



Diocese of Toledo

Catholic Youth Organization

Athletics

MEMO

TO: CYO High School Head Coaches
FROM: Jeff Mielcarek, Director of CYO Athletics
Julie Dubielak, Asst. Director of CYO Athletics
RE: Uniforms, behavior & enclosed tournament registration form
DATE: January 8, 2009

Uniforms

Many of our high school teams in the metro-Toledo leagues continue to be in violation of the uniform rule. As stated in the CYO Basketball Handbook, under "Equipment":

- A. Every player must have a number on the front and the back of his/her jersey. **This became mandatory in the CYO high school program in the 2006-07 season.**
- B. Players must be in MATCHING BASKETBALL SHORTS at the games. Jams, cut-offs, etc. are not allowed.

We continue to make a plea for matching shorts/uniforms, but with very little effect. Therefore, beginning with the games of January 18th, teams not in matching shorts or without proper numbers on their jerseys will risk their opportunity to participate in the post-season tournament.

If any CYO Staff Member sees a team that is not complying with the matching shorts rule, we (Jeff or Julie) will inform the coach that the team will not be allowed to play in the post-season tournament. If the tournament entry fee has already been paid, it will be returned so long as the tournament schedule has not been drawn up. If the schedule has been drawn up once the violation occurs the entry fee will NOT be returned. We will not forfeit any games because of this.

We do not want to this happen to any team, but we are frustrated that our continued pleas fall on deaf ears. It is not fair to the teams who are following the rule to continue to allow others ignore it. In the past there have been teams who were not allowed to participate in the Diocesan tournament because of this.

"Matching shorts" does not mean they all have to be exactly the same brand. It does, however, mean that they must be the same color and similar in style.

Behavior & Language

We are once again reminding you, as the coach, to control your players. We expect all players (and coaches) in the CYO program to act appropriately at all games. This includes language. Some of our high school players have received technical fouls for foul language and the defense which either they or their coaches have offered is that the word or words were not directed toward an official or an opponent, but rather said out of frustration. This is not a valid excuse and these technicals should be called. Please remind your players that this is a Catholic league and foul language will not be tolerated.

Players should all be reminded that there is very little tolerance for any unsportsmanlike behavior. This includes not only language, but also abuse toward officials, opponents, spectators and gym personnel, as well as fighting.

Tournament Registration

Enclosed you will find your tournament entry form. This must be submitted **with** the \$50 entry fee prior to **January 30th**. In addition to the entry fee, each team will also be required to submit a **separate check** for a \$100 behavior deposit. If there are no behavior problems with the team in the tournament games, the \$100 deposit check will be returned. If there are any behavior problems with any player, coach, or spectator connected to the team, the deposit will not be returned. This has been an on-going concern with high school teams who feel that they can do anything at the end of the season and get away with it. This has sometimes served as an embarrassment to our entire program and the deposit addresses this problem.

In the past we have been “burned” for a couple of teams’ entry fees, so no team will be entered without the fee paid in advance. Please also note that:

- Tournament games may be scheduled on Saturdays or Sundays, as well as weeknights; all teams must be able to play on each possible tournament date.
- Once the tournament schedules have been posted, no game changes will be made because of team/coaching conflicts (volleyball games, work schedules, school events, etc.);

Coaches **MUST** submit any tournament scheduling requests and/or conflicts in writing to the CYO Office prior to **Friday, January 30th**.

CYO Office: Mail: P.O. Box 985,
Toledo, OH 43697-0985
Fax: (419) 244-3420
E-Mail: CYO@toledodiocese.org

NO SCHEDULING REQUESTS OR TOURNAMENT ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE! Once the tournaments are drawn up, they will be posted on the CYO website <www.cyss.org>. **No tournament brackets will be mailed.**

Hearthstone Boys’ League Tournament Meeting

The meeting to draw up the “Mark Madden Memorial” Hearthstone Boys League Tournament will be held on Monday, January 26th at 7:00 PM at Kalida St. Michael’s. If a Hearthstone boys’ league (Putnam County) team is not represented at this meeting they will **NOT** be placed on the league tournament bracket.

Standings

The league standings are posted on the website <www.cyss.org> each week.

Conclusion

We are counting on all of our coaches to step up and be the leader of his/her team. If a player needs to be corrected and/or disciplined, then please do so. Don’t wait until a situation gets out of hand and it’s too late to gain control.

Best of luck to you and your team for the remainder of the season.

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TO: CYO High School Head Coaches
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 RE: CYO post-season tournaments
 DATE: January 8, 2009

The following is a description of the high school CYO tournaments & entry procedures.

Boys "B" (Junior/Senior) Tournament

Entry deadline: Friday, January 30th
 Entry fee: \$100 deposit; plus \$50 entry fee per team (**must be separate checks**)
 When: February 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 & March 1, 7, 8, 14, 15
 Where: Sites throughout the diocese; all teams must be ready to play on all dates and travel if necessary.
 State Tournament: Top 4 teams advance to State Tournament in Canton (March 20-22)

Girls High School Tournament

Entry deadline: Friday, January 30th
 Entry fee: \$100 deposit; plus \$50 entry fee per team (**must be separate checks**)
 When: February 15, 21, 22, 28 & March 1, 7, 8, 14, 15
 Where: Sites in metro Toledo area; all teams must be ready to play on all dates
 State Tournament: Top 2 teams advance to State Tournament in Canton (March 21-22)

Boys "C" (Freshmen/Sophomore) Tournament

Entry deadline: Friday, January 30th
 Entry fee: \$100 deposit; plus \$50 entry fee per team (**must be separate checks**)
 When: February 15, 21, 22, 28 & March 1, 7, 8, 14, 15
 Where: Sites in the metro Toledo area; all teams must be ready to play on all dates
 State Tournament: None

NOTE on required deposit check: *If there are no behavior problems with the team in the tournament, the \$100 deposit will be returned; however, if there ARE any behavior problems with any player, coach, or spectator connected to the team, the deposit will not be returned. This has been an on-going concern with high school teams who feel that they can do anything at the end of the season and get away with it. This has sometimes served as an embarrassment to our entire program and this deposit addresses the issue. The deposit check **MUST BE SEPARATE** from the entry fee check. If in the past your parish has submitted one check for ALL high school teams, two separate checks must now be issued (one for entries, one for deposits).*

CYO High School Tournament Entry

_____ Boys "B" (Jr. / Sr) _____ Boys "C" (Frosh / Soph) _____ Girls

Parish Team: _____ League: _____

Coach: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

This form MUST be submitted with the \$50 entry fee and separate check for the \$100 deposit prior to Friday, January 30th in order to be accepted. NO phone entries will be accepted and NO bills will be sent.