

Coaches' Eligibility

The volunteer coach for a parish sports program must seek to integrate sports with the parish's comprehensive youth ministry program. Prior to beginning, this person must be in compliance with the Diocesan Safe Environments Policy and must complete the online Coaches' Accreditation Program.

Coaches' Accreditation

The **National CYO Sports** (www.nationalcyosports.org) empowers athletic leaders to animate the Gospel values in Catholic youth sports, encouraging young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Catholic Coaches Education Program helps to provide coaches with competencies necessary to be up to the task. The National CYO Sports has partnered with the **American Sport Education Program** (www.asep.com) to provide online training and certification for all Catholic coaches.

Coaches are required to complete or renew: **"Catholic Coaching Essentials"** every three (3) years.

Annual CALENDAR

Sept. Contact Persons Mtg.

CYM BASKETBALL

Oct. Pre-season Coaches Mtg.

Nov. Scheduling Meeting
Registration Forms Due

Dec. Season Begins

Feb. Diocesan Playoffs

March State Tournament

CYM SOFTBALL

March Pre-season Coaches Mtg.

April Scheduling Meeting
Registration Forms Due

May Season Begins

July Diocesan Playoffs

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CYM SPORTS LEAGUE



Catholic youth ministry for high school students in grades 9-12.

"Every athlete exercises discipline in every way. They do it to win a perishable crown, but we an imperishable one."

1 Corinthians 9:25

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The Purpose & Mission of the CYM Sports League



The CYM Sports League seeks to evangelize through athletics. Together, we seek to integrate Gospel values in all our competitions.

We strive to provide effective youth ministry while having fun!

“Our athletics should go hand in hand with our youth ministry. Sport well understood and practiced contributes to the whole person because it demands generous effort, careful self-control, mastery of self and respect for others, complete commitment, and team spirit.” Pope John Paul II

Our focus is not on winning at all costs, but on doing our best, improving our skills, and practicing the values of our faith. We invite parishes to make the most of the opportunities athletic competition provides for the faithful to minister with, by, and for young people.

Basketball

League Fee: \$150.00

P.I.A.A. Rules of Play

- ★ **Boys Varsity**
- ★ **Girls Varsity**
- ★ **Boys Junior Varsity**



Co-ed Softball

League Fee: \$150.00

A.S.A. Rules of Play

- ★ **Co-ed Varsity**



Team Eligibility

Catholic parishes within the Diocese of Pittsburgh who appoint a “Contact Person” and fulfill all league requirements are welcome to participate.

Player Eligibility

High school students enrolled within the boundaries of the Diocese of Pittsburgh who do not play for their school team and fulfill league requirements are welcome to participate.

Sports Prayer

Almighty God, You are the source of all our gifts and talents. As participants in CYO sports, please help us to represent you, as members of the Body of Christ, in our attitudes, competition, and actions. Protect us from all injuries and give us the strength to play our best using sound strategies in a fun, fair, and competitive way. Help us to respect all that are here today; parents, fans, coaches, teammates, opponents, and officials. Guide the coaches and officials to aid us in playing in a Christ-like manner. Amen.

Devann Brunn,
St. Bonaventure Parish 2007

Did You Know?

The CYO Sports Program was officially established in the Diocese of Pittsburgh in the 1950s under Bishop John Dearden.

