

Archdiocese of Seattle CYO Code of Conduct for Sports Participation

The Catholic Youth Organization is a program that, through the vehicle of sports, aids youth to become better Catholics and Christians and collaborate with other athletes throughout the Archdiocese. CYO collaborates with other programs including Athletes for a Better World to provide the best educational opportunities for all involved. It is with these goals in mind that we present the following agreement.

Because I have the opportunity and responsibility to make a difference in the lives of others, I commit to the following Code for Living. I will take responsibility and appropriate actions when I fail to live up to this code.

As an individual:

- I will try to develop my skills to the best of my ability and to give my best effort in practice and competition.
- I will compete within the spirit and letter of the rules of my sport.
- I will respect the dignity of every human being, and will not be abusive or dehumanizing of anyone either as an athlete or as a fan.

As a member of a team:

- I will place team goals ahead of personal goals.
- I will be a positive influence on the relationships on the team.
- I will follow the team rules established by the coach.

As a member of society:

- I will display caring and honorable behavior off the field and be a positive influence in my community and world.
- I will give of my time, skills, and money as I am able for the betterment of my community and world.

Remember (all spectators):

- That the players are children and are playing for their enjoyment, not yours.
To remain seated in the spectator area during all contests.
- To respect decisions made by contest officials.
- Be a role model positively supporting teams and not by shouting instructions or criticism to the players, coaches, or officials. Please do not coach from the stands!
- Make no derogatory comments or gestures to players, coaches, or fans of your own or the other team.
- Remember that the adults set the example for the behavior of their team's fans. If you see negative behavior, please try to appeal to their conscience at the appropriate time.
- Any spectator who interferes with the conduct of a CYO activity, at the discretion of the spectator's parish, league, or the Archdiocese of Seattle, be barred from attendance at subsequent CYO athletic activities.

Name of Athlete

Signature of Parent

Signature of Athlete

Signature of Athletic Director

Date