

ST. AUGUSTINES CYO BASKETBALL

CYO Basketball

Code of Conduct

CYO basketball competition is a means of developing youth and giving them the opportunity to enjoy healthful sport. The most important lesson in CYO basketball should be, whether you win or lose, that you learn to respect opponents, officials and spectators.

It is important that all concerned with the CYO basketball program follow this code:

- To emphasize the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.
- To demonstrate courtesy to all opponents and officials.
- To respect the integrity and judgment of officials.
- To recognize that the purpose of competition is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social, and emotional well-being of the players.
- To remember that the game is only an activity and not a matter of life or death for player, coach, school, parish, official or fans.

Players should:

- Know and demonstrate the fundamentals of sportsmanship
- Curtails fellow teammates whose behavior is unbecoming.
- Show respect to injured opponents
- Not applauded errors of opponents and penalties inflicted on them
- Not heckle, jeer or intentionally distract members of the opposing teams.
- Never criticize fellow competitors or the coach for loosing
- Respect to judgment and strategy of the coach and not to be second guessers.
- Demonstrate appropriate behavior before and after contest.

Coaches Should:

- Always set a good example for others to follow.
- Teach the value of honest effort in conforming to the spirit as well as the letter of the rules.
- Instruct the players of their sportsmanship responsibilities.
- Teach the fundamentals skills, rules and knowledge of the game of basketball.
- Discipline those players who display poor sportsmanship behavior and remove players who flaunt disciplinary action.
- Be gracious host to opponents and treat them as you would want to be treated.
- Provide opportunities for social interaction among coaches and players
- Help players recognize the dangers of drugs, alcohol and tobacco use.
- Promote the entire CYO basketball program of the parish and not just the team which the coach is involved.

Parents and Fans should:

- Be courteous to players, coaches, and fans of opponents.
- Cheer a good play by an opponent.
- Not applauded errors of opponents or penalties inflicted on them.
- Serve as role models for the players.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of the officials.
- Respect the property of your own facility and that of your opponents.
- Need to do all assign task given by coach, i.e. Scoreboard, door, kitchen

All players, coaches or spectators who are not living up to the CYO Code of Conduct, WILL BE SUBJECTED TO IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OR EXPLUSION FOR CYO COMPETITION. The head coach is ultimately responsible for the conduct of his or hers players and assistant coaches. The head coach and any parish administrator in attendance at a game are asked to be responsible for the behavior of fans.

Team Structure and Selection

From grades 5 through 8, if there is a need for two teams at a certain grade level, the teams will be split by skill level into an A and B team.

Two teams may be formed with 18 or more players if it is in the best interest of our players.

A minimum of 9 players and a maximum of 12 players will be used to set up the teams.

No non-parishioner will take the place of a parishioner.

Grades 5 through 8 will be selected during tryouts.

Players who do not fall in the top 8 on the A team will be given the opportunity to play on the A team or move to the B team.

Levels of St. Augustine CYO Basketball

1st and 2nd grade will participate in a Clinic which will be 10 sessions. Start date will begin around December or January.

3rd and 4th grade Boys and Girls - All teams are developmental which means every child will play a minimum of 6 minutes per game.

5th and 6th grade Boys and Girls - All teams are Semi Competitive. Every child will play a minimum of 3 minutes per game.

7th and 8th grade Boys and Girls - These teams are competitive which means that playing time will be determined by the coaching staff and no minimum playing time is set.

3rd through 8th grade teams begin practice the first week of October and may continue into March. Each team will practice a minimum of one day a week. All teams will be in the County CYO program which will give them 10 - 12 games. Each team will play in a tournament hosted by them at St. Augustine for 2-3 games. All teams will be given the opportunity to enter outside tournaments as well for additional games.

Minimum playing times shall be for regular and tournament games only and not playoff games.

MISSED PRACTICES AND GAMES - If a player misses a practice or game without approval of the coach, he or she will not be allowed to start the next game attended. The player will only be allowed to participate in the minimum amount of playing time for that game(less than any other player in the game). This measure is taken to ensure that those who are faithfully attending practices and games are not slighted by those who elect to be absent. This rule is to be enforced by the coach whether or not the player is average or the star of the team.

Unexcused absences are considered to be: too much homework, practice with another team, conflicts with other activities, etc. School is to be the most important thing that each player must be concerned with, and if playing on a CYO is too overwhelming combined with school and other activities, the player should consider giving up playing.

If a player is going to miss a practice or a game, they must call the coach to notify them.