



Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry
Archdiocese of Newark, NJ



St. John Paul II Youth Retreat Center / CYO Sports / Catholic Scouting / PJH / Summer Camp

CYO Athletics Coach Covenant

Coaches will be held responsible for ...

- Conducting themselves in a Christian manner that will reflect credit on their parish, school and CYO Athletics and ensuring team members and team followers (fans) do likewise – this includes facilitating before, after and during the contest, being good stewards of the facilities where we compete and intervening when behavior is not appropriate. This includes language and mannerisms.
- Teaching and guiding youth in a manner of sportsmanship that will increase their respect for authority, their sense of fair play, and their ability to adapt to the wins and losses of everyday life.
- Respecting the judgment of officials. They are human also.
- Being knowledgeable of all aspects in the current OYYAM Athletics manual and specific county league rules, making sure that all rules and policies are faithfully observed and having a copy at all games.
- Conducting a preseason parents/coaches meeting to ensure that everyone thoroughly understands the responsibilities of coaches, parents, and athletes.
- Attending the preseason coaches meeting at the time and place designated by the school/ parish AD or Committee Head.
- Satisfying the Coaching Eligibility Requirements, - including Safe Environment requirements of background checks, volunteer application on file, PGC is up to date and having attend a Rutgers SAFETY clinic .
- Making sure the proper roster form is filled out and submitted to the parish/school athletic director with eligible players.
- Understanding that players MAY NOT play on more than ONE TEAM per league.
- That the use of an ineligible player(s) either deliberately or unknowingly shall result in a forfeiture of each game in which the player(s) took part.
- Making sure that the signed OYYAM Athletics Code of Conduct is on file within their parish or school for themselves and for each member of their team and their parent(s)/guardian(s).
- Ensuring pre-game statement and pre game prayer takes place.
- Understanding that the Authority of the Officials does not end at the end of the game. It continues til he or she leave the confines of the facility.
- Not scheduling any practices that will conflict with Liturgies or any Holy Days.
- Having first aid supplies (including ice or ice packs) at each practice and games and medical emergency forms for each athlete.
- Making sure EVERY athlete gets to play the minimum amount of time required .
- Having a copy of the Specific League Rules for that sport with them at all games/contests.
- Ensuring only coaches that are cleared and listed on the roster are present on the teams bench. No parents, friends, etc.

Coach Name _____

Coach Signature _____

Parish/ School _____

****Coaches Covenants are to be submitted with Rosters and Team Forms**