



St. Sebastian Athletics
Booster Club
CYO Coaches' Code of Conduct

The following is a list of policies concerning conduct and behavior expected of all volunteer coaches in the CYO program:

Guidelines:

Coaches must be aware that they have a tremendous influence in the education of the student-athlete and therefore will not place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest desirable ideals of character.

- Coaches must always uphold the integrity and honor of being a teacher/coach in programs sponsored by St. Sebastian Catholic Church. In all personal contact with the youth, opposing coaches, fans, and officials, coaches must set an example of high ethical and moral conduct.
- Coaches must set a good example for participants and fans to follow, exemplifying the highest moral and ethical behavior.
- Coaches will respect the judgment of officials and abide by rules of the event.
- Treat opposing coaches, participants, fans and players with respect.
- Instruct participants in sportsmanship and demand they display good sportsmanship.
- Coach in a positive manner, reflecting Catholic values.
- Coaches will make sure no child is left at a practice without adult supervision.
- Be supportive after the game, win or lose. Recognize good effort, teamwork and sportsmanship.
- Know the rules of the sport and the policies of the league.
- Coaches will treat athletes and officials with dignity. Coaches will not use profanity, touch athletes in a negative manner, or make demeaning criticisms to athletes or officials.
- Complete Virtus training with the Arch Diocese of Detroit:
<http://www.aod.org/our-archdiocese/protecting-children/>

Penalties

- Any coach **ejected from a game/match** because of unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended for the next (1) game/match and may be subject to additional penalties.
- Any coach who **physically abuses another person** may be suspended for the remainder of the season and may be disqualified from CYO participation
- Any coach who **physically abuses an official** will be suspended for the remainder of the season and may be disqualified from CYO participation.

I have read the above and agree to abide by these policies of the St. Sebastian and the Catholic Youth Organization Sports Programs.

Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____