

**SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH
CYO PLEDGE**

The purpose of our CYO Program is to foster Catholic values through its athletic, cultural and religious events. The support of all the coaches and parents in fostering these values is paramount. The adult members of the CYO must understand the effect of their behavior and attitudes in shaping the attitudes and behaviors of our players and participants. As parents and coaches, we must accept the responsibility for being positive role models to the children with whom we come in contact.

Catholic values will be emphasized at practices, games and events. Each child is expected to work hard to improve his own individual skills, support all team members and display good sportsmanship. Each child, as well as all family members and friends who may attend, are expected to behave in a Christian manner at all games and events. As members of our parish school and the Religious Education Program, our children must understand that they represent the Catholic community. We, as parents and guardians, coaches and moderators, must show our children by our example, the type of message we want communicated.

Coaches may distribute a code of conduct for their specific sport. Attendance at practices, games and the coach's philosophy will be explained. Failure to adhere to the team rules may affect the amount of playing time and participation. Players and participants must understand the responsibility they have to their team and coach.

The importance of respecting one another as God's children must be understood by everyone. Ridiculing teammates or opponents will not be tolerated. Coaches and moderators must respect the uniqueness of each of their players and display an acceptance of all skill levels and abilities. Parents and players are to respect the coaches, officials and moderators and support the coaches in their attempts to prepare the players and team competition. Players, parents and coaches who fail to adhere to these guidelines will be asked to leave the event and may face further disciplinary action.

Please remember.....we dedicate our time and efforts to our CYO Program for the children. It is our responsibility to these children to act in a Catholic manner.

Please return this bottom part with your signature(s). Thank you

We have read the Sacred Heart CYO Pledge and discussed it with our child(ren).

Player Signature _____

Parent (Guardian) Signature _____

Date _____