

St. Norbert CYO Code of Conduct

The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), through the vehicle of sports, provides youth with an opportunity to practice Christian attitudes and responsibilities and to become friends with other children throughout the diocese. CYO activities should be examples of the meaning of Christian sportsmanship. The guiding principle behind the enforcement of this code is that the behavior of everyone involved in CYO should enhance the children's enjoyment of the sport.

I. No CYO coach, athlete, or spectator is to:

1. Refuse to abide by an official's decision.
2. Be guilty of objectionable demonstrations by throwing equipment or any other forceful action.
3. Be guilty of heaping personal verbal abuse upon any official for any decision or judgment.
4. Be guilty of an abusive verbal attack upon any athlete, coach, and official.
5. At any time lay hands upon, push, shove, strike, threaten to strike, or physically attack an athlete, coach, official.

II. Coaches will:

1. Treat opposing coaches, players, game officials and all fans with respect.
2. Coach in a positive, sportsmanlike manner, reflecting Christian values.

III. Players will:

1. Treat opponents with respect; shake hands after contests.
2. Represent our Parish at all times by displaying positive, sportsmanlike behavior.
Play in a positive manner, reflecting Christian values. Do not bait or taunt opponents.

IV. Spectators will:

1. Be a role model by positively supporting teams and by not shouting instructions or criticism to the players, coaches or officials. Do not coach from the stands.
2. Remember that the players are children, who are playing for their enjoyment, not yours.

V. Penalties:

1. Penalties will be imposed in accordance with the CYO Athletic Ministry Handbook, and include suspension from games and possible suspension from CYO sports for one full calendar year.
2. A spectator who displays poor sportsmanship may be removed from the facility by a game official, team coach, a league official, or the host gym person-in-charge.

I have read the SNS CYO Code of Conduct. I agree to follow these guidelines in my participation in all CYO activities.

Signature of Coach

Date