



7th Grade Football Tournament

Congratulations on a remarkable regular season! Every team is invited to participate in the 2019 Diocese of Cleveland CYO 7th Grade Football Tournament. There will be two brackets with the top 4 teams in the Gold Bracket and the remaining 4 in the Silver Bracket based on win/loss record. Please review the information below to ensure those who participate experience an enjoyable tournament. Cooperation from coaches, athletes, parents and fans is appreciated and expected.

General Tournament Information

- ***CYO's mission to inspire young people to know God, to love God, and to serve God through athletics is the heart of our culture.*** The culture of CYO comes to life when everyone (CYO staff, officials, site directors, coaches, spectators, athletes) identifies with the mission and holds others accountable to it.
- The field will open 45 minutes prior to the first scheduled game time. Please do not expect early admission into the sites. Teams should report to the field at least 30 minutes before the scheduled game time.
- Before arrival at your site, please complete the play counting sheets with first and last names and uniforms number in numerical order. Please provide to the Site Director 30 minutes before game time.
- All games will be governed by the rules established by the Diocese of Cleveland CYO Football Rulebook, including the participation rule. Modifications are prohibited.
- Guest players are **NOT ALLOWED.**

Special Tournament Information

- Completed Brackets may be found at www.ccdocle.org/cyo and by clicking Schedules & Locations link
- Tournament information can be found by visiting the "Championship Tournaments 2019-2020" tab on the website.
- All tournament names begin with FB.
- Brackets will be posted with updated dates/times/locations by the Tuesday before the game.
- Teams will be placed in the bracket based upon regular season record.
 - We will use the following for tie-breaker/seeding purposes for the play-off tournaments:
 - The team that wins the head-to-head game during the season will be seeded higher.
 - If two teams play twice during the schedule, the winner of the game closest to the tournament is seeded higher.
 - If three teams are tied and the first tie breaker doesn't apply, we will flip a coin to determine the highest seed, and then use the head-to-head tie breaker for the remaining teams.
 - If teams are tied and did not play each other, the coin flip process will be used for the remaining teams.
- Maps to locations are available on the individual brackets, by clicking on the location name.

- Each team is to bring **three (3) copies** of the attached Participation Tracking Form.

For All Tournament Games:

- Once games are posted, the times listed on the brackets for each game are the actual start times. *PLEASE COME DRESSED since locker rooms will NOT be available. See the website for updated brackets.*

General Tournament Information:

- **\$65.00 is to be paid either in cash or check (payable to the “Diocese of Cleveland CYO”) to the site director prior to the start of the game. Receipts are available at the site if needed.**
- Admission Charge:

Adults	= \$4.00
Students	= \$3.00
Seniors	= \$2.00
Family	= \$12.00
- Coaches credentials for spectators will not be accepted.

Field Access

Only those with field passes or in uniform will be allowed on the sidelines. Please follow the Bench personnel limits outlined in your CYO Football Rules. These limitations will be followed at each site.

- Bench personnel are limited to players listed on the eligibility roster, two (2) water personnel under the age of 16, and eight (8) non players (coaches) and 1 play counter with Gold Cards. Non-players 16 years of age or older must be CYO certified.
- A violation will result in an unsportsmanlike penalty being assessed to the head coach; a second violation during the game will result in a second unsportsmanlike penalty on the head coach and then an ejection.

Game Time & Participation Rule

The following participation rule is outlined in the CYO Football Rulebook.

- All games will consist of 4 nine (9) minute quarters and a nine (9) minute half time.
- Each team is to bring **three (3) copies** of the attached Play Counting Form and give them to the site director prior to the start of the game or when game fees are paid.
- Upon a violation of the Participation Rule, the Play Counter will notify the Game Officials, and Site Director. The Game Officials will assess an unsportsmanlike penalty on the violating team and cause for a line-up correction to be made. At the conclusion of the game the CYO staff will verify the violation and award forfeits or additional penalties to the coach or team that are warranted.
- Participation Rule for all 7th Grade Divisions tournament games:
 - 20 or fewer players able to play – Each player must play a minimum of fourteen (14) non-penalty plays per game. At least seven (7) of the plays must take place in the 1st half of the game.
 - 21 or more players able to play – Each player must play a minimum of twelve (12) non-penalty plays per game. At least six (6) of the plays must take place in the 1st half of the game.

Championship Weigh Ins

All teams advancing to the Championship games will be required to weigh in.

- All participants must be weighed in.
- Please have the participants wear their game jersey, shorts, and socks.
- **Any participant that does not attend the championship weigh-in will not be permitted to participate in the game.**
- Further information will be provided after the semifinal round.

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