

Diocese of Toledo

Catholic Youth Organization

MEMO

TO: CYO Head Football Coaches & CYO Football Officials
FROM: Jeff Mielcarek - Director of CYO Athletics
RE: Conduct
DATE: September 11, 2008

I addressed all of the coaches at the coaches' organizational meeting and all of the officials at the Round Robin, but before we begin the season, I felt that it would be a good idea to review our CYO rule on sportsmanship once again.

Any coach or player who receives an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty will be ejected from the game. A coach must leave the complex. A second such penalty this season will lead to the suspension for the remainder of the season. This is further explained on page 49 of the "CYO Football Handbook".

I have asked all of the officials to keep in mind the severity of the penalty and not to go out looking to throw their flag on a coach; however if it is needed they will have my support. I am confident that our officials will all understand that they are being paid to do a job and will not be out there to look for confrontations and/or make smart remarks to players or coaches.

We are all adults who are out on the fields for all of the right reasons, but unfortunately we all get wrapped up in the game and our emotions get in the way. We all need to remember that we are out there for kids, not ourselves.

I am also asking that all head coaches share this information with the other coaches on their staff, as well as all parents. Any parent who is ejected must also leave the complex.

I hope that we will all have a great year on the fields together and this will be the last time which we address this rule.

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