

V. CONDUCT & CHARACTER

A. Expected Behavior & Positive Cheering

All coaches, players, parents, spectators and others involved with a team in the CYO program are expected to conduct themselves in a Christian manner, teaching and guiding the youth with a sense of fair play, sportsmanship, and acceptance of winning and losing in accordance with Christian ideals and the objectives of the CYO program.

1. This is not accomplished in the following instances:
 - a. Use of profane language or gestures.
 - b. Vandalism or the destruction of property.
 - c. Verbal or physical abuse of players, opponents, officials or anyone affiliated with the CYO program.
 - d. Use of alcohol, drugs or tobacco before, during, or after a CYO affiliated contest.
 - e. Failure of the moderator to assume direct responsibility for the individual program.
 - f. Refusal to abide by the rules and decisions of the CYO Office.
 - g. Knowingly using an ineligible player.
 - h. Leaving the field or floor because of dissatisfaction with an official.
2. Good sportsmanship and proper conduct are integral parts of the CYO program. Any type of cheering, yelling or other similar actions which are done in a manner to disconcert or to be derogatory toward the opposing team or a specific opponent is considered inappropriate. Cheering and other support must always be positive in nature. Cheers and encouragement should always be directed toward your team and players to do well and NOT toward an opponent to fail.
3. Head coaches have the obligation to correct any assistant coaches, team members, parents, and/or spectators from his/her team for misconduct, foul language, etc.

B. Discipline

1. A coach, player, parent or spectator guilty of any flagrant or unsportsmanlike behavior will be penalized under the direction of the Director and/or Assistant Director of CYO Athletics, CYO Staff member(s), CYO Advisory Committee or the site supervisor.
2. The head coach is responsible for writing a game report and submitting it to the CYO Office if anyone associated with his/her team (including spectators) is ejected from a game. This must be done before that individual is allowed to attend and/or participate in another CYO contest. Failure to abide by this may result in a forfeit of a contest.
3. The coach, player, parent, spectator or team may be suspended from one game to the remainder of the season, or permanently if the offense warrants.
4. *Any CYO certified coach who allows someone else to wear his/her CYO lanyard will face suspension from the CYO program.*
5. All coaches and spectators must realize that since these are parish sponsored events which are taking place mostly at school facilities the "Safe Schools Ordinance" may be used against anyone guilty of violating it. Violations include, but are not limited to, physical contact or verbal threat to any game official, coach, participant or spectator. Upon conviction, the person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.