



CYO Basketball Guidelines in an Active COVID-19 World

In order to ensure the highest standard of safety for children, families and coaches as well as meet our new public health obligation, we are implementing physical and procedural changes to CYO. We are currently developing a full COVID-19 operations plan that will incorporate the following guidelines:

1. Adhere to best practices and recommendations from public health officials and those of the public and private schools whose fields/facilities we are using (this should be viewed as a minimum standard to comply with). CYO teams can ONLY play on fields or in facilities of public, private, Catholic schools that have filed their own onsite plan and NYS affirmation of compliance forms with NYS and required regulatory authorities.
2. All CDC, NYSDOH, and local guidelines will be adhered to.
3. Coaches, players, and officials must stay home if they do not feel well.
4. Individual Parishes, in conjunction with the pastoral leadership, shall implement their own Covid protocols. Which shall be communicated by their CYO program to all visiting teams. Visiting teams MUST comply with these protocols.
5. Coaches are responsible for compliance with these protocols at each game amongst themselves, assistant coaches, players and guardians/parents. Failure to comply with these protocols by any coach, player or guardian/parent will result in a forfeit of the game by the team of the non-compliant coach.
6. Waiver of liability language should be updated to include risk of exposure to COVID19.
7. Referees will have the full discretion to ask a player NOT to play the game if the Referee believes that the player is exhibiting signs of sickness. Referees also have full discretion to end a game if a coach is not enforcing the protocols or parents enter the gym in violation of home parish protocols.
8. Socially Distant Mask breaks half way thru each quarter (30 seconds x 4 quarters called by referee) will take place in Parishes that require masks on players. During these games each coach will have (2) full timeouts and (1) 30 second timeout in addition to the (4) Mask Breaks.

