

**STANDARD XII-C.**  
**CODE OF BEHAVIOR FOR CYO PARENTS**

I hereby pledge to behave in such a way as to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child as a participant in the CYO Sports Program. I will model the faith we profess by following this Code of Behavior. I pledge to:

- Witness values at home and on the field of play consonant with those of the CYO.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship towards all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, and other youth events.
- Place the emotional, spiritual, and physical well being of my child ahead of any desire to win.
- Ensure that my child plays in a safe and healthy environment.
- Support coaches and officials working with my child in their attempt to develop the faith formation component of the CYO Sports Program.
- Refrain from criticizing officials or coaches during and after games.
- Demand an environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and abusive language. My behavior will be a model for others.
- Remember that the game is a game for youth, not adults.
- Insist that youth sports are fun, not work, and encourage coaches to maintain that kind of atmosphere.
- Model for my child the way to treat other players, coaches, officials, and fans without respect to race, sex, creed, ability, or outcome of the game and insist that my child do the same.
- Involve myself in the program enough to feel comfortable about entrusting my child(ren) to those in charge.
- Understand my rights and responsibilities in CYO.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**STANDARD XII-A.  
CODE OF BEHAVIOR FOR FANS**

- ⊙ **Fans at CYO contests are encouraged to cheer for their children and their team.**

**BUT:**

- ⊙ **The CYO does not tolerate fans who use coarse, vulgar, or foul language**
- ⊙ **The CYO does not tolerate fans whose comments are personally demeaning or belittling to players, coaches, officials, or other fans.**
- ⊙ **The CYO does not tolerate fans whose enthusiasm carries over past the game and who harass others after the game.**
- ⊙ **The CYO does not tolerate fans whose enthusiasm carries over into physical acts of force (pushing, shoving, fighting, etc.) against anyone else at the contest.**
- ⊙ **CYO reserves the right to eject offending fans from CYO contests.**
- ⊙ **CYO reserves the right to ban offenders from CYO contests.**

**STANDARD XII-D.**  
**CODE OF BEHAVIOR FOR CYO PLAYERS**

I hereby pledge to behave properly as a participant in the CYO Sports Program. I will model the faith we profess by following this Code of Behavior. I pledge to:

- Demonstrate good sportsmanship at every game and practice and encourage fellow players, coaches, officials, and parents to do the same.
- Attend every practice and game that I can, and notify my coach in advance if I cannot attend.
- Do my very best to listen to and learn from coaches, officials, parents, and fans without respect to race, sex, creed, or abilities, and I expect to be treated accordingly.
- Be a part of the team as a community, learning the values of good teamwork, helping and supporting one another, and caring about what happens to others.
- Have fun during my CYO sports experience and tell parents or coaches if it stops being fun.
- Play in a safe environment that is free from drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and abusive language and expect adults to refrain from their use at all CYO sports events.
- Encourage my parents to become involved with my team in some capacity because of its importance to me.
- Do my very best in school, in religious observances, in practices, as well as in games.
- Remember that CYO sports is an opportunity to learn and to grow and to have fun.
- Learn from any outcome, If I lose, I'll learn to understand the winner's joy and I'll try harder next time; and
- If I win, I'll understand the feeling of the losing players and I won't gloat.

Player's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **STANDARD XII-E. CODE OF BEHAVIOR FOR YOUNG<sup>1</sup> CYO PLAYERS**

I promise to behave like I should because I will play in the CYO Sports Program. I will do what I should and follow this Code of Behavior. I promise to:

- Be kind to everyone at every game and practice and help others to do the same.
- Go to every practice and game that I can, and tell my coach ahead of time if I cannot go.
- Do my very best to listen to and learn from coaches, officials, parents, and fans.
- Learn good teamwork, help each other, and care about what happens to others.
- Have fun at CYO and tell parents or coaches if it stops being fun.
- Play in a safe place that is free from drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and bad language.
- Ask my parents to do things with my team (even though they're busy) because it is so important to me.
- Do my very best in school, in religious services, in practices, and in games.
- Remember that CYO Sports is an opportunity to learn and to grow and to have fun.
- Learn from whatever happens, If I lose, I'll learn to understand how happy the winners are and I'll try harder next time; and
- If I win, I'll understand how sad the losing players feel and I won't show off.

Player's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>1</sup>Although no absolute definition of young is implied, the spirit and wording of this Code would be appropriate for most of the Tot (4-5) and Tiny (6-7) players