



St. Agnes CYO fully supports CYO Long Island's No Tolerance Policy for our athletes, coaches, and spectators.

“Let the kids play. Let the referees ref. Let the coaches coach. Please enjoy the game.”



CYO No Tolerance Policy



CYO promotes good sportsmanship by our athletes, coaches, officials and spectators. We request your cooperation by supporting the participants and officials in a positive manner. All Persons associated with CYO - spectators, players, coaches, coordinators, and officials - must conduct themselves in a positive manner that exemplifies Christian values which we are fostering in our young people. These values include mutual respect and consideration of others.

All attendees of CYO activities must show good sportsmanship as they participate and observe. Verbal or Physical intolerance of others will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from the venue and subjected to Disciplinary Review & Action. Bullying in any form (emails, social media, speech, gossip, etc.) is prohibited in CYO and will result in disciplinary action, including expulsion from the program.

YOU represent YOUR Parishes and Communities and should do so with dignity, honor, and pride during all games, either at home or away. We thank you for your cooperation and look forward to a positive and rewarding experience for all.

All Persons associated with CYO - players, coaches, coordinators, spectators, and officials **must** conduct themselves in a positive manner that exemplifies Christian values which we are fostering in our young people. These values include mutual respect and consideration of others.

The Official will read the CYO No Tolerance Policy prior to every game. In the event that an official does not read the Policy, Coaches are required to request that it be read. If the Official refuses, please report to the CYO office within 24 hours.

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In order for the programs to be successful we need the athletes and families to help our volunteers. Our coaches are all volunteers, and they give of their own time and talents to help the programs in the various Parishes. If you have an issue with the coach of the team, please take the issue to the coach. We generally, would encourage the 24-hour rule—that is, if the issue still seems to be a crucial issue after a period of time has passed, and still needs to be addressed, then please contact the coach. Sometimes, after a period of time has passed between the athletic event, an issue does not seem to be one which needs to be addressed. Also, our volunteers may need to get to other events for other family members or may have work responsibilities to which they need to attend. Please respect their time as we never have enough volunteers. It may not be a practical time to address an issue immediately after a practice or contest. Emotions may be a bit raised in the “heat of the moment”, so by allowing a period of time to pass then the issue can be addressed in a more thoughtful, as opposed to emotional, manner.

If it is not possible to address a particular issue with a coach, please take it to the Parish CYO Director or President. If that also proves to be impossible, please address it with the Pastor of your Parish. After you have exhausted this chain of command, you can also ask the LI Organization to look into an issue. The Parish, however, is usually a better place to start.

If you feel that your participant was a victim of bullying, it is important to provide the specifics as to what was done, how or by what method the improper message was delivered and by whom it was delivered. If the issues and alleged perpetrators are not identified it is next to impossible for the proper investigation to be done.

If your participant in CYO was a victim of a crime or a suspected crime, please involve the proper authorities immediately.

Those who fail to adhere to the policies of the Parish or CYO LI are subjected to discipline up to and including expulsion from participation in CYO.

CYO NO TOLERANCE POLICY

All attendees of CYO activities must show good sportsmanship.

You represent your parishes and community both home and away.

Consider this your warning. Anyone not cooperating will be asked to leave the gym.

**THE CYO DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE WILL ENFORCE
THE NO TOLERANCE POLICY**

CYO Coaches, Coordinators & Moderators:

- Be a positive example both on and off the playing area.
- Exhibit respect by personal attitude and behavior.
- Use of crude or abusive language with players, opponents, officials or spectators is prohibited.
- Respect the judgement of the officials. Behavior that will incite players, opponents or spectators will not be tolerated.
- Instruct players to respect officials.
- Encourage good sportsmanship and remove players from competition who demonstrate unacceptable behavior.

CYO Athletes:

- Demonstrate self-control and mutual respect at all times.
- The use of crude or abusive language or gestures is prohibited.
- Accept victory with grace and defeat with dignity.

CYO Spectators:

- Respect officials, coaches and players and extend all courtesies to them.
- Be quiet when players need total concentration such as free throw in basketball.
- Obey the regulations of the facility and grounds.
- Understand that the individual programs are responsible for the conduct of their spectators whether home or away.
- Confronting or verbally abusing officials, coaches or players will result in discipline action by the CYO Discipline Committee.
- Spectators are not permitted on the court, field, track, pool deck, during an event.

The above referenced list is not all inclusive of what CYO deems to be unacceptable behavior and CYO reserves the right to take disciplinary action in such circumstances.