

GUIDELINES/RESPONSIBILITIES FOR OLG CYO COACHES

TO GOD:

- To teach his/her players to develop positive attitudes towards their opponents and to see Christ in one another.
- To teach his/her players to acknowledge that their talent comes from God. To set example by leading his/her team in prayer before the game and in thanksgiving after the contest.
- To set an example by worship ping with the members of his/her team during the course of the season and continuing to practice his/her religion throughout the year.

TO HIMSELF:

- To realize that a coach's actions speak louder than his/her words. At all times, the coach must be the master of the situation and not let the situation master him/her.
- To realize that sportsmanship is contagious. It is difficult for spectators to boo and hiss when they see the coach behaving with dignity, courtesy, and good manners toward the opponents and officials.
- To set a good example in his/her dress, his/her speech, and his/her actions. It is impossible for a coach to be a "do as I say but not as I do" individual.
- To constantly strive to improve his/her knowledge and technique by attending clinics, making use of professional literature, and pursuing advanced study.

TO THE PARISH:

- To assure the parish that he/she will provide equal opportunity for participation to all who indicate the desire to play.
- To inform the parish of the necessity of safety measures regarding physical examinations, proper and sufficient equipment, transportation, and adequate supervision during contests.

TO THE PLAYER:

- To be primarily responsible for the health, physical well-being, safety, and development of values, character and leadership.
- To establish high standards of conduct and behavior and to tolerate nothing else. These high standards of the team, the parish, and the coach cannot be compromised in order to win.
- To establish the tradition of good sportsmanship as a prime objective of everyone. The coach should never criticize a player publicly, or in the presence of the team.
- To keep physical contact/touching to a minimum of three things: handshakes, high fives, and fist bumps.

TO THE PARENT:

- To assure the parent that he is primarily concerned with the safety and protection of his/her child.
- To assure the parent that he is vitally interested in the development of the child as an individual, and as a team member.
- To inform the parent that he/she should refrain from interfering during practice or contests.

TO THE OPPONENTS:

- To endeavor to establish the best of relationships with the other team, regardless of the degree of rivalry.
- To insist that his/her team shake hands with their opponents before the contest and behave with courtesy at all times.
- To set the example of good sportsmanship by having the opposing coach and team publicly demonstrate their mutual good will at the end of the game.
- To set the example of good manners by having the winning coach and team make the initial overture.
- To never embarrass a colleague by deliberately running up a score.

TO THE OFFICIALS:

- To be business-like at all times in dealing with officials. The coach must have self-control and sufficient emotional stability to realize that the official sees the play through impartial and unbiased eyes.
- To maintain a clear understanding regarding the procedure to be followed in an on-the-spot interpretation, if it is necessary.
- To refrain from any criticism of the officials at the end of the contest and address his/her comments to the Officials Association through the CYO Athletic Director.

TO THE SPECTATORS:

- To set the climate of behavior for the spectators.
- To demonstrate, through his/her own behavior, that he/she values self-restraint, fair-play, and sportsmanlike conduct, while in no way lessening the importance of his/her team's winning the contest.
- To assume responsibility for the conduct of the followers of his/her team and to exert every effort to assure their proper and sportsmanlike behavior.

Coaches Conduct

1. PROBATION - A coach may be put on probation by the CYO Board at any time. Cause may include, but is not limited to: abusive language, poor sportsmanship, running up a score, inability to control his/her team and/or the spectators and ejection from a CYO game.

2. SUSPENSION - A coach may be put on suspension by the CYO Board at any time. If a coach on probation does not improve his/her conduct, he/she will be suspended immediately until a hearing can be conducted. The coach will be given every opportunity to justify his/her conduct. The length of the suspension will depend on the action involved.

3. PERMANENT EXPULSION - Incidents involving conduct of a serious nature could result in permanent expulsion from CYO coaching and possibly result in criminal charges being brought against the coach.

4. A coach suspended in a season who, after returning to his/her team, breaks another rule, which would warrant suspension, will be expelled from coaching in the CYO.

**** Members of the Board can and will attend any practices and/or games to check in with coaches.**