

## **Rev. 7/2023 – CYO Code of Conduct**

All persons associated with CYO—players, coaches, coordinators, spectators, and officials—must conduct themselves in a positive manner that exemplifies the Christian values we are fostering in our young people. These values include mutual respect and consideration of others.

### **Official Responsibilities:**

- The official will read the **CYO No Tolerance Policy** prior to every game.
- If the official does not read the policy, coaches are required to request that it be read.
- If the official refuses, please report the incident to the CYO office within 24 hours.

### **Bullying Policy:**

- Bullying in any form (emails, social media, speech, gossip, etc.) is prohibited in CYO.
- Violations will result in disciplinary action, including possible expulsion from the program.

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### **CYO No Tolerance Policy**

- All attendees of CYO activities must show good sportsmanship.
- You represent your parish and community, both home and away. Consider this your warning.
- Anyone not cooperating will be asked to leave the gym.
- **The CYO Discipline Committee will enforce this policy.**

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### **Guidelines for CYO Participants**

#### **Coaches, Coordinators & Moderators**

- Be a positive example on and off the playing area.
- Exhibit respect through your attitude and behavior.
- Use of crude or abusive language with players, opponents, officials, or spectators is prohibited.

- Respect the judgment of the officials. Behavior that incites players, opponents, or spectators will not be tolerated.
- Instruct players to respect officials.
- Encourage good sportsmanship and remove players from competition who demonstrate unacceptable behavior.

### **Athletes**

- Demonstrate self-control and mutual respect at all times.
- Use of crude or abusive language or gestures is prohibited.
- Accept victory with grace and defeat with dignity.

### **Spectators**

- Respect officials, coaches, and players, and extend all courtesies to them.
- Be quiet during moments when players need total concentration (e.g., free throws in basketball).
- Obey the regulations of the facility and grounds.
- Understand that individual programs are responsible for the conduct of their spectators, whether home or away.
- Confronting or verbally abusing officials, coaches, or players will result in disciplinary action by the CYO Discipline Committee.
- Spectators are not permitted on the court, field, track, or pool deck during an event.

**Note:** This list is not all-inclusive. CYO reserves the right to take disciplinary action for any behavior deemed unacceptable.