

**CYO SPORTS OR FUNCTION**  
**UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT GUIDELINES**

Any unsportsmanlike conduct by a spectator will be reported in writing to the CYO office within a reasonable amount of time from the date of the incident. The Athletic Director, Field/Gym Supervisor and/or official of a game shall file a written "Unsportsmanlike Conduct" report immediately following the game for any unsportsmanlike technical or conduct shown by a coach, assistant coach, scorekeeper or player.

The Executive Director of the CYO will review any report, make a decision regarding consequences stemming from the report, then contact the parties involved and inform them of his decision. His decision will be based on the following guidelines:

**A Coach, Assistant Coach, Scorekeeper, Player**  
**or Spectator SHALL NOT:**

- Disrespectfully address, bait or contact an official, or gesture in such a manner as to indicate resentment;
- Disrespectfully address, bait or contact a player, or gesture in such a manner as to indicate resentment;
- Attempt to influence an official's decision in any manner;
- Incite undesirable crowd reactions;
- Use profane or inappropriate language or obscene gestures;
- Object to an official's decision by rising from the bench or using gestures;
- Show disgust with an official's decision(s) in any manner;
- Display any other unchristian like behavior before, during, or after a game or function.

**Coach, Assistant Coach, Scorekeeper, Player Technical Fouls**  
**Suspension Determinants for any CYO Sport**

**1<sup>st</sup> infraction/technical** (coach, assistant coach, scorekeeper or player): The offender is required to remain on the bench during the rest of the game. This will result in a **two game suspension**; *If the infraction(s) occur(s) during the last game of regular season play, the penalty shall apply to tournament play; if the infraction(s) occur(s) during tournament play, the penalty shall apply in the next sports season.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> infraction/technical** (coach, assistant coach, scorekeeper or player): Whether the 2<sup>nd</sup> infraction/technical is in the same game or over two different game periods, it will result in a **permanent suspension for the year**. *If the infraction occurs during the last game of regular season play, the penalty shall apply to tournament play; if the infraction occurs during tournament play, the penalty shall apply in the next sports season. The Executive Director may, at his discretion, ban from any further or future participation in CYO activities anyone he deems not in keeping with the CYO Code of Ethics.*

I have read in its entirety the 'CYO Unsportsmanlike Conduct', and the 'Adult/Child Code of Conduct' guidelines on the reverse side, and fully understand that should I ever choose to disregard any of these guidelines before, during or after a game or function, I will accept the consequences imposed upon me by the CYO and/or it's representatives.

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(Player's signature)

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(Date)

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(Parent's signature)

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(Date)

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(Coach's signature)

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(Date)

## ADULT/CHILD CODE OF CONDUCT GUIDELINES

(Reverse side must be signed before returning to the CYO office.)

Adult evaluation is important and carries a great deal of significance with young people. The attitude shown at games by adults and children towards other children, the opposing teams, the officials, the coaches and their own players, influences a child's values and behavior immeasurably. Criticism and disrespect for players, officials, and opponents by over-anxious adults, over-protective parents or disrespectful children, more concerned with immediate success than long-term benefits, undermine the purpose of the Catholic Youth Organization program.

This additionally brings into the game stresses beyond those of normal competition. When young people cannot effectively cope with such stresses, it contributes to behavior not in keeping with the accepted ethical standards of the Catholic Youth Organization. Adults and children should remember the following:

- Children have more need of '*example*' than '*criticism*';
- Athletic participation for a child and others should be a positive experience;
- An attempt should be made to relieve the pressure of competition, not increase it;
- Children are easily affected by outside influences, especially adults or other children acting in an un-Christian-like fashion;
- Coaches are volunteers, giving of their personal time and, in many cases money, to provide a recreational activity for children;
- Coaches and officials provide a valuable service to the CYO program and the community with little reward for their dedication;
- Without opponents or opposing teams, a child could not participate in competition;
- Treating others with disrespect reflects on you, your family, and your school;
- Applauding good plays by both teams shows you are there 'for the kids' and the 'fun of competition', not your own self-gratification;
- Not questioning the judgment of a game official, whether you feel the official was right or wrong, is a symbol of fair play, integrity, and sportsmanship;
- Graciously accepting the results of each play, and each game, shows true sportsmanship;
- No one, in the possession of, or under the influence of, any drug and/or alcoholic beverage is allowed to participate in or attend any CYO games, practices or functions.

Any incident that is witnessed and reported to the Executive Director or any of his/her representatives of disregard for any part of this form will be cause for the offender to be dealt with as per the Un-sportsmanlike policy found in the CYO General Guidelines.

I have read both sides of this form and fully understand the consequences of my actions should I choose not to follow the guidelines listed. I will, to the best of my ability, abide by these '**Codes of Conduct**' while I am a part of the CYO program in any capacity as attested to by my signature on the front.