



Diocese of Toledo

Catholic Youth Organization

MEMO

TO: CYO Head Football Coaches & CYO Football Officials
FROM: Julie Dubielak - Director of CYO Athletics
Jack Jordan – Asst. Director of CYO Athletics
RE: Conduct
DATE: September 12, 2018

Please take time 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 in the “CYO Football Rules” (section XIII / I).

We will encourage 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 our support. We are 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 blessed to have some very good licensed football officials working our games in the CYO program. Like all officials, they are not always looked upon favorably by everyone, however comments directed toward them are not to be tolerated.

Coaches and adults sometimes say things that really have no place in a youth football league. When we yell out to our players things like “crush them” we may feel that there is nothing wrong with that however think about the people and players on the other side of the field. There are better ways to encourage our players without demeaning others at the same time.

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.

We are 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 and the head coach must then file a game report regarding the parent ejection before the team is allowed to play another game.

We 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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