

Catholic Youth Organization Mission Statement

The Catholic Youth Organization, a ministry of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, exists to deepen relationships with Jesus Christ and one another, to celebrate the God-given talents of each individual and to enhance the faith formation and personal development of youth by providing athletic, camping and enrichment opportunities.

Officials Code of Conduct

The CYO has established codes of conduct for coaches, players, and parents. This officials code of conduct is meant to work in conjunction with these other codes of conduct to support and enable officials during CYO athletic contests.

1. Officials shall master both the rules of the game and the mechanics necessary to enforce the rules and shall exercise authority in an impartial, firm, and controlled manner.
2. Officials shall set the right example and promote good sportsmanship through their behavior and attitude at all CYO athletic contests.
3. Officials shall uphold the honor and integrity of the profession by making no derogatory comments or gestures and will not use foul language toward players, coaches, or spectators.
4. Officials shall refrain from yelling criticism at student-athletes and their coaches or team or any spectators at the event.
5. Officials shall not threaten any coach, player, or spectator.
6. Officials shall assist in providing student-athlete safety and welfare.
7. Officials shall avoid the use of alcohol and tobacco products beginning with the arrival at the game site until departure from the game site.
8. Officials shall be punctual and professional in the fulfillment of all game assignments they have accepted.
9. Officials shall prepare themselves both physically and mentally for each game, dress appropriately and conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the high standards of the Catholic Youth Organization.
10. Officials shall allow both teams to pray before each game and join with the teams in pre-game prayer if so desired.
11. Officials shall stand and face the flag with a respectful demeanor during the National Anthem, when played, along with all players and coaches. Failure to do so will result in a one game suspension.
12. Faith Formation is the #1 priority in all CYO activities. The behavior of the officials, coaches, players, and parents should reflect this.