

**ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE – CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION
PARENT/SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT 2008-2009**

The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) is an extension of the ministry of Archbishop Brunett. Through the vehicle of athletics – the primary goal of CYO Seattle Athletics is to help our youth increase their awareness of the presence of God in all athletic endeavors. Program goals are threefold – to increase the self-confidence and self-reliance of each youth, to increase the interpersonal competence of each youth, and to help all youth increase a sense of caring towards others. CYO Seattle Athletics activities should be examples of the meaning of Christian sportsmanship. The guiding principle behind the enforcement of the Parent Code of Conduct is that the behavior of everyone involved in CYO Seattle Athletics should not detract from the enjoyment of the sport.

Parents/Spectator

Acceptable standards of parent/spectator behavior include:

- Remember that the players are youth and are playing for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Where possible – spectators are to remain seated in the spectator area during the game.
- Respect decisions made by the activity officials and referees.
- Be a role model by positively supporting teams and by not shouting instructions or criticisms to the players, coaches, or official. **Do not coach from the stands or sidelines.**
- Make no derogatory comments or gestures to players, coaches, parents of the opposing team, official/referees and CYO commissioners and administrators.

Penalties:

- Participating teams and their coaches are responsible for the conduct of their spectators/parents.
- Any spectator/parent who displays poor sportsmanship may be removed from the event by an official/referee, their team coach, a host-site gym supervisor, a CYO Seattle Sports Commissioner, or a CYO Seattle Administrative Official.
- Any spectator/parent who interferes with the conduct of a CYO Seattle Athletic event may, at discretion of the spectator's/parent's parish or the CYO Seattle Archdiocesan Athletic Advisory Board, be barred from attendance at subsequent CYO Seattle Athletic activities.

ENFORCEMENT OF THE PARENT/SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

The parishes, under supervision of the CYO Seattle Archdiocesan Office, shall enforce this code. Complaints regarding violations of this code must first be brought to the attention of the Parish Athletic Director (PAD) of the parishes/schools involved. Coaches, participants or parents/spectators may be placed on probation or suspended from CYO Seattle Athletic activities for their actions. All parents must sign this Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct for their child/children to be eligible to participate in CYO Seattle Athletic events. Only one Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct is needed for each child for the entire CYO Seattle Athletic year.

I acknowledge that I have read the Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct and my signature indicates that I am willing to abide to these guidelines for the 2008-2009 CYO Seattle Athletic Season. If I do not agree to the CYO Seattle Archdiocesan Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct – I recognize that my child will not be allowed to participate in any 2008-2009 CYO Athletic events. I am aware that a signed Parent/Spectators Code of Conduct will be kept on file with the Parish Athletic Director (PAD) for the current CYO Athletic year.

This Code of Conduct will cover each sport my child participates in for the 2008-2009 CYO Seattle Athletic Season.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

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Parish/School

Date

Names of Children