

OAKLAND DIOCESE CYO SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The Oakland Diocese Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), as a part of the larger community of faith in the diocese that embraces technology, recognizes the following:

- ❖ Words transmitted using the Internet and related technologies are published materials, available for worldwide access, and are public documents;
- ❖ The values of dignity and respect for every person apply to all of our interactions with each other – in person at games, practices and events, or by virtual means;
- ❖ Using technology to publish opinions which are obscene, work against the values of dignity and respect of each person, or bring harm to the individual as well as to our CYO community are contrary to the mission of CYO.

The Diocese of Oakland CYO discourages players, coaches, spectators and family members from using technology in irresponsible ways relative to their CYO participation. CYO will hold all users responsible for their published words if they adversely affect individual teams, parishes and schools, leagues, sports officials, team members and families. Those affiliated with CYO who use technology in ways that are contrary to our mission will face disciplinary action, up to and including suspension/dismissal.

