

# CYO CODE OF CONDUCT

## **COACHES:**

1. Encourage athletes in a positive manner; use the appropriate language to support an athlete's efforts.
2. Set an example of good conduct; maintain a wholesome and friendly rivalry between teams.
3. Give all athletes sufficient playing time.
4. Treat all with respect and dignity. Do not shout or make derogatory comments to athletes, coaches, parents, spectators or the officials. (Refs do not have to give you a warning before they call a technical foul.)
5. Do not humiliate an opponent by severely outscoring a team.
6. Be humble in winning and gracious in defeat.
7. A friendly handshake or positive comment to the opposing coach should be exchanged after a sport event regardless of the outcome.

## **PARENTS//SPECTATORS:**

1. Remain seated in the appropriate area during the sport event.
2. Make only positive comments to athletes, coaches, parents and officials. There is no place in CYO sports for booing and criticizing judgments made by the officials.
3. Parents should not interfere with their athlete's coach. They must be willing to give responsibility for their athlete to the coach during practices and sport events.
4. **Parents/spectators should not direct any comments or concerns to the game officials at any time.** These should be directed through the coaches, who shall direct those comments to the CYO team athletic director.

## **UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT:**

1. Each coach is responsible for the conduct of the team members, parents, and spectators. Any coach, athlete, parent or spectator may be cited for unsportsmanlike conduct by a sport event official, CYO athletic director, or CYO representative including but not limited to; staff, commission, board members, gym or site monitors.
2. At the time of the alleged infraction, the above named are empowered to remove the alleged offender from the facility. If the alleged offender(s) refuse to leave the facility, the sport event will be forfeited in the favor of the CYO team not involved in the infraction.
3. Within 48 hours a written report of the incident should be filed by the athletic directors and/or CYO official of both teams involved at the CYO office. (Refer to the Incident Report form at the back of the CYO Sports Manual).
4. The person cited must initiate contact with the CYO office and set up a meeting with the CYO Sport Director, CYO Executive Director and/or 2 members of the CYO Rules and Compliance Committee, before being reinstated to participate in the CYO Athletic Program. This meeting shall be called an Inquiry. At this Inquiry the CYO representative may decide if the alleged misconduct warrants further action. (Refer to Chapter IV, Section K, Sanctions).

**SCOREKEEPERS//TIMEKEEPERS//OTHER EVENT VOLUNTEERS:**

Scorekeepers, timekeepers and all other event volunteers are considered officials of the contest and should conduct themselves in an impartial manner throughout the sport event. They cannot be coaching the participants, yelling at the participants and/or officials, etc. They are encouraged to show appreciation for an exceptional play during the event.

**ATHLETES:**

1. Treat opponents with respect and dignity.
2. Give only constructive criticism and positive encouragement to teammates.
3. Do not swear or argue about an official's decision.
4. Play by the rules, play fair.
5. Behave with honesty, straight forwardness and a dignified attitude when others do not play fairly.
6. All teams at the conclusion of the sport event should exchange a handshake or cheer.