

**CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION  
ARCHDIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS**

**STUDENT AND PARENTAL INFORMATION**  
**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the athletic program is to help youth grow in the image of Christ through athletic events; to assure its contestants and managers of complete honesty and fair play at all times; to provide proper safeguards for its contestants; and to cultivate the confidence of the general public in the integrity of the contest played under its sponsorship and supervision.

**GENERAL RULES:** The handbook containing eligibility requirements, rules of competition, protest, and sport specific rules are published on the CYO Home Page (cyojwa.org).

Any student or parent who has questions regarding the Catholic Youth Organization Athletic Program, or league regulations, may contact the Head Coach, Parish Athletic Director or the Catholic Youth Organization Director for further information.

**SUPERVISION:** It is required that every CYO team be accompanied to all competition by an adult coach or an adult supervisor who shall be responsible for the team conduct and the conduct of the team members' parents and followers. The absence of the adult supervisor is not grounds for protest. However, lack of supervisor, and unsportsmanlike conduct by the coach, players, players' parents, or team followers will make the group liable to suspension. An adult is defined as someone 21years of age.

**OUTSIDE COMPETITION: (FOOTBALL ONLY)** Violations of this rule shall make a student ineligible for the remainder of that sport season unless he or she is reinstated by the Executive Board.

A student, who is a member of a CYO athletic squad, may not participate as a member of an outside team or as an independent competitor in the same sport.

**I. WARNING OF RISK**

Playing or practicing to play/participate in any sport can be a dangerous activity involving RISK or INJURY. The dangers and risks of playing or practicing in Catholic Youth Sports include: The possibility of death; serious head, neck and spinal injuries which may result in complete or partial paralysis; brain damage; possible injury to virtually all internal organs; possible injury or impairment to other aspects of the body, and general health. The dangers and risks of playing or participating in school/parish sports could result not only in serious injury but impairment of future abilities to earn a living, engage in social and recreational activities.

**II. SAFETY INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTION**

Because of the dangers of participating in sports, it is important to follow coaches' instructions regarding playing techniques, training and other team rules etc. The Catholic Youth Organization strives at all times to provide the most qualified coaches to properly instruct, demonstrate and train participants in the safe and proper techniques of their sport. Further information is provided by means of written handouts and audiovisual presentations, especially in the sport of football where collision injuries are possible.

**III. AGREEMENT TO OBEY INSTRUCTIONS AND RULES, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND AGREEMENT TO HOLD HARMLESS**

Because of the dangers of participating in school/parish sports, I recognize the importance of following coaches' instructions regarding the playing techniques, training and other team rules, etc., and obey such instructions and rules.

**IV. PARTICIPANT/STUDENT**

In consideration of the Catholic Youth Organization permitting me to try out for a Catholic Youth Organization Sports Team and to engage in all activities related to the team, including, but not limited to, trying out, practicing or playing/participating in the Sport, I hereby assume all risks associated with participating and agree to hold harmless from any and all liability, actions, cause of action, debts, claims, or demands of any kind and nature whatsoever which may arise by or in connection with my participation in any activities related to the Catholic Youth Organization team. The terms hereof shall serve as a release and assumption of risk for my heirs, estate, executor, administrator, assignees, and for all members of my family.

**V. PARENT**

In consideration of the Catholic Youth Organization permitting my child/ward to try out for the Catholic Youth Organization Sports team and to engage in all activities related to the team, including, but not limited to, trying out, participating, playing, I hereby agree to hold the Catholic Youth Organization, its employees, agents, representatives, coaches, and volunteers harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of action, debts, claims, or demands of every kind and nature whatsoever which may arise by or in connection with participation of my child/ward in any activities related to the Catholic Youth Organization team.

**VI. RELEASE**

I, the CYO PARTICIPANT, and We, the PARENT/GUARDIAN of the CYO Participant, understand the policy of the Catholic Youth Organization concerning injuries. We understand that we are responsible to cover all expenses for the payment of any athletic injuries and that this releases the Catholic Youth Organization from any liability for injuries resulting from participation in CYO Sports.

**Biographical Data**

(PLEASE PRINT)

**Student/Participant** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade** \_\_\_\_\_  
(LAST NAME) (FIRST NAME)

**Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish** \_\_\_\_\_ **School Attending** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Parent (s) or Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address of Parent (s) or Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

We, The undersigned certify that the student-participant is physically fit to participate in Catholic Youth Organization Activities, and we acknowledge that we have read and we understand all of the terms and conditions contained in this document

**Signatures**

**Student-Participant** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent – Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_