3. Must complete a CYO special request form - see CYO website high school basketball
- **IF THE ATHLETE IS A PARISHIONER OF A NO ZONE PARISH AND THE PARISH DOES NOT HAVE A TEAM**
  1. The athlete is eligible to participate with any parish in the SECTION that has a team, but may not move to another section.

### Section 1

**Zone A:** St. Anthony of Padua-Lorain, St. Peter-Lorain

*Provisional:* Sacred Heart Chapel-Lorain, St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, St. Mary-Lorain, St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Teresa of Avila

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*Provisional:* St. Ladislav

**No Zone:** Holy Trinity-Avon, St. Jude, St. Raphael

### Section 2

**Zone A:** St. Bartholomew, St. Mary of the Falls, St. Mary-Berea, *Provisional:* Mary Queen of the Apostles, St. Adalbert-Berea, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

**Zone B:** Our Lady of Angels, St. Christopher, St. Mark *Provisional:* Blessed Trinity, St. Mel, St. Patrick-West Park, St. Vincent de Paul-Cleveland

**Zone C:** Mary Queen of Peace, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-Cleveland, St. Ignatius of Antioch, St. Leo the Great, St. Mary Byzantine, St. Thomas More *Provisional:* St. Boniface, St. Patrick-Bridge Ave, St. Rocco

**Zone D:** Holy Family-Parma, St. Anthony of Padua-Parma, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Columbkille,  
*Provisional:* St. Bridget of Kildare, St. Francis de Sales-Parma, St. Matthias-Parma, St. John Bosco,  
St. Sava

**Zone E:** Assumption Academy, St. Basil the Great, St. Benedict, St. Michael

**No Zone:** St. Albert the Great, Sts. Joseph & John

### **Section 3**

**Zone A:** Sacred Heart of Jesus-South Euclid, St. Adalbert-Cleveland, St. Ann (Formally: Communion of Saints),  
St. Paschal Baylon *Provisional:* Holy Redeemer, St. Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima, St. Clare, St. Mary-  
Collinwood,

**Zone B:** Holy Name, St. Dominic, St. Francis of Assisi St. Joan of Arc, St. Rita, St. Stanislaus *Provisional:* Holy  
Angel-Chagrin Falls, Ss. Cosmas & Damian

**No Zone:** Gesu

### **Section 4**

**Zone A:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel-Wickliffe, Our Lady of the Lake, Ss. Robert & William, St. Aloysius-St.  
Agatha, St. Jerome *Provisional:* Immaculate Conception-Willoughby, St. Casimir, St. John the Cross,

**Zone B:** St. John Vianney, St. Mary of the Assumption *Provisional:* Divine Word, St. Anthony of Padua-Fairport  
Harbor, St. Bebe the Venerable, St. Justin Martyr, St. Mary Painesville, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Noel

**Zone C:** St. Anselm, St. Helen, St. Mary-Chardon

**No Zone:** St. Gabriel

### **Section 5**

**Zone A:** Sacred Heart of Jesus-Wadsworth, St. Augustine, St. Francis de Sales-Akron, St. Francis Xavier  
*Provisional:* Nativity of the Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, Queen of Heaven St. Andrew the Apostle, St.  
Anne-Rittman, St. Matthew, Sts. Peter & Paul

**Zone B:** Holy Family-Stow, Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Barnabas, St. John Neumann-Mogadore-Rootstown,  
St. Mary-Hudson, St. Patrick-Kent (Restricted Provisional: Immaculate Conception-Ravenna)  
*Provisional:* Mother of Sorrows, Our Lady of Victory, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Eugene, St. Joseph-  
Cuyahoga Falls

**Zone C:** St. Anthony of Padua-Akron, St. Sebastian, St. Vincent de Paul-Akron  
*Provisional:* St. Bernard/St. Mary School-Akron

**No Zone:** St. Ambrose, St. Hilary (Restricted Provisional: Guardian Angels)

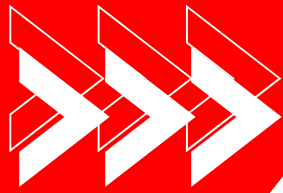
## **HIGH SCHOOLS**

**Only students enrolled in these schools can compete on these teams.**

**Parishioners who attend another high school are not eligible to participate on these parochial high school teams unless they are enrolled students.**

Beaumont, Benedictine, Cleveland Central Catholic, Elyria Catholic, Gilmour Academy, Lake Catholic,  
Holy Name, Magnificat, Our Lady of the Elms, Padua, St. Edward, St. Ignatius, St. Vincent-St. Mary,  
Trinity, Villa Angela-St. Joseph, Walsh Jesuit High School, Other

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SPIRIT***



**Enhance Confidence**

**Improve Focus \***

**Increase Practice  
Efficiency**

**WE WANT  
YOUR  
FEEDBACK!**

**Build Team Unity**

## **Upcoming Session:**

- 1. What would you like to see the Parent/Coach session include?**
- 2. What would you like to see the Athlete session include?**

<https://sharpenkillstraining.com>

# Girls Basketball Numbers

6<sup>th</sup> grade- 48 teams vs 95 teams-boys

7<sup>th</sup> grade- 29 teams vs 85 teams-boys

8<sup>th</sup> grade- 39 teams vs 97 teams-boys

Participation in middle school girls basketball has been dropping in many age categories and leagues, Not just one cause. It's a combination of sport-specific trends and broader youth sports patterns, especially for ages 11-14

- Girls basketball participation has declined 20% over the last 20–25 years nationally.
- It used to be the #1 girls sport, but has been passed by:
  - Track & field
  - Volleyball
  - Soccer
  - *Girls flag football popularity*
  - *More social sports*
  - *less intense sports*
  - *stronger middle school pipelines- club options*
- Girls drop out of sports at about twice the rate of boys by age 14
- Major reasons:
  - Fear of being judged (68%)
  - Lack of confidence (60%+)
  - Body image & puberty concerns
  - Mistakes are more obvious- action close to fans, turnovers, missed shots, etc.
  - Tends to be more aggressive which girls are discouraged from behaving
  - AAU / travel circuits
  - Year-round specialization
- Coaches report kids aren't playing pickup or driveway basketball anymore
- Now development is "organized or nothing"
- Fewer beginners feel ready by middle school
- Girls report dropping out due to:
  - School workload/academic priorities
  - Social/peer dynamics
  - Competing extracurricular activities-dance, gymnastics, theatre
- Girls stay in sports when they feel:
  - supported
  - included
  - less intimidated
- Need for more female coaches/role models
- Perceived "high intensity" coaches

**One negative season = permanent dropout This isn't just "girls don't want to play basketball."**

Middle school is the pressure point where confidence, competition, and structure collide—and basketball loses more kids than other sports because of how it's experienced. Highest CYO incident season!

***What solutions or suggestions could you offer to increase girls BB participation?***



## 2026-2027 CYO Athletic Fees

Sports	Early	Regular
3v3 Basketball	\$405.00	\$405.00
Baseball	\$745.00	\$760.00
Coach Pitch	\$335.00	\$350.00
Lacrosse	\$740.00	\$775.00
Track & Field – (1-4) Athlete	\$55.00	\$60.00
Track & Field – (1-4) Team	\$60.00	\$65.00
Track & Field – (5-8) Athlete	\$65.00	\$70.00
Track & Field – (5-8) Team	\$70.00	\$75.00
Soccer	\$665.00	\$690.00
Volleyball (1-3)	\$485.00	\$495.00
Volleyball (4-6)	\$765.00	\$785.00
Volleyball (7-8)	\$865.00	\$885.00
Volleyball (HS)	\$610.00	\$640.00
Cross Country – (1-3) Athlete	\$55.00	\$60.00
Cross Country – (1-3) Team	\$60.00	\$65.00
Cross Country – (4-8) Athlete	\$65.00	\$70.00
Cross Country – (4-8) Team	\$65.00	\$70.00
Football (Flag)	\$670.00	\$695.00
Football (Rookie)	\$730.00	\$755.00
Football (Tackle)	\$1,360.00	\$1,390.00
Basketball (3-6)	\$855.00	\$875.00
Basketball (7-8)	\$935.00	\$955.00
Basketball (HS)	\$945.00	\$975.00
Basketball (Adult)	\$705.00	\$740.00
Cheer	\$285.00	\$315.00
Tennis (1-2)	\$125.00	
Tennis (3-8)		\$175.00
Pickleball		\$175.00

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*Any team whose payment is not received at the Diocese of Cleveland CYO office is assessed a 15% late payment fee.*

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## 2027-2028 CYO Athletic Fees

Sports	Early	Regular
3v3 Basketball	\$430.00	\$430.00
Baseball	\$765.00	\$780.00
Coach Pitch	\$355.00	\$370.00
Lacrosse	\$740.00	\$775.00
Track & Field – (1-4) Athlete	\$65.00	\$70.00
Track & Field – (1-4) Team	\$80.00	\$85.00
Track & Field – (5-8) Athlete	\$75.00	\$80.00
Track & Field – (5-8) Team	\$90.00	\$95.00
Soccer	\$685.00	\$710.00
Volleyball (1-3)	\$505.00	\$515.00
Volleyball (4-6)	\$785.00	\$805.00
Volleyball (7-8)	\$885.00	\$905.00
Volleyball (HS)	\$630.00	\$660.00
Cross Country – (1-3) Athlete	\$65.00	\$70.00
Cross Country – (1-3) Team	\$80.00	\$85.00
Cross Country – (4-8) Athlete	\$75.00	\$80.00
Cross Country – (4-8) Team	\$85.00	\$90.00
Football (Flag)	\$690.00	\$715.00
Football (Rookie)	\$750.00	\$775.00
Football (Tackle)	\$1,380.00	\$1,410.00
Basketball (3-6)	\$855.00	\$875.00
Basketball (7-8)	\$935.00	\$955.00
Basketball (HS)	\$945.00	\$975.00
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# Team Registration Payment Steps

## 1 Register Teams

Register your teams in Sportspilot via the sync portal each fall, winter, and spring seasons.

Be sure to review the early and regular registration deadlines.

## 2 Payment

Pay via credit card or electronic check/ACH payment in Sportspilot.

Preferred Payment Method

## 3 Check Payment Process

If paying by check, it must be payable to Catholic Charities-CYO Athletics.

Write what the check is paying for in the memo part of the check. (Example: St. Joseph AL Team Fees, Winter 2026).

Mail check by published deadline date to: Catholic Charities, Finance Dept., 7911 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44102.

CYO Fee Summary Form must accompany your check payment.

The form can be printed out in SportsPilot before the registration deadline.

Any team who registers or syncs after the regular fee date is assessed a \$100 fee added to the regular fee.

Any team whose payment is not received at the Diocese of Cleveland CYO office by the published deadline date is assessed a 15% penalty.



# CYO Fee Summary Form

5/18/2026

**Season: Spring      Year: 2026**  
**Due Date: March 24, 2026**

**THIS COMPLETED FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR PAYMENT by Due Date above.**

Cleveland Office: 7911 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44102

**Parish/School: St. Mary of the Falls      City: Olmsted Falls**  
**Form Completed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Program - League	Coach	Qty	Fee (\$)	Sub Fee (\$)	Office Use Only
Baseball - 2026-4th Grade	O'Connor	1	745.00	745.00	Check #    Paid
Coach Pitch - 2026-2nd Grade	Zifcheck	1	335.00	335.00	Check #    Paid

**Baseball      # Teams: 2      Sport Fee (\$): 1,080.00**

3v3 Basketball - Boys 2026-6th Grade	Post	1	405.00	405.00	Check #    Paid
3v3 Basketball - Boys 2026-7th Grade	O'Connor 7th	1	405.00	405.00	Check #    Paid

**Basketball      # Teams: 2      Sport Fee (\$): 810.00**

Lacrosse - Boys 2026-8th Grade	Sara	1	740.00	740.00	Check #    Paid
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**Lacrosse      # Teams: 1      Sport Fee (\$): 740.00**

Volleyball - 1st & 2nd Grade - Spring 2026-1st & 2nd Grade	O'Connor 2nd	1	485.00	485.00	Check #    Paid
Volleyball - Girls - Spring 2026-3rd Grade	O'Connor 3rd	1	485.00	485.00	Check #    Paid
Volleyball - Girls - Spring 2026-4th Grade	Prada-Smanik	1	765.00	765.00	Check #    Paid
Volleyball - Girls - Spring 2026-5th Grade	Gray	1	765.00	765.00	Check #    Paid
Volleyball - Girls - Spring 2026-6th Grade	Macanga	1	765.00	765.00	Check #    Paid
Volleyball - Girls - Spring 2026-Dropped Teams	Bartolone	1	765.00	765.00	Check #    Paid

**Volleyball      # Teams: 6      Sport Fee (\$): 4,030.00**

**# of Sports: 4    # Total Teams: 11    Discount (\$): 765.00      Total Due (\$): 5,895.00**

<b>Office Use Only</b>	Payment: _____	Full _____	Partial _____	Check _____	Credit _____
Total Amount Paid: _____	Check/Credit # _____				
Date Received: _____	Staff Initials _____				
Activity Code Allocation:	4900 _____	4901 _____	4902 _____	4903 _____	
	4904 _____	4905 _____	4906 _____	474 _____	
Payment Posted By _____			Date: _____		

**BISHOP ROGER GRIES  
GOOD SHEPHERD FUND  
DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND CYO GUIDELINES**



**Mission:**

The Bishop Roger Gries Good Shepherd Fund was established in 2007 to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of CYO Athletics in the Diocese of Cleveland. Since 2007 \$720,000 has been distributed to CYO organizations. The fund is named after Auxiliary Bishop Roger Gries, a fine athlete whose rich legacy includes a deep love of CYO. The Bishop Roger Gries Good Shepherd Fund serves the CYO mission to inspire young people to know God, love God and serve God through athletics in the Diocese of Cleveland by providing financial resources to CYO Member organizations. These funds are used to build and promote an excellent, sustainable CYO program that is accessible to all eligible youth and families regardless of their ability to pay.

**Bishop Roger Gries Good Shepherd Fund Goals:**

1. Provide financial grants of \$500 to \$4,000 to CYO Member organizations in good standings to support CYO programs;
2. Provide supplementary funding for student participation, sports equipment, uniforms, and facilities;
3. Seek and form collaborative partnerships with organizations to provide financial and material benefits to CYO member organizations and families;
4. Obtain resources that benefit CYO member organizations, coaches, parents, athletes, and families; and
5. Provide financial resources for training and formation of CYO leaders at the parish and diocesan levels.

**Types of Projects:**

The Bishop Roger Gries CYO Good Shepherd Fund seeks to make a direct impact on the lives of CYO Athletic Programs in our community. Aid for athlete participation, sports equipment, uniforms, facilities, leadership training for program leaders for Diocese of Cleveland CYO programs in need as well as projects that would otherwise “fall through the cracks,” and emergency situations that are without options are suitable for application to this Fund. The Bishop Roger Gries CYO Good Shepherd Funds cannot be allocated for coaching stipends, transportation fees or cost for coaches training outside of CYO.

**Geographic Area:**

Diocese of Cleveland CYO Partners and affiliates throughout eleven counties (Ashland, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Summit, Wayne, Huron, Stark & Portage) of its service area are invited to apply.

**Grant Amounts:**

The range for grants will be \$500-\$4,000. A CYO partner may only receive a maximum of \$4,000 during the one year grant cycle that runs from 8/1 - 6/1. Consideration for grants will be based on frequencies of distributions throughout the year.

**Deadlines:**

- Applications can be downloaded online
  - They are due to CYO Athletic Office by October 1, March 1 and May 1 for the upcoming grant cycle which begins on August 1.
- Emergency applications can be made to the CYO Athletic Office. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis relevant to the context of the request and the funds available for distribution.

**FUNDING REQUESTS MAY BE MAILED OR EMAILED TO:  
CYO ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATOR  
DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND CYO ATHLETIC OFFICE  
7911 DETROIT AVENUE, CLEVELAND, OHIO 44102  
CYOBISHOPROGERGRIESFUND@CCDOCLE.ORG**

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# BISHOP ROGER GRIES GOOD SHEPHERD FUND

## GRANT APPLICATION

Organization name:	
Organization address:	
Project name:	
Application type:	
Contact person:	

Phone:	E-mail:
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Has your organization previously submitted a request?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>  NO <input type="checkbox"/>	IF YES WHEN? Date: _____
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Number of people to be impacted by grant:	
For what purpose will the grant be used?	
Nature of program/project & how project will assist in meeting this need.	

<b>Approval Signatures (must be signed)</b>	<b>Date:</b>
Member Athletic Director: _____	
Member Administrator: _____	

**TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**





The Bishop Roger Gries CYO Good Shepherd Fund was established in 2007 to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CYO in the Diocese of Cleveland. It provides resources to CYO programs for youth in need. CYO in the Diocese of Cleveland has never turned a child away due to a lack of financial resources. The Good Shepherd Fund allows CYO to continue that extraordinary commitment to children and families throughout the Diocese.

The Bishop Roger Gries CYO Good Shepherd Fund provides supplementary funding for athlete participation, sports equipment, uniforms, facilities, and leadership training for program leaders for CYO programs in need.

The Bishop Roger Gries Good Shepherd Fund allows CYO to continue to build the CYO legacy for children for generations to come. Since its inception, more than \$720,000 in grants have been awarded!

### ***GRANTS AWARDED DURING THE 2026 JUNE MEMBERSHIP CONFERENCE:***

- St. Vincent de Paul
- St. Mary of the Falls
- Mary Queen of Peace
- St. Thomas Aquinas
- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- St. Bartholomew

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL RECIPIENTS!**

Information can be found on the CYO website - [ccdacle.org/cyo](http://ccdacle.org/cyo) under "About Us"

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# CLEVELAND BROWNS

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# CYO PARTNERS



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BROWNS**



# University Hospitals Drusinsky Sports Medicine Institute



The sports medicine experts at UH Drusinsky Sports Medicine Institute and UH Rainbow Babies & Children's are committed to providing world-class care for young athletes, delivered by specialists and subspecialists who are fellowship-trained in sports medicine. With UH Drusinsky Sports Medicine Institute as the official health care provider for CYO athletics, participating athletes, parents and coaches benefit from our multifaceted approach to sports medicine, quick access to our sports medicine physicians, and educational resources for athletes of ages. [UHHospitals.org/SportsMedicine](https://UHHospitals.org/SportsMedicine)

## Safe and Effective Strength Training

Children and adolescents require highly specialized care that considers their age, stage of growth and performance levels. Because their bones, muscles, ligaments and joints are still growing, the physiology of youth athletes is vastly different from that of adults. University Hospitals follow guidelines set forth by the American Academy of Pediatrics for safe and effective strength training in young athletes.

Watch our age appropriate strength training videos and learn more at [UHHospitals.org/YouthSports](https://UHHospitals.org/YouthSports)

## Access to Our World-Class Sports Medicine Team

When sports injuries occur, accurate diagnosis and treatment are crucial to avoiding long-term growth or developmental effects. As the official partner of CYO athletics, athletes have quick access to world-class primary care sports medicine and orthopedic sports medicine physicians. If an injury occurs, you can contact one of the offices below:

Scan the QR codes to make an appointment

### EAST SIDE



**Austin Haines, DO**  
216-286-0056



**Micheal Salata, MD**  
216-285-6032



**James Voos, MD**  
216-844-1953



**Amanda Weiss Kelly, MD**  
440-940-4434

### WEST SIDE



**Laura Goldberg, MD**  
440-940-4434



**Yianni Apostolakos, MD, MPH**  
216-415-8541

### SOUTH REGION



**Dan McFarland, MD**  
216-844-0516



**Jake Calcei, MD**  
216-286-7594



UH Drusinsky Sports Medicine Institute is proud to partner with T3 Performance, a premier athlete training provider. T3 Performance offers speed, strength and skill training for athletes of all ages from beginner to advanced. T3 uses research-backed training methods to support injury prevention, in-game speed and power development. Take your game to the next level with individual or small group performance training sessions.

[UHHospitals.org/T3Ahuja](https://UHHospitals.org/T3Ahuja)

[T3athlete.com](https://T3athlete.com)



# INCIDENT MANAGEMENT PROCESS



Report an Incident

SUBMIT GAME/PRACTICE INCIDENT



## Report Incident Online



- All incidents must be reported in writing using the online form on our CYO website.

## Review submitted Incident Reports



- CYO Membership & Communication Coordinator (MCC) reviews submitted Incident reports.

## Email Communication



- MCC emails person who submitted report and copies Member AD.
- MCC emails all Member AD's involved.

## Member Response



- Important: MCC sends separate email to Member AD requesting a response within 24 hours.
- After receiving Member AD responses, incident assigned to CYO staff to investigate.

## Staff Follow up and Resolution



- CYO Athletic Staff investigates and determines proper course of action.
- Staff informs involved parties of final decisions regarding the incident.
- Staff logs incident results into the Master Incident Log to track for patterns.

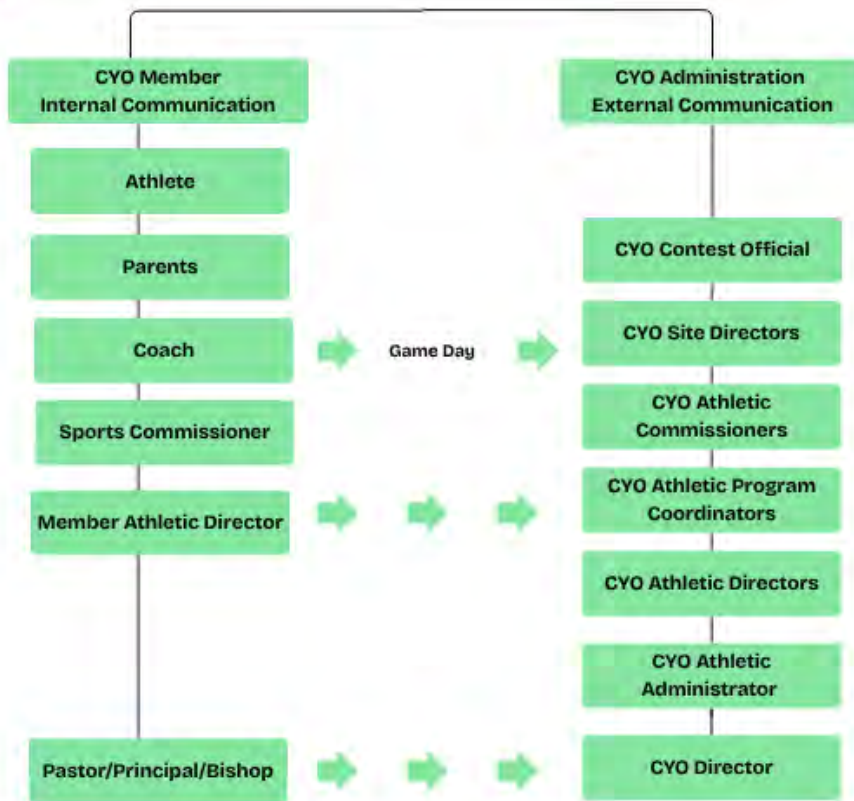
# INCIDENT REPORT TYPES

- Behavior/Misconduct
- Player, Coach, Fan Ejection
- Incident with Officials
- Injury or Concussion Protocol
- EMS Call to Site,
- Police Called to Site
- Media Involvement
- Facility related

1. Is this an emergency requiring immediate action? What? By Whom?
2. What happened? (write down without judging)
3. What is the context and where and with whom does it belong: Parish? Athletic Director? CYO Administration?
4. Has the issue been communicated directly to the correct parties?
5. What does the CYO Charter and Bylaws, and sport specific rules say?
6. What is the right thing to do morally, ethically, and legally?
7. How does our Catholic teaching, mission and values apply?

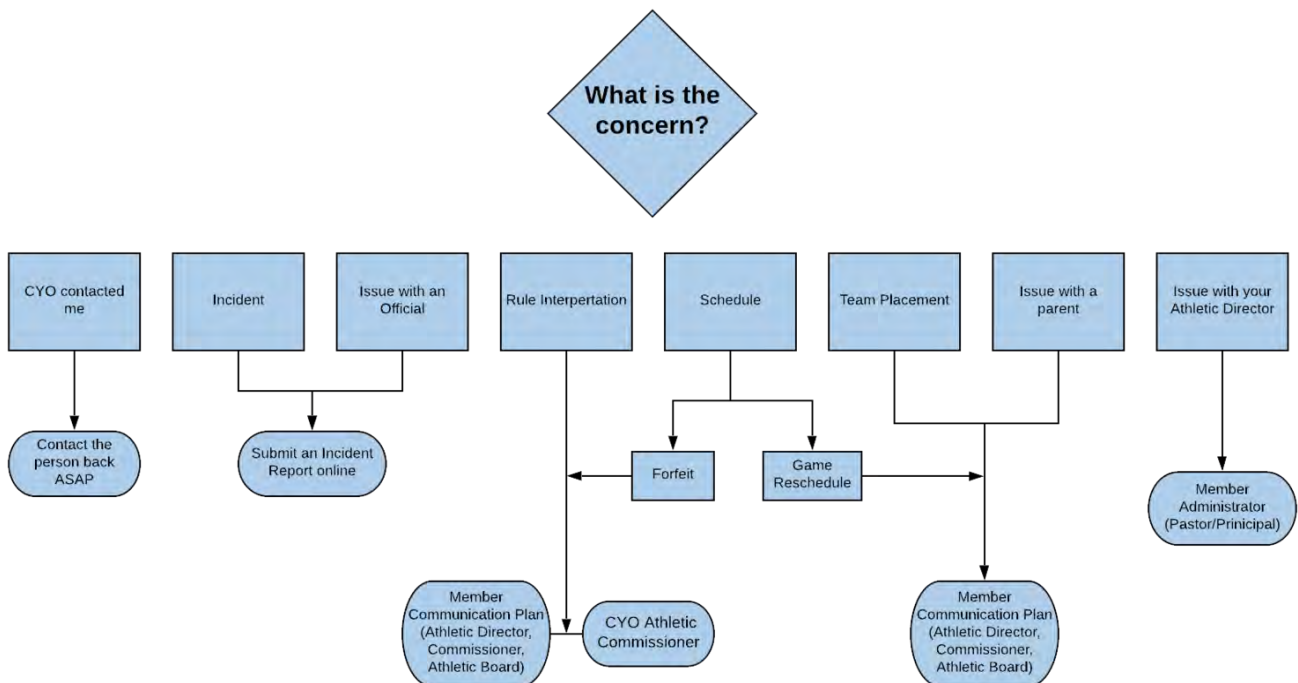


## CYO MEMBERSHIP COMMUNICATION PLAN



Note the Internal and External lines of communication. The situation will determine which line of communication the coach uses.

## HOW TO COMMUNICATE TO CYO AS A COACH



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## An Outline of LTAD

A physiological framework that proposes what youth athletes need to be doing at specific ages and stages in their development.

## The 10 key factors influencing LTAD

1. The 10-YearRule
2. The FUNdamentals
3. Specialization
4. Developmental Age
5. Trainability
6. Physical, Mental, Cognitive, and Emotional Development
7. Periodization
8. Calendar Planning for Competition
9. System Alignment and Integration
10. Continuous Improvement

### FUNDamentals Stage

Males 6-9 (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
Females 6-8 (3<sup>rd</sup> grade)

Overall movement skills  
 FUN and participation  
 General, overall development  
 Integrated mental, cognitive, and emotional development  
 ABC's of Athleticism: agility, balance, coordination and speed  
 Introduce simple rules of ethics in sport  
 Daily Physical Activity

### Learn to Train Stage

Males 9-12 (4<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
Females 8-11 (3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Overall sports skills development

Major skill learning stage: all basic sports skills should be learned before entering next stage

Integrated mental, cognitive, and emotional development

Introduction to mental preparation

Talent identification  
 Sport specific training 3 time a week; participation is other sports 3 times a week

### Train to Train Stage

Males 12-16 (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
Females 11-15 (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

"Building the engine"

Establish an aerobic base

Establish pre-competition, competition, and post-competition routines

Develop speed and strength toward the end of the stage

Further consolidate their basic sport-specific skills and tactics

Learn to cope with the physical and mental challenges of competition

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# WELCOMING ALL OF GOD’S BELOVED CHILDREN

CYO inspires young people to know God, love God and serve God through athletics. Through our neighborhood children program you have the opportunity to share all that CYO can offer a young person. Faith...Teamwork...Competition...Accomplishing a Goal...Winning...Losing...Friendship...Laughter...Memories... CYO can impact young people in a positive faith filled way for a lifetime. You have an amazing opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young people by inviting them into your program. Can you make the extra effort to offer a life changing opportunity for even a few students in your neighborhood community? When your time as Athletic Director is complete it could be one way you made a big difference in the life of a young person! CYO encourages and challenges you to make a difference today!

## BY THE NUMBERS 2025-26

### Membership Participation of Neighborhood Children

- Total Children served – 116
- Turned in ME forms – 72
  - All Seasons – 48
  - 2/3 seasons – 0
  - 1/3 Seasons – 1
- Members Not Participating – 19

### Breakdown of Neighborhood Children participation.

Season	# of Members w/athletes submitted	# of Boys	# of Girls	Total Athletes
Fall 2025	10	17	65	82
Winter 2026	3	23	11	34
Spring 2026	0	0	0	0

#### Fall Sports

Sports	Volleyball	Flag Football	Cross Country	Cheer	Soccer	Rookie Tackle
# participants	61	10	10	0	0	1

#### Winter Sports

Sports	Basketball	Cheer
# participants	34	0

#### Spring Sports

Sports	Track & Field	Baseball	Volleyball
# participants	0	0	0

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# AGREEMENT

Member Administrator      Athletic Director



# SEASON

Fall, Winter, Spring, All      None



# REGISTER WITH PARISH

Open to all      No team - they cannot register



# SUBMIT ATHLETE DATA TO CYO

Pending until approval      Cannot practice until approved



# ONCE APPROVED

Can add/sync to eligibility roster      Athlete can begin to practice

NEIGHBORHOOD CHILDREN MAY NOT BEGIN TO PRACTICE BEFORE APPROVAL.





# Fact Sheet

## WHO CAN I INVITE?

*Neighborhood children who live within your parish boundaries of the sponsoring member.*

## HOW DO I KNOW WHERE MY PARISH BOUNDARIES ARE?

<https://tinyurl.com/msnybwmt>

## WHAT IS THE DEADLINE TO REQUEST APPROVAL FOR MY NEIGHBORHOOD CHILDREN?

*All CYO registration deadlines apply to neighborhood children.*

## CAN A SCHOOL MEMBER REGISTER NEIGHBORHOOD CHILDREN? *No*

## CAN A HIGH SCHOOL MEMBER REGISTER NEIGHBORHOOD CHILDREN? *No*

## WHAT IF A NEIGHBORHOOD CHILD APPROACHES ME AND I DO NOT SPONSOR THAT SPORT? DO I SEND THEM TO ANOTHER MEMBER IN MY SECTION?

*If you do not sponsor the sport or a team, your neighborhood children are not eligible in another zone or section. If they are from your neighborhood, they cannot play for another neighborhood.*

## WHAT HAPPENS IF I CAN ONLY ACCEPT A FEW NEIGHBORHOOD CHILDREN AND SEVERAL REGISTER?

*You must accept all those who register; you cannot pick or choose some but not others.*

## CAN A PARENT OF A NEIGHBOR CHILD COACH?

*Yes, they must comply with the bylaws and be appointed by the Athletic Director.*

## WHAT HAPPENS IF I KNOW ANOTHER MEMBER IS VIOLATING THE AGREEMENT?

*Report them through the CYO Incident Line on the website.*

## IF I HAVE A QUESTION, WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?

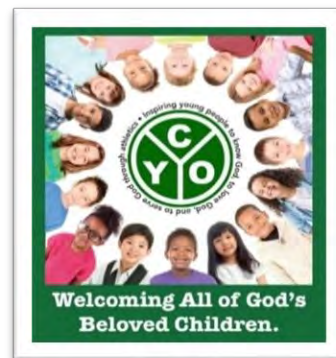
*Contact the Dave Stefanski, Program Coordinator, [David.Stefanski@ccdoacle.org](mailto:David.Stefanski@ccdoacle.org)*

## WHERE DO I REGISTER MY NEIGHBORHOOD CHILDREN FOR CYO APPROVAL?

### Neighborhood Children Submission

<https://forms.office.com/r/RcFiGvQPuE>

- *All fields are required.*
- *Please submit the athlete's street address, city, and zip code.*
- *One submission per athlete.*
- *You will be able to print answers after submitting.*



NEIGHBORHOOD CHILDREN MAY NOT BEGIN TO PRACTICE BEFORE APPROVAL.

# 2026 CYO Membership Conference

## Closing Prayer



St. Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)

*Christ Has No Body*

**We will read our closing prayer together out loud as a group.**

**Leader:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: AMEN**

Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which He looks  
Compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world.  
Christ has no body now but yours!

Amen!

May God bless as you as you empower your Parish/School/Program to live out the Mission of CYO!

Born in Spain, Teresa entered a Carmelite convent when she was eighteen, and later earned a reputation as a mystic, reformer, and writer who experienced divine visions. She founded a convent, and wrote the book *The Way of Perfection* for her nuns. Other important books by her include her *Autobiography* and *The Interior Castle*.

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