

St. Patrick CYO Policies and Procedures

Responsibilities of the Coach:

- Responsible for contributing to their players' character development.
- Mindful that they are participating in children's play and play is meant to be fun!
- Concerned with the complete development of all the children: physical, mental, moral, and spiritual.
- Committed to **nourishing the values** of fair play and good sportsmanship.
- Strive to make a positive impact on the lives of the players.

Responsibilities of the Athlete:

- Play their best.
- Play fairly and with respect towards coaches, referees, teammates and opponents.
- Exhibit sportsmanship at all times.
- Represent St. Patrick's Church and School with honor.

Responsibilities of the Parent:

- Support your child in wins as well as losses—positive feedback.
- Respect the coach, officials and opponents.
- Maintain sportsmanship at all games.

CYO Teams

Procedures:

Player Eligibility and Waiver:

1. Participation in the St. Patrick CYO programs is open to all children grades 4-12 who reside within the geographical area which is known as St. Patrick Parish.
2. Any player who resides outside the St. Patrick Parish area is welcome to play, but requires a "waiver". The "waiver" must be completed by the players' home parish. This player will be selected to a team only after all residing ("non-waiver") players have been placed on a team.
3. There is no promise that any and all players will be selected to a team
4. Priority is given to players within the Parish area

Tryouts:

1. Open, well advertised tryouts will be held for each grade. The dates will be determined by the Parish.
2. All tryout participants will be evaluated by independent evaluators.
3. Previous season coaches may be invited to the tryout for input.
4. Participants will be evaluated as fairly as possible and ranked according to skill level
5. Tryout process is subject to change and may be amended or cancelled without prior notice.

Team Selection and Notification:

1. Following tryouts, the Sports Coordinators will establish the team rosters based upon the skill level and welfare of the participant.
2. Size of roster and number of teams is at the discretion of the Sports Coordinators and so, not every child who attends tryouts is guaranteed a spot on a team.
3. A “waiver” participant will be allowed on a team only if all “non-waiver” participants have been selected to a team. If there are cuts, a “waiver” participant can not be selected to a team. This is mandated by the CYO.
4. After each team has been selected, an eligible coach will be appointed.
5. The team coach will notify all players of selection to the team.
6. The Sports Coordinators will notify all participants who did not earn a spot on a team.

Coach Eligibility and Selection:

1. Coaches are appointed solely at the discretion of the Parish.
2. Coaches must have completed (or will complete before start of season) Diocese of Rockville Centre VIRTUS Training and CYO Sanctioning.
3. Coaches may be removed at any time at the discretion of the Parish.
4. Coaches must be reappointed each season by the Parish. No coach is guaranteed a returning position for subsequent seasons.
5. Coaches will be appointed after the roster selection.
6. Coaches are evaluated each season for their effort to:
 - Display good sportsmanship
 - Instill and exemplify positive values of fair play, honor and respect
 - Exhibit concern for the welfare and development of each player
 - Maintain a child-centered environment for players and families

Playing Time:

In grades 4, 5, and 6, each player should have as close to equal playing time as possible. In grades 7 and 8, each player should have substantial (at least 25%) playing time.

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Coaches' Training:

VIRTUS Training - www.drvc.org
CYO Sanctioning - www.cyons.org