1) **How can I get my child registered to play CYO athletics when the parish we belong to does not have sports team?**

If a Catholic parish/school or CYO Member does not sponsor a team in a specific sport, an athlete that meets one of the requirements of bylaw 3-1-2 is eligible to compete for another CYO Member only when the following process is completed and approval of the diocese administration is given.

- The athlete makes the first request to the Member Administration sponsoring a team that is closest to the athlete’s residence or school/parish address as determined by using the Parish Locator at www.dioceseofcleveland.org or other approved navigational systems;
- If the closest member does not accept the athlete, he/she may then approach the Member Administration of the second closest member that sponsors a team as measured by the above process.
- If the second closest member does not accept the athlete, he/she has permission to approach the Member Administration of the third closest member to sponsor a team or contact the diocesan administration for placement.
- If the third closest member does not accept the athlete, he/she must contact the diocese administration for assistance.
- The submission and approval of an Eligibility Request Form.
- Athletes associated with Non-Catholic organizations that enjoy CYO membership are only eligible to participate for that entity.

2) **I was told my child needs an eligibility request form to play CYO sports. Where can I find the form and who do I submit it to?**

The eligibility request form can be found on the Eligibility Center page. Parents can download the form, read the directions on how to complete the form and then once section 1 is complete, submit the ERF to the Athletic Director of the sponsoring team. Once the signatures are completed, the sponsoring team Athletic Director will submit it to CYO office staff for review and approval.

3) **Where can I find CYO sport rules on the CYO website like how much playing time my child will play in every game?**

Select the Sports tab, and then click your sport. Sport rules are in a PDF form under the rules tab. Each set of rules has participation section which contains participation requirements.

4) **Can you tell me where I can find game schedules, locations, and tournament brackets?**

Visit any page of the CYO website www.dioceseofclevelandcyo.org, and click the Schedules and Locations button on the top right. Select the schedule to see the list of games. Click the “location” name for pop-up map of the venue.

5) **Can you tell me what parishes or give me a list of them that are nearby my residence that I can reference to see if my child can play CYO sports?**

Visit the Eligibility Center. You can access the Diocese of Cleveland CYO parish locator or reference the CYO Member Sport Report on this page which indicates what parishes had teams last year.

6) **Where can I find the Coaches’ Development Program session dates and register online?**

Select the Coaches Development Program tab, click CDP Registration page to see the list of sessions and click the Register Here link.

7) **Can my child play in more than one sport in the same season?**

An athlete on a member team is not permitted to participate in a contest on any other team in the same sport, during that sport’s season unless participating as a guest player as outlined in bylaw 5 or as stated otherwise in the CYO sport specific rules.
8) What are the eligibility requirements for my child to play CYO sports?

Generally athletes are eligible to participate on the teams of a CYO Member organization if they meet at least one (1) of the following requirements. To read the complete rules, review Bylaw 3 of the Charter and Bylaws.

- The athlete's parent(s)/guardian(s) are registered members of the parish sponsoring the team.
- The athlete attends the school of the CYO member organization.
- The athlete is enrolled and regularly attends the member's sponsored and designated PSR or RCIA in the current school year and lives within the member's defined boundaries. A non-Catholic participant enrolled in PSR or RCIA must submit a CYO Eligibility Request Form to the Diocese Administration by the team entry deadline and meet the following criteria:
  - The athlete must attend six (6) religious education sessions before they are eligible to participate in competitions.
- If an athlete's parish/school sponsors a team in a particular sport, that athlete is to participate on the member's team and is not permitted to play at another member without prior written approval from CYO administration.

9) Can my child play CYO sports and also play for another league?

In most cases, no but refer to sport specific rules.

10) Where can I get information on uniforms, undergarments and numbering?

Select the Sport tab. Sport specific rules can be found under the rules tab. Open the document, search for uniforms, and you will see the information you need. CYO follows the National Federation of High School Sports as guidelines for equipments and uniforms.

11) Who do I contact when I have an issue with a coach?

You need to speak to the member Athletic Director at the parish/school.

12) Where can I find CYO program dates and deadlines?

You can find them on the News & Events page, under Events Calendar. Select the month, and click a date to get detailed information or visit the sport specific page and review the "planner".

13) How can I recognize a volunteer for their exceptional work at my school?

Visit our Hall of Fame page where you can make nominations for individuals to receive the CYO Recognition Award and special individuals to be elected to the CYO "Hall of Fame".

- RECOGNITION AWARD - Nominee must have provided excellent service to the CYO athletic program and its participants as a coach, parish athletic director, clergy, league commissioner, site supervisor, or any other member of our community whose accomplishments deserve to be recognized.
- HALL OF FAME - Nominee must have made significant contributions to the CYO athletic programs as a player, coach, parish athletic director, clergy, league commissioner, or other member of our community whose accomplishments have been of the highest caliber over an extended period of time.
- Online Nominations are accepted into late September for both awards.

14) How can I nominate a team for the sportsmanship award?

Coaches, Officials, Commissioners, Parents and Site Directors have the opportunity to nominate other teams in their league for this recognition. You nominate a team that you feel demonstrates our CYO Philosophy and the ideals of Christian Sportsmanship. Visit our News page for Sportsmanship nomination information in the fall, winter, and spring.

15) Are there any clinics for my child can participate in?

Visit our Clinics page, for information on clinics offered by CYO and those offered by other organizations. For more information, contact Vic Rosato, 330-379-3636 ext. 16.