



Diocese of Toledo Catholic Youth Organization



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Dear Coach,

Congratulations to you and your team on advancing to this year's **CYO Grade School Diocesan Tournament**. This year's tournament will be held at Tiffin, St. Joseph Parish and Heidelberg University (Tiffin). The tournament brackets, as well as addresses for both sites, were posted on the CYO web site on Monday (3/1/10).

The entry fee for this year's tournament is \$50.00 per team. This may be paid at the gym before the start of your first game or may be mailed prior to the start of the tournament to the CYO Office (1933 Spielbusch, Toledo, OH 43604). Checks should be made payable to "CYO". Teams will NOT be billed for this fee - it is due prior to your first game.

Please advise all parents of your team members that there will be an admission charge of **\$2** for adults, **\$1** for students and a family rate of **\$5** to enter the gym.

If you have any questions regarding the rules for this tournament, please feel free to contact us. A few of the basic rules are:

1. The "CYO Team Prayer" will be read prior to the start of each game, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Both teams, along with the coaches, will meet at mid-court; spectators are asked to stand for both.
2. There will be a 10 minute warm-up period before the start of each game. All games will be played with 6 minute quarters (3 minute overtime). Half-time will be 8 minutes.
3. The "all play" participation rule will be in effect. All healthy, uniformed players must play at least two consecutive minutes in each half of each game.
4. Man-to-man defense must be played in the first half. A full court press of any kind may be used in the entire game. However, in the first half, when the ball crosses the timeline, the defense must drop into a man-to-man.
5. Each team must provide a scorekeeper (score pads will be provided). The team on the top line of the bracket of each game will be considered the home team, and therefore its book will be considered official.

6. If a team is leading by 15 or more points, they **must** remove the full court press and substitute at least three players of lesser ability. This will remain in effect until the lead has been reduced to ten or less points.
7. Each team will have 4 full time-outs to use. There will be no 30 second time-outs.
8. The CYO technical foul rule will be used for the tournament. If any player or coach is charged with a technical foul for unsportsmanlike conduct, they will be ejected from the game. A player will be restricted the bench, but a coach must leave the gym.

Lastly, please make sure that good sportsmanship is shown by you, your team and your fans. This tournament is a chance for the teams from throughout the Diocese to come together and compete, having the opportunity to be exposed to kids their age from other areas. Please do your part to make this a positive experience for these young men and women. Good luck!

Sincerely,

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