

**CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION
ATHLETIC PROGRAM**

LEAGUE MANUAL



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GENERAL INFORMATION/MEMBERSHIP

All Catholic Parishes or Catholic Elementary Schools/Academies within the Archdiocese of Detroit have the privilege of being members of the Catholic Youth Organization. Members may remain in good standing, providing they abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the CYO.

The CYO Athletic Program Director will schedule events and administer the rules and regulations.

SPORTSMANSHIP

An act of conducting oneself in a true Christian manner regardless of any and all extenuating circumstances. The Parish/School will be held responsible for the behavior of its coaches, students, participants, and spectators.

PURPOSE OF CYO ATHLETICS

1. To re-affirm and expand our commitment and involvement in the promotion of quality athletics for all of our member Parishes/Schools of the Archdiocese of Detroit.
2. To regulate competition among member Parishes/Schools of the Archdiocese of Detroit.
3. To provide opportunities for participation and competition based on the education and physical well being of all participants.
4. To insure a fair and equal opportunity for all member Parishes/Schools of the Archdiocese of Detroit and their participants to experience positive opportunities in athletics.
5. To promote safety, crowd control, sportsmanship and sports education.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The CYO Athletic Program Director shall be in control of all athletic contests and events. The Athletic Program Director shall have full authority to enforce and interpret all rules and regulations. The final decision on all matters not covered in the CYO league manual shall be decided by the Athletic Program Director.

SERVICES

Services provided to the members of the CYO:

1. Athletic programs are coordinated and implemented through the CYO Athletic Program Director. The Athletic Program Director, under the supervision of the CYO Executive Director, carries out the policies of the agency set by the CYO Board of Directors.
2. To assist Parishes/Schools of the Archdiocese of Detroit in planning and developing athletic programs by:
 - a. Building levels of competition.
 - b. Scheduling of league and assisting with non-league scheduling.
 - c. Contracting and assigning officials.
 - d. Assisting in obtaining athletic sites.
 - e. Promotion and management of play-offs and championship events.
 - f. In-service/education of coaches and athletic directors.

ROLE OF THE CYO ATHLETIC TASK FORCE

1. Recommend policy and procedure changes to the CYO Board of Directors.
2. Assess the recreational and athletic needs of elementary and junior high School aged youth within the six county area of the Archdiocese of Detroit.
3. Strive to develop and maintain a comprehensive athletic program, which respects the individual dignity of every athlete.
4. Maintain rules and regulations that ensure fairness in competition and safety for the athletes involved.
5. Respond to requests for modifications of rules and regulations from members of the CYO and other community organizations.
6. Maintain the promotion of Christian values, fair play, sportsmanship, and leadership consistent with the vision of the agency.
7. Seek the greatest good for the greatest number so as to ensure that competition is conducted in a sportsmanlike atmosphere.
8. Provide advice and support to staff in the achievement of objectives and monitor department progress in relation to the five-year plan.

Ad Hoc Sub-Committee:

(Members appointed by the Board of Directors President and the Athletic Task Force Chair).

1. Interpret eligibility and playing rules.
2. Review and issue rulings on protests and disputes.
3. Act as an appeal body, imposing and enforcing penalties for violations.

PASTOR/PRINCIPAL

The Pastor is the chief authority of their respective Parish/School and is directly responsible for the athletic program. The Pastor may designate the Principal as chief authority. It is the duty of the Pastor/Principal to derive from the athletic program a full measure of educational value in developing good sportsmanship.

PARISH/SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

The Parish/School Athletic Director is the official representative of the Parish/School activities. The Athletic Director represents the Parish/School coaching staff and athletes, implements and carries out the policy of administrating the Parish/School athletic program. The Athletic Director has the responsibility to conduct the Parish/School's athletic programs in accordance with league regulations.

CYO LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS

These rules and regulations apply to all member Parishes/Schools of the Archdiocese of Detroit for both boys and girls athletic competition. Parishes or Schools that sponsor teams voluntarily accept as binding all rules and regulations.

1. **Manager/Coach** of teams is responsible to the CYO Athletic Program Director, Pastor, Principal, and Athletic Director.
2. **Final management** is under the direction of the CYO.
3. **Video Taping** - Parishes/Schools not in an event or contest may not film or videotape contests/events. This applies to all member Parishes/Schools in competition against other member Parishes/Schools.

4. **Score reporting** – By Monday morning each Parish must send in the results of all CYO home games from the previous week regardless if you won or lost by mailing or faxing the CYO Weekly Home Game Score Report Sheet to:
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| CYO Athletics | | 313-963-9791 |
| 305 Michigan Avenue | <u>OR</u> | or |
| Detroit, MI 48226 | | 313-963-7179 |
5. **Coaches of teams:**
- Head Coaches must be 18 years of age or older - a person 18 years of age or older must be present at all activities (i.e. games, practices).
 - Coaching staff members may be reprimanded, censored, placed on probation or suspended for violation of the rules and regulations or for poor sportsmanship, by the CYO Athletic Program Director or Athletic Task Force.
 - Athletic Directors and Coaching staff members are required to attend scheduled meetings called by the CYO Athletic Program Director. Pastors/Principals will be notified of meeting attendance. Repeated absence could result in progressive penalties.
6. **Sportsmanship:**
- The Parish/School and its athletic staff will be held responsible for the behavior of its coaches, athletes and spectators. Principles of good sportsmanship and Christian values must be foremost in athletics.
 - Teams should not run up a score in any sport at any level. In one-sided games, it is ethical that the team with the advantage use substitution, altered play and sportsmanlike conduct to avoid injury, embarrassment and harassment of members of competing teams.
 - All athletes and parents/guardians should be informed of the specific expectations with regard to sportsmanship, conduct, and behavior. Forms are available from the CYO Athletic Office and are to be completed for every athlete and kept on file at the Parish/School.
7. **Officials:**
- The CYO shall assign all officials for league home contests in all sports, unless there is no assignor for that sport, then home teams will have to obtain their own officials. The CYO will also assign all non-league officials, with advance request. Home teams will have the option of obtaining their own MHSAA (FIFA - Soccer) registered officials for Baseball, Softball, Soccer, and Track.
- Home team pays officials no more or no less than the set CYO fees. In the event a contracted basketball official does not show up for a game, the home team shall compensate the official who works the game alone with additional monies totaling ½ the fee.
- The CYO does not view game video tapes to review officials' calls or interpretations of the rules.
8. **Registration Sheets:**
- Registration sheets as provided by the CYO, listing eligible players, must be submitted to the CYO office prior to the start of the season, signed by the Pastor/Principal, Athletic Director, and Coach. Caution should be exercised in completing registration forms with accuracy ensuring that only eligible players are listed.
9. **Schedules:**
- Date, time, and site of league contests shall not be changed after the Final Schedule is printed without the approval of:
 - CYO Athletic Program Director.
 - Payment of previous contracted officials to the League office.
 - Approval of competing teams.

- B. All changes in schedules must be approved by the CYO Athletic Program Director. In his/her absence the Assistant Director may grant approval.
- C. Cancellations of contests can only be made when emergency conditions exist and the cancellation or change is approved by the CYO Athletic Program Director.
- D. Any Parish/School not completing the scheduled league contests and league commitments (Play-offs, Tournaments, Meets, Matches, League, Non-league, or Cross-overs), may not be eligible for League Play-offs, Meets, Matches, Division Championships, and awards; and may be suspended, in all sports, from league schedules for one (1) year, or assessed other penalties.
 - 1. Parishes/Schools in violation shall not be allowed to compete with member Parishes/Schools in good standing.
 - 2. This rule encompasses all boys and girls sports.
 - 3. The CYO Athletic Program Director may approve and grant cancellation when judged necessary.
- E. Check with your competing team one (1) week in advance to see if all necessary arrangements have been made for your contest: time, place, seating, admission, color of jerseys, parking, locker rooms, crowd control, security, etc.
- F. It is a violation of CYO regulations for a Parish/School to schedule a contest in an attempt to alter the "next contest or day of competition penalty" imposed for ejection. Questionable judgements to the published schedule shall be determined by the CYO Athletic Program Director.
- G. Sunday Morning Game Policy - The CYO upholds the importance of worship and the responsibility of athletes to participate in Sunday liturgy which includes vigil masses offered on Saturday after 4:00 p.m. In order to further Catholic life and practice among athletes, the CYO will schedule games on Sunday after 12:00 p.m. If a game is to begin before noon, the Pastors of the competing CYO Parish/School teams are to agree to the starting time in writing. (Form to be submitted with team registration sheet).

10. Ejection:

Any player, coach or spectator ejected from one (1) game will serve a minimum mandatory suspension of at least one (1) game. Any player, coach or spectator receiving a second (2nd) ejection will serve a minimum mandatory suspension of at least two (2) games. The suspension will be served during the next regularly scheduled CYO game (including play-offs). Ejected athletes may attend the suspended game(s) in street clothes. Ejected adults are not permitted to attend suspended game(s). Parish/School Athletic Directors are responsible for monitoring ejection(s) and enforcing game suspension(s).

Any player, coach or spectator receiving a third (3rd) ejection will serve a mandatory suspension for the rest of the season.

11. Forfeits, Canceling a Sport or Team:

- A. Penalties for forfeits: A program once indicating participation in a sport, to the League office, failing to fulfill any scheduled contests may be fined. In the event any Parish/School forfeits more than three (3) contests in one (1) year, that team may not be eligible to compete in league championships at that seasons end or on a league championship basis for one (1) year, in that sport.
- B. Parishes/Schools canceling a sport, after the preliminary schedules have been printed, shall forfeit any entry fee.
- C. When a team is dropped after alignments have been printed the Pastor/Principal must sign and send a letter to the CYO Athletic Program Director stating the reason the team is discontinued. The Parish/School must also notify all opponents.

12. Financial:

- A. Passes: No passes will be honored, except the passes issued by the CYO Athletic Program Director. These league passes are to be honored at any game, either league or non-league and are to be used by the Coach/Administrator only.
- B. Admission Maximum Fees:

Students	\$2.00
Adults	\$3.00
Family	\$6.00 (optional)

Recommended: Children eight (8) and under be admitted FREE when accompanied by a parent. Members of the clergy are to be admitted without charge upon identification.

13. Limitations of Competition:

SPORT	SCRIMMAGES	DAILY LIMITATIONS	WEEKLY LIMITATIONS
Baseball	XXXXXXXXXXXX	2 games per day	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Basketball	XXXXXXXXXXXX	1 game per day	2 games per week
Bowling	XXXXXXXXXXXX	3 games per day	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Cheerleading	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Cross Country	XXXXXXXXXXXX	1 meet per day	2 meets per week
Football	1 pre-season 1 per week in-season	1 game per day	1 game per 5 days
Lacrosse	1 per week in-season	1 game per day	1 game per 5 days
Soccer	XXXXXXXXXXXX	1 game per day	3 games per week
Softball	XXXXXXXXXXXX	2 games per day	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Track	XXXXXXXXXXXX	1 meet per day	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Volleyball	XXXXXXXXXXXX	18 games per day	XXXXXXXXXXXX

◆ THE CYO WEEK IS DEFINED AS MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY

14. Tournament Participation:

All tournaments sponsored by CYO members must have the approval of the CYO Athletic Program Director and be registered with the League office. These rules apply to both 5/6th and 7/8th grade teams.

- A. Baseball & Softball Tournaments:
 1. No tournaments are permitted during the regular season.

2. One (1) pre-season and one (1) post-season tournament is allowed.
 3. No CYO team may participate in any post-season tournament as long as they are still participating in the CYO play-offs. Dual participation in post-season tournaments is prohibited.
- B. Basketball Tournaments:
1. One (1) pre-season, one (1) Christmas, and one (1) post-season tournament is allowed.
 2. Tournaments are limited to eight (8) teams and participating teams are limited to three (3) games.
 3. No games are permitted after the date of the Basketball Championships.
 4. No CYO team may participate in any post-season tournament as long as they are still participating in the CYO play-offs. Dual participation in post-season tournaments is prohibited.
- C. Soccer Tournaments:
1. No tournaments are permitted during the regular season.
 2. One (1) pre-season and one (1) post-season tournament is allowed.
 3. Tournaments are limited to eight (8) teams and participating teams are limited to three (3) games.
 4. No CYO team may participate in any post-season tournament as long as they are still participating in the CYO play-offs. Dual participation in post-season tournaments is prohibited.
- D. Track & Cross Country Invitationals:
1. No invitationals are permitted during the regular season.
 2. Teams may participate in one (1) pre-season invitational.
 3. 5/6th grade participants may participate in one (1) post-season tournament as long as they do not participate in the CYO Championship meet.
- E. Volleyball Tournaments
1. No tournaments are permitted during the regular season.
 2. One (1) pre-season and one (1) post season tournament is allowed.
 3. No tournament should exceed eight (8) hours in length or extend beyond 8:00 p.m.
 4. Tournaments are limited to twelve (12) teams.
 5. The number of games in a day may not exceed eighteen (18).
 6. No CYO team may participate in any post-season tournament as long as they are still participating in the CYO play-offs. Dual participation in post-season tournaments is prohibited.

15. Play-offs and Championships:

- A. A CYO member team, participating in play-offs, may not schedule a contest at play-off or championship sites without the written approval of the CYO Athletic Program Director.
- B. Parishes/Schools may not schedule any non-league contest at any level on the dates of play-offs or championships in that sport.

16. Awards:

A team trophy will be given to each Parish/School winning their respective division title. Awards may be picked up at the CYO office.

17. Eligibility: (Participants Membership/Enrollment)

The following athletes are eligible for CYO League Membership:

A. In Parish/School Ruling:

- 1. Registered Catholic members of a sponsoring Parish.
- 2. A student of a sponsoring Catholic Parish Elementary School.
- 3. A student of a sponsoring Archdiocesan approved Catholic Elementary School or Academy.

B. Out of Parish/School Ruling:

In the event that a member/student is not eligible under A. 1, 2, or 3 above:

A participant whose home Parish or School/Academy does not sponsor a sport is eligible to participate with an adjoining Parish or School/Academy under the following guidelines:

- 1. A statement verifying that the participant is registered in the adjoining Parish must be signed by the Pastor of the adjoining Parish (Form A) OR
- 2. A statement verifying that the participant attends the adjoining Catholic Parish Elementary School must be signed by the Principal of the adjoining School (Form A) OR
- 3. A statement verifying that the participant attends the adjoining Archdiocesan approved Catholic Elementary School or Academy must be signed by the Principal of the adjoining School (Form A).

FORM A: Must be submitted to the CYO Athletic Office along with the team registration sheets.

NOTE: The CYO Athletic Program Director is empowered to determine Parish/School eligibility when no adjoining Parish/School sponsors such an athletic program.

- 4. Once a participant qualifies and plays, under guidelines B. 1, 2, or 3, then for the balance of that School year, that participant MUST play all other sports for that same Parish/School if he/she qualifies under the exception. In the event, that same Parish/School does not sponsor a team in that later sport the participant may re-acquire eligibility under the exception. (A participant can only qualify and play in one adjoining Parish/School when the home Parish/School does not offer a particular sport).

When in doubt as to the eligibility of an athlete, check with the CYO Athletic Program Director after consulting the league manual. Parishes/Schools may not agree to waive any rule and play athletes who are not eligible.

- C. Registered Membership Limitations:**
No CYO player may be a registered member of more than one (1) Parish at the same time. In the event that a player is registered in two (2) Parishes, the CYO Athletic Program Director will determine which registration is valid and where the athlete is/was eligible.
- D. Dual Membership Ruling:**
In the event that a participant is qualified to play with both a Parish and School, that participant may initially choose to play with either, but must participate with the initial choice for the balance of the School year, for all later teams as long as the initial choice sponsors a team.
- E. Eligibility Requirements for CYO Purposes:**
1. Catholic is defined as a person who is baptized Catholic OR
 2. A person, according to the norms of RCIA:
 - a. Has celebrated the Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumenate OR
 - b. Preparing for reception into full communion with the Catholic Church who has celebrated the Rite of Welcoming.
- F. Age Limitations:**
1. Eighth Grade League: Players whose 15th birthday falls on or after September 1st of the current School year are eligible for the balance of the School year. Players cannot be enrolled in any grade higher than the eighth (8th) grade.
 2. Sixth Grade League: Players whose 13th birthday falls on or after September 1st of the current School year are eligible for the balance of the School year. Players cannot be enrolled in any grade higher than the sixth (6th) grade.
- G. Sport Registration:**
1. To be eligible, a player must be registered with the CYO.
 2. Registration sheets as provided by the CYO, listing eligible players, must be submitted to the CYO Office prior to the start of the season, signed by the Pastor, Athletic Director, and Coach. (Principal's signature is acceptable where applicable).
- At the discretion of the CYO Athletic Program Director, clerical errors may be corrected.
- H. Roster Changes & Play-offs:**
1. Eligible players may be added anytime during the regular season but not during the play-offs. Additions shall be submitted to the CYO Athletic Office, in writing, at least 24 hours prior to participation in a contest.
 2. To be eligible for play-offs a player must be added prior to their last regular season game.
 3. 5/6th grade players must participate in at least one (1) 7/8th grade game in order to participate in the play-offs. (They may not play on two (2) different level teams during a one (1) week period).
 4. A player may be moved up from the 5/6th grade team to the 7/8th grade team or from a number #2 team to a number #1 team. If the 5/6th grade player moves back to the 5/6th grade team, that player must stay there for the remainder of

the season, same ruling for the number #1 and #2 team players.

I. Physical Examinations/Assumption of Risk Forms:

1. All athletes, participants, and tryout candidates should be informed, in very specific terms, of the possibilities of injury. "Assumption of Risk" forms are available from the league and are to be completed for every athlete and kept at the Parish/School.
2. All athletes participating in athletics must have a current physical examination record on file in the Parish/School office. (Current is defined as on or after April 15th of the current School year).

J. Scholastic Standards:

Players must maintain proper scholastic standards as established by each Parish/School.

K. Limited Team Membership:

1. A player may not be registered simultaneously with more than one (1) team in the CYO League. After a player has been listed on a team, he/she may not be transferred to another team within the same Parish/School CYO program without permission from the CYO Athletic Office.
2. A student who, after participating in an athletic contest as a member of a CYO athletic team, participates in any athletic competition in the same sport during the same season, is ineligible. This rule applies specifically to Junior High School, Middle School, Recreation Leagues, P.A.L. Teams, Michigan Youth Teams, AAU Teams/Leagues or any other organized league including organized neighborhood leagues.
3. The spring season rules allow participation in the same sport in other organized leagues. This is permitted so that CYO athletes will not be prevented from participating in summer programs.

L. Penalties For Use Of Ineligible Player(s):

1. Use of ineligible player(s) will result in forfeiture of all games in which such player(s) participated; awards and trophies shall be returned.
2. Players found to have participated with another team shall be immediately ineligible for the CYO team for the balance of the current season including play-offs.

M. Registration and Transfers:

1. Parish Membership:
In order for an athlete to be eligible to participate, Parish membership must be established on or before the following dates in order for a participant to be eligible to play in the following sports seasons:

May 1st	-	Fall Season
July 1st	-	Winter Season
Dec.1st	-	Spring Season

Transfers: An athlete who transfers after the deadline from one Parish to

another Parish is ineligible to participate in an athletic contest, UNLESS the athlete qualifies under one or more of the following exceptions:

Exceptions:

1. An athlete moves into a new Parish with the persons with whom he or she was living during his or her last year.
 2. An athlete who has not been living with a parent or parents and moves into a new Parish to reside with his or her parents, the single parent if divorced or legally separated, or only living parent who already resides in the Parish.
 3. An athlete is the ward of the court or state and is placed in a Parish by court order. Guardianship does not fulfill this requirement.
 4. An athlete transfers to another Parish because his or her Parish ceases to operate.
 5. An athlete of parents who are divorced or living under an order for separate maintenance moves from one Parish into a new Parish with or to one of those parents, and the pastor of each of the two Parishes involved approves of and then certifies the reason for the move as it relates to the divorced/separated parents. The transfer is permitted under this exception one time and must be approved by the Athletic Program Director before the athlete competes in athletic competition.
- * Athletes qualifying under exception 1, 2, 3, or 4 above may elect to complete the season at the previous Parish attended. However, the next season must be played at the new Parish.

School Enrollment:

Students transferring into a Catholic Grade School shall become immediately eligible to participate in the athletic program of the new School. Students transferring in season (e.g. in the middle of the School year) may elect to complete that season at the previous School attended. However, the next season must be played at the new School.

- 18. All matters of rules and regulations not covered in the CYO League Manual shall be decided and administered by the CYO Athletic Program Director.**

CYO RESTRICTIONS ON COACHES AND ATHLETIC TEAMS:

- ◆ Each CYO season is defined as beginning on the first allowable day of practice in that sport and ending on the athletes last day of competition in that sport.
1. **Out of Season** - is defined as a period of time during the School year outside of the CYO defined season for a sport. Sports activities out of season are permitted, provided the following conditions are met:
 - a. No use of Parish/School transportation.
 - b. No use of Parish/School warm-ups and/or uniforms.
 - c. No payment of fees with Parish/School funds.
 - d. No mandatory practices.
 - e. No use of Parish/School name or nickname.
 - f. Outside of the CYO defined season for a sport, a coach may coach in that

sport a maximum of three (3) athletes from the same Parish/School from the beginning of the School year through the last day of the School year. (This does not allow two coaches to coach 6 athletes, and so on).

2. **Summer** - is defined as from the last day of the School year for that student to the first allowable day of Fall practice.
 - a. No use of Parish/School transportation.
 - b. No use of Parish/School warm-ups and/or uniforms.
 - c. No payment of fees with Parish/School funds.
 - d. No mandatory practices.
 - e. No use of Parish/School name or nickname.
 - f. A coach may coach a sport for a maximum of fifteen (15) dates from the same Parish/School from the last day of the School year through August 1.
3. **Open Gyms** - are permitted but must adhere to the following principles:
 - a. Diversity of Parish/School students -- open to all students
 - b. Diversity of activity -- offer a variety of sports activities
 - c. Athlete conducted -- athletes choose from offered activities. Any coach of a sport who is present shall not coach, instruct, critique, direct, or evaluate.
 - d. Recreational emphasis -- not an organized program of instruction and/or competition.
4. **Conditioning Programs** - prior to the start of the season may occur 1 week before the first day of practice but must adhere to the following principles:
 - a. No sport specific drills or equipment (i.e. no basketballs, football dummies, volleyball net, soccer net).
 - b. No sport specific instruction.
 - c. No cuts are made until actual tryouts begin and candidates are given ample opportunity to demonstrate their ability.

VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

Violations of CYO rules, regulations, or sportsmanship standards (as defined in CYO handouts) may subject a member Parish/School, coach, player, individual, team, or program to penalties, included but not limited to, all of the following:

1. Censure
2. Probation
3. Probation without competition
4. Forfeiture
5. Suspension from CYO play-offs for Parish/School, coach, player, individual, team, or entire program.
6. Expulsion
- ◆ Penalties may be imposed for any number of days, seasons, or years.

SUSPENSION

The CYO shall have the right to suspend members. Members shall not be permitted to compete, in any sport, with suspended members. Individual coaches, athletic directors, sports programs or Schools found in violation of rules and regulations may be censured, placed on probation or suspended.

Members may be suspended for:

1. Violation of the rules and regulations of the league.
2. Violations by Parishes, Schools, individual coaches, and or athletic directors.
3. Non-payment of fees.

4. Failure to carry out a complete league schedule.
5. Failure to fulfill sanctioned CYO commitments and responsibilities.

PROTESTS OF ELIGIBILITY RULES

All protests must be signed by the Pastor/Principal and Athletic Director and filed in writing at the CYO office. It is recommended that protests involving eligibility, be filed prior to the date of the first play-off game.

1. A fee of \$25.00 must accompany the protest and will be returned if the protest is upheld.
2. Decisions of the CYO Athletic Program Director regarding eligibility rules may be appealed to the CYO Athletic Task Force.
3. The CYO Athletic Program Director has the authority and responsibility to review and investigate any rule infractions that may occur.

DUE PROCESS AND APPEAL PROCEDURE POLICY

The purpose of the CYO Athletic Program is to enhance the educational program of its member Parishes/Schools by providing for the best level of athletic competition among them. It shall be the policy of the CYO Athletic Program to provide due process to its member Parishes/Schools in cases where disagreement may exist between the member Parish/School and the Athletic Program office.

INVESTIGATION - The Director or his/her designated representative shall investigate all alleged violations of the rules of the CYO Athletic Program.

DECISION - The Director shall then render a decision in writing within seven (7) days of acknowledgement of the rule infraction. The decision shall be mailed to each party.

APPEALS TO THE ATHLETIC TASK FORCE - Appeals on a matter of interpretation of the eligibility rules or a decision of the CYO Athletic Program Director may be made, postmarked within seven (7) days upon receipt of the decision received by the Director. Upon such notice, the Director shall place upon the agenda for the next Athletic Task Force meeting.

APPEAL DECISION - The CYO Athletic Task Force may adopt the decision of the Athletic Program Director, or may modify it, or may reject it in whole or part. The decision of the task force will be forwarded to all interested parties. Decisions are final.

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