

What is the role of the parish AD/DSM?

The parish Athletic Director (AD) or Director of Sports Ministry (DSM) is responsible for the administration and management of parish teams and players participating in the CYO program. This includes:

- Selecting coaches
 - Determining the number of teams
 - Creating rosters
 - Managing team conflicts
 - Communicating with parents
 - Coordinating practices
 - Procuring equipment and uniforms
 - Resolving any conflicts within the parish setting
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Why can't schedules be posted earlier?

Except for makeup games, all schedules are released no later than 7 days prior to each game day. Unlike other recreational leagues, CYO reseeds 5th–8th grade basketball and volleyball teams based on preseason results, which prevents the publication of a full season schedule in advance. This reseeding ensures teams play at the appropriate level, providing a better experience for everyone. Representatives from each parish meet to review results and determine division placements for both regular and postseason. The CYO staff does not vote or influence these decisions; seeding is determined solely by the committee in attendance. Additionally, CYO incorporates parish and school scheduling conflicts, requiring extensive coordination. For example, last basketball season involved hundreds of conflicts among over 300 teams at 25 sites. This is the main reason schedules cannot be released earlier than 7 days before the start date. This year there were 435 teams, 33 courts, and over a thousand conflicts from parish, school, and personal requests. We also work to maximize home games for each team. Another factor delaying schedule release is the deadline for Late Registration and Parish Team Files. Scheduling (except for Cross Country and Track) cannot begin until all Parish Team Files are received, as late registrations can affect team composition.

Gate Entry Fees

Entry fees are collected and held by the hosting parish to offset the costs of running their CYO programs. Because of this, a season pass purchased at one parish cannot be used at another. Whether credit cards are accepted varies by parish; currently, no parishes are known to accept credit card payments, though some offer alternative payment options. CYO does not receive gate entry fees from any parish.

Why does CYO seem more expensive compared to parks and rec programs?

CYO is a nonprofit, self-funded organization relying on registration revenue. We do not receive funding from the Archdiocese or other entities. We do receive some donations from sponsors and the Catholic community, which help fund scholarships costing approximately \$35,000 annually. What sets CYO apart is our focus on faith, fun, and community. CYO parish teams provide multiple practices per week, supply equipment and uniforms, and often offer more games than local parks

and rec programs. Our fees are comparable to other outside programs and have not significantly increased since 2018.

How can officials be held accountable for their performance?

Feedback on officials can be submitted online through the CYO website. All comments are reviewed and followed up on with Officials' Assignors. Officials are contracted and are not CYO employees. Evaluate officials here:

<https://cyojwa.org/content/16778/Evaluation>

How effective is the Regional CYO office in communicating with parents?

Survey responses vary; some feel we communicate too much, others too little. CYO communicates with parents directly and through coaches, AD/DSMs, and our website.

Weather Updates

Relevant weather updates are posted on our website, weather line (913-229-6215), and sent via email to parents, coaches, and AD/DSMs. Decisions to play or cancel are made on game day, with announcements by 4:00 pm on weekdays and 6:00 am on Saturdays (or as conditions require). We monitor outside programs but do not always cancel our games when other leagues do. CYO follows KSHAA weather guidelines:

<https://cyojwa.org/content/14905/WEATHER-LINE>

Explain how CYO works

CYO, under the direction of the Archbishop and the CYO Executive Board, provides athletic programs to help youth grow in Christ through sports. We are committed to honesty, fair play, and safeguarding participants while maintaining public confidence in the integrity of our contests. The CYO staff coordinates daily with AD/DSMs, coaches, parents, parish administrators, supervisors, officials, public schools, partner organizations, and vendors to ensure a successful season. Parish AD/DSMs coordinate sports at the parish level, and the CYO staff works with them to facilitate programs. For parish-or sport-specific questions, please contact your AD/DSM directly:

<https://cyojwa.org/content/20986/ADDSM-Parish-contact>

Do you have a question about your parish program?

Contact your AD/DSM here:

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Schedule Conflicts

CYO only considers parish and school-related conflicts submitted by each parish AD/DSM prior to schedule creation. We cannot accommodate conflicts involving non-CYO sports. Additionally, CYO cannot reschedule individual ("one-off") games due to insurance, staffing, and location availability requirements. Requests to reschedule games often create scheduling gaps and complicate officials and staff coordination. Teams may swap games with other teams playing on the same day if all teams agree. For additional information, visit the Game Swap page:

<https://cyojwa.org/content/20963/Game-Swap>

Where can we read the Rules of Competition?

The parish AD/DSMs are responsible for defining, changing, voting on, and approving all CYO sports rules. The CYO Executive Director enforces rules only. If you have concerns about existing rules,

please discuss with your AD/DSM before contacting CYO staff. Rules of Competition can be found here:

<https://cyojwa.org/content/20958/Rules-of-Competition>

How is religion integrated into each game?

A prayer is said before each sporting event. Coaches and parents reinforce spirituality with players in each sport. Our Rules of Competition require all CYO coaches to be Christian people of good character who: 1) have respect for the participants under their care as well as respect for other coaches, participants and officials; 2) consider participation above winning; 3) provide leadership, and an example of Christian sportsmanship.

Refunds

Submit refund requests here:

<https://cyojwa.wufoo.com/forms/m6submw0hkbe79/>

Is sportsmanship part of the competition?

Absolutely. There is a zero-tolerance policy for unsportsmanlike behavior by players, coaches, or parents at any event. See the Rules of Competition for details.

Why schedule Friday night games when there are Friday night high school games?

Friday games accommodate parish conflicts and coaches who manage multiple teams, and due to limited Saturday space.

Who to contact regarding parish team practices, tryouts, rosters, and coach selections?

Contact your parish AD/DSM directly. CYO is not involved with parish practices, tryouts, coach selections, or team roster creation.