



Athletics

Diocese of Toledo Catholic Youth Organization



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Dear CYO 6th Grade Basketball Head Coach,

The metro-Toledo 6th grade tournament brackets were posted on this web site Friday (2/12/10). **PLEASE** review them carefully so that everyone shows up at the correct gym on time. If you have any questions, or have trouble reading your schedule, please feel free to call our office.

The CYO staff reviewed score sheets and looked at the scoring per quarter, not the final score. Teams were then placed in tournaments and on the bracket which we felt would be the fairest. We realize that not everyone will agree with their tournament placement, but we feel we took time to be as fair as we could to everyone, which is never easy.

A couple of quick reminders about the 6th grade tournaments:

1. The "all play" participation rule that has been in effect for the league games continues in the tournaments. In the 6th grade division each healthy, uniformed player must play at least half of each game. If it can be verified that a coach has violated the "all play" rule, the coach will be suspended and the team will forfeit the game. This rule is not meant to be a "witch hunt", but we want to make certain that all kids get to play and all coaches follow the rules. If a player is hurt or suspended, the opposing coach should be notified and the player(s) should be listed on the bottom of the score sheet in the proper category.
2. There will be no tie-ups, steals, etc. in the backcourt. If a team does not fall back after the defensive team gains possession of the ball, they will first be warned, and then given a technical foul if they violate again. This type of technical is not grounds for ejection.
3. The defensive team must give the offense a chance to get the ball over the timeline. This means that you cannot have a player standing right at the timeline to pick up his/her man.
4. The offense cannot hold the ball in the backcourt to gain an advantage with the clock. In the 6th grade division, the clock will be turned off during the last minute of the game (and each overtime period) whenever the defensive team gains control of the ball in the backcourt. The clock will re-start when the ball is advanced into the front court (General Basketball Rules, page 39 & 40).
5. The clock will run the same way as it has all season (7 minute quarters). The clock should stop on all whistles during the last minute of each quarter, but prior to the last minute of each quarter it should only stop on shooting fouls, substitutions and time-outs.
6. The technical foul rule for unsportsmanlike behavior will remain in place for all tournament games.

7. The team on the top line of the bracket will be considered the home team and will be responsible for keeping the home scorebook and providing a leather game ball.

In conclusion, we hope all of our coaches realize that these tournaments are for the kids. We have had some instances in the cadet games this season where our coaches have gotten “carried away” with their behavior toward the game officials and in some cases with the opposing coach. This will not be tolerated and if any coach is guilty of this they may be suspended (even if they are the only coach). Please do your part to make sure that “**good sportsmanship**” is displayed by you and your players at all times before, during, and after the games.

The tournament brackets will be updated each week (by Wednesday) with results from the previous weekend. Please do not call the CYO Office for this information.

Good luck!

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