



Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Archdiocese of Newark, NJ



Saint John Paul II Youth Retreat Center / CYO Sports / Catholic Scouting / PJH / Summer Camp

CYO Athletics Coaches Covenant

(Please carefully read this document)

Coaches will be held responsible for . . .

- Conducting themselves in a Christian Manner that will reflect credit on their parish, school and CYO Athletics and ensuring team members and team followers (fans) do likewise – this includes facilitating before, after and during the contest, being good stewards of the facilities where we compete and intervening when behavior is not appropriate. This includes language and mannerisms.
- Teaching and guiding youth in a manner of sportsmanship that will increase their respect for authority, their sense of fair play, and their ability to adapt to the wins and losses of everyday life.
- Respecting the judgment of officials, before, during and after a sporting event.
- Conducting a preseason parents/coaches meeting to ensure that everyone thoroughly understands the responsibilities of coaches, parents, and athletes.
- Attending the preseason coaches meeting at the time and place designated by the school/parish AD or Committee Head.
- Satisfying the Coaching Eligibility Requirements, - including Safe Environment requirements of background checks, volunteer application on file, PGC is up to date. (It is recommended for Coaches to consider attending a Rutgers SAFETY clinic).
- Making sure the proper roster form is filled out and submitted to the parish/school program director with eligible players.
- Understanding that players **MAY ONLY** be listed on ONE Roster.
- That the use of an ineligible player(s) either deliberately or unknowingly shall result in a forfeiture of each game in when the player(s) took part.
- Ensuring pre-game statement and pregame prayer takes place.
- Not scheduling any practices that will conflict with Liturgies or any Holy Days.
- Having First Aid supplies and ice packs at each practice and games and player Medical Emergency Forms for each athlete.
- Making sure EVERY athlete gets to play the minimum amount of time required.
- Ensuring only coaches that are cleared and listed on the roster are present on the team’s bench. No parents, friends, etc.
- **I have read and are fully knowledgeable of all aspects in the current OYYAM/CYO Athletics Handbook and specific county league rules, making sure that all rules and policies are faithfully observed and having a copy at all games.**
Initial: _____
- **Any violation of the items listed above may result in penalties such as suspensions or expulsion from all CYO sponsored events. (As listed in the OYYAM/CYO Athletic Handbook).**

I understand my responsibility and agree, as a volunteer coach, to obey all the policies, rules and regulations set forth by the OYYAM/CYO. I also understand the penalties that can be imposed upon me if I should violate any of these.

Coach Name: _____

Coach Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parish/School: _____

Coaches Covenants are to be submitted with Rosters and Team Forms