



WHY DOES MY CHILD'S CYO COACH WEAR THAT LANYARD?

Each weekend at CYO events throughout the Diocese of Toledo there are hundreds of adult volunteer coaches who wear lanyards around their necks on the sidelines. These lanyards were first issued by the CYO office in the Fall of 2005.

What does a CYO lanyard signify?

First, it means that the person wearing it is committed to ministering to youth through coaching in the CYO program. It also means these people have met several diocesan requirements for coaching kids.

In order to earn the title of "Coach" and wear a CYO lanyard, these volunteers must have:

- Attended a CYO Initial Coaches' Certification class (4 ½ hours) which included the "Protecting Youth & Those Who Serve Them" workshop;
- Completed an online concussion class (as mandated by Ohio House Bill 143);
- Received a favorable BCI report (Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation) from their background check;
- Signed an "Expectations Of Those Who Minister To Youth";
- Signed a CYO "Coaches Code of Ethics" annually and live up to it statements;
- Receive approval from their parish pastor to coach;
- Attend a CYO coaches' re-certification class every 12 months after completion of their Initial Class

Before your child's CYO coach takes the court/field/course for the season, he/she has already made a significant investment of time and resources for the privilege of volunteering to minister to youth!

SHAPING the FAITH of our YOUTH ... Field by Field!