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SHADED AREA IS CHANGE or CLARIFICATION

CYC SPORTS CONSTITUTION

(Articles and By-Laws)

ARTICLES

ARTICLE I – NAME

This organization shall be known as the CATHOLIC YOUTH COUNCIL (CYC SPORTS) ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION of the CATHOLIC YOUTH APOSTOLATE of the ARCHDIOCESE of ST. LOUIS, under the auspices of the Archbishop of the Archdiocese.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The mission of CYC Sports is building communities of faith through sports. Our three core values are Faith, Sportsmanship, and Faith, The Constitution of the CYC Athletic Association is a sincere effort to promote good sportsmanship, a respect for rules and self-discipline amongst the contestants. With the help of God, may it serve as a medium for Catholic action. We ask the blessing of God upon this phase of the Catholic Youth Council.

In keeping with the spirit of the program, a pre-game prayer involving both teams together will take place before all youth (Kindergarten through 12th Grade) games; the home team will be responsible for leading the prayer.

ARTICLE III – POLICIES

Sec. 1:

GENERAL POLICY: The Board of Control of each District shall have express authority to adopt, interpret and enforce rules and penalties consistent with this Constitution. The adoption and interpretation of any rule not consistent with the Constitution must have the prior written approval of the CYC Executive Board and the CYC Sports Director.

Sec. 2:

It must be understood by all, that rules adopted by individual Districts, are not to be enforced when playing in the Archdiocesan Championship Playoffs; i.e. this Constitution prevails and takes precedence over District changes. The CYC Sports Director may uphold suspensions of Managers, Coaches, and players by a Districts' written request of the District Chairperson.

District policies that are adopted or interpreted that are not consistent with this Constitution should be in writing and distributed to their parishes and a copy sent to the CYC Sports Director. As stated in Sec. 1, these changes must have the prior written approval of the CYC Executive Board and the CYC Sports Director.

Sec 3:

Managers and Coaches, as leaders have the responsibility of setting good examples for their youth to follow. They shall guide the youth in accordance with Catholic principles, and the purpose of the CYC Athletic Association, which is primarily dedicated to the formation of faith, sportsmanship, and service..

WINNING IS OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE

ARTICLE IV – ORGANIZATION

Sec. 1:

The CYC Executive Board shall include the following: Director of the Catholic Youth Apostolate, Spiritual Moderator (non-voting member), CYC Sports Director (non-voting member), Associate Director of CYC Sports (voting member), Coordinator of CYC Sports (voting member), Members-At-Large (voting member, if have attended two of the past three Executive Meetings) and the District Chairperson of the CYC District Boards of Control (voting member). Proxy voters will not be accepted. The District Chairperson may appoint their Vice-Chairperson or designate their voting representative. The CYC Executive in conjunction with the CYC Sports Department shall be the governing body of this Association. The CYC Sports Director will serve as the chairperson of this committee. The chairperson of each district

shall be appointed/approved each year either by the Catholic Youth Apostolate Director or CYC Sports Director, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Catholic Youth Apostolate Director or CYC Sports Director. All policies, procedures and rulings are subject to approval or change by the Catholic Youth Apostolate Director or CYC Sports Director. The various functions of the CYC Executive Board Members shall be governed by “ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER.” Where these laws conflict with the Constitution of this Association, the Constitution shall govern.

NOTE: When Associate Director of CYC Sports and Coordinator of CYC Sports are both in attendance at meetings, only one will have a vote.

NOTE: All members of the CYC Executive Board, as well as all members of all District Committees, must be in compliance with all/any Archdiocesan participation requirements.

Sec. 2:

Each District should have a Board of Control comprised of the Chairperson of the District, who will have the authority to set district policies without the approval of the District Board of Control members if it is in the best interests of the CYC program, the Vice-Chairman of the District, a Spiritual Moderator (appointed by the Board of Control), a Representative and an Alternate from each of the parishes that are in the District, even if the parish is not participating in the Sports Program. The Parish Representative and Alternate may be appointed by the Spiritual Moderator of the parish, subject to the approval of the Pastor. Alternates may have a voice, but not a vote, if the representative is present. The Board of Control of each District may appoint members for each Sports Committee, to regulate that sport in accordance with this Constitution. Decisions pertaining to rule changes or new rules adopted for the sport must have approval of the district chairperson before said rule changes or new rules might be put into effect for that sport. The Sports Chairperson of each District’s Sports Committee, may, at the discretion of the District Chairperson, be delegated a voting member of the District Board of Control.

In those cases where a district does not have a Board of Control as described above, a District Chairperson shall be appointed by the Catholic Youth Apostolate Director or CYC Sports Director. That Chairperson shall represent the District in voting matters. Voting in these cases should represent as nearly as possible the wishes of the majority of the parishes in the district.

All appointments are subject to the approval of the Catholic Youth Apostolate Director or CYC Sports Director, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Catholic Youth Apostolate Director or CYC Sports Director.

Sec. 3

No Committee Members shall receive any remuneration from the CYC Athletic Association for their services as Committee Member.

Sec. 4:

The CYC Executive Board shall have general charge of the affairs, funds, policies, property, selection of ball and/or equipment, referees, and umpires and full jurisdiction over all District activities connected with this Association. All minutes and records of any committee are the sole property of the CYC Athletic Association. The financial affairs of all the Districts in this Association shall be the responsibility of the Central Office, and all income and disbursements, shall be processed directly through the Central CYC Office under the jurisdiction of the Catholic Youth Apostolate Director or CYC Sports Director.

Sec. 5:

The CYC Executive Board shall meet the first Tuesday of each month, and wherever special meetings are necessary. District Board of Control & Sports Committees shall meet in accordance with the Constitution.

Sec. 6:

- a. CYC Executive Board meeting: A simple majority need not be present to conduct a meeting, but a simple majority of the Districts is necessary to render a valid decision. This does not include playoff hearings.

- b. Simple majority need not be present to conduct a meeting on any Committee or Board of Control, but a simple majority of participating parishes in a District is necessary to render a valid decision.
- c. Districts not in Good Standing may have voting privileges suspended, this applies to Executive meetings, Sport Rule meetings or hearings. Upon their return to “Good Standing” voting privileges will be reinstated.

Sec. 7:

The Catholic Youth Apostolate Director or the CYC Sports Director may dismiss any member, who does not comply with the philosophy and/or rules of the organization.

Sec. 8

A parish/organization can be a member of one district only. If a sport is sponsored by the district in which the parish resides, then the parish/organization cannot elect to participate in the sport in a different district.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

***Sec. 1:**

- a. 11 & 12th Grades: To include players who have not completed the 12th grade and were born on or after July 31, **2001**.
- b. 9 & 10th Grades: To include players who have not completed the 10th grade and were born on or after July 31, **2003**.
- c. PAROCHIAL DIVISION: To include players who were born on or after July 31, **2005**.
NOTE: A Parochial Division player may not have completed the 8th grade.
(Also see RULE III, Sec. 7, Note 2).
- d. 8th Grade: To include players who have not completed the 8th grade and were born on or after July 31, **2005**.
- e. 7th Grade: To include players who have not completed the 7th grade and were born on or after July 31, **2006**.
- f. 6th Grade: To include players who have not completed the 6th grade and were born on or after July 31, **2007**.
- g. 5th Grade: To include players who have not completed the 5th grade and were born on or after July 31, **2008**.
- h. 4th Grade: To include players who have not completed the 4th grade and were born on or after July 31, **2009**.
- i. 3rd Grade: To include players who have not completed the 3rd grade and were born on or after July 31, **2010**.
- j. 2nd Grade: To include players who have not completed the 2nd grade and were born on or after July 31, **2011**.
- k. 1st Grade: To include players who have not completed the 1st grade and were born on or after July 31, **2012**.

Minimum age for participation in the program is 5 years of age by **July 31, 2020** or a student in kindergarten.

NOTE: A player may change from one division to another in accordance with the provisions. For transfers see By-Laws—Rule II, Sec. 3.

Sec. 2:

a. *Playing up into an older age division:*

Playing up on an older age division team is allowed and covered under Article V-Membership, Section 1. Some districts and/or parishes may have restrictions regarding playing up. Please check with the appropriate district/parish.

b. *Playing down into a younger age division:*

1. Grade School Divisions

The CYC Athletic Association/District reserves the right to approve/disapprove any player whose birth date falls within the proper division classification but whose grade does not fall within the proper grade classification, provided that player advanced in grade for academic reasons.

2. High School Divisions

A player in high school may not play in the grade school divisions. A player that has graduated from high school may not play in any division except Adult.

Players seeking exceptions to this must request in writing special permission from their District or the CYC Office, the request may or may not be approved.

Sec. 3:

To be a member team of the CYC Athletic Association, each application must clearly set forth:

- a. Name of team.
- b. The name/address/phone number of Manager/Head Coach. This person must have completed the CYC Coaches Training Program (This requirement is for all CYC teams Kindergarten thru 8th grade.). All coaches need to have completed the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Program set forth by the Office of Child and Youth Protection (This requirement is for all CYC teams Kindergarten thru 12th grade.) All coaches need to have met the Archdiocese requirements which can be found on the CYC website at <http://www.playcyc.org>. To what division it wishes to participate.
- c. Must be accompanied by the Entry Fee.

NOTE: See Attached – Grade School Athletic Associations Definitions

NOTE: In all divisions, except Parochial (see Rule III, Sec. 7, Note 2) teams must be sponsored by a parish, synagogue, church, temple, school or agency that holds membership in and is directly connected to an established recognized religion. The CYC or its designee shall be the sole determining body of the acceptability of an application. Unless approved otherwise by the Director of CYC Sports, all players on a team sponsored by a non-Catholic parish, synagogue, church, temple or agency must be members of the sponsoring entity. Unless approved otherwise by the Director of CYC Sports, all players on a team sponsored by a school must attend that school. The teams must abide by all rules, guidelines & principles of the CYC. All accepted teams (5th grade through High School) would be eligible for District & Archdiocesan playoffs. Teams not accepted with full membership may be allowed to participate for league play only.

ARTICLE VI – PLAYING RULES

Prior to the start of a given season, there will be a Rules meeting for possible revisions to the playing rules. Any decision made regarding playing rules/procedures will be put into effect with the upcoming sport season upon approval of the CYC Executive Board and CYC Sports Director. The playing rules (Official Rulebooks) of this Association are to be governed as follows and not at variance with the Constitution of this Association.

Official rules shall be those adopted by the CYC. These Supplemental Rulebooks containing playing rules/procedures are available through your District personnel and on the CYC website

In accordance with the CYC Philosophy, managers/coaches are responsible to see that all players receive a minimum playing time of 25% each game/match, in both league and tournament games/matches. Managers/Coaches not fulfilling this responsibility are subject to disciplinary action.

Officials/Umpires are to officiate forfeited games/matches. (see Rule III, Sec. 9)

ARTICLE VII – PROTESTS

Sec. 1:

All District protests must be made in writing and filed with the Chairperson of the District and must be accompanied with a deposit of \$35.00 from your parish athletic association. Only managers or representatives (coaches) designated prior to

the game/match can make an official protest. This protest must be approved by the Parish District Board of Control Representatives in writing within the time frame as set forth in this section. The manager or coach protesting, concerning an infraction of playing rules, must make announcement to the appointed official as follows:

- a. Baseball, Softball and Volleyball – at the time of the infraction; before play is resumed.
- b. Basketball – at the first stoppage of play, after the infraction.
- c. Soccer—at half time or immediately after completion of the game, whichever may occur first.
- d. In all sports protest must be noted on the scorecard.

Failure to meet the above specifications will void any possible protest. This does not include eligibility (see Sec. 3). Officials should notify the opposing manager the game is being played under protest. In case the protest is overruled the team forfeits the deposit but if the protest is upheld the deposit shall be returned to the team. Protests concerning the interpretation of the rules governing fact of play must be filed or postmarked with the District Chairperson, not later than 72 hours form the scheduled start time of the game.

Sec. 2:

OFFICIAL'S DECISION On point of fact connected with the play going on the decision of the Official shall be final. On questions of interpretation of rules or laws of the game/match a protest may be made to the Chairperson of the District Board but the Official's decisions must be accepted while the game/match is in progress.

PROTEST CONCERNING THE INTERPRETATION OF PLAYING RULES In any protest which is upheld due to interpretation of playing rules the status of the game/match in question shall be left to the discretion of the respective Sports Committee/Hearing Board.

Sec. 3:

PROTEST CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS must be filed or postmarked not later than the NINTH day following the game/match between the team filing the protest and their opponent protested against to the Chairperson of the District Board. Protesting team must also submit with their protest a copy of their received roster and applicable sections of Article VII, Sec. 1. Time limit to determine the status of protesting team's players shall be nine days subsequent to the date of hearing of the original protest on any league, or within 72 hours of the last game/match of that team's regular league schedule.

PENALTY: game/match or games/matches covered in a 30 day period prior to the date of protest or date of District involvement in which ineligible players are used/participated in, may be awarded to the opponent or opponents of the team violating eligibility rules. The date of the District involvement should be filed in writing with the CYC Central Office. Managers and players of the offending teams will be reprimanded or suspended as the Sports Committee/Hearing Board deem necessary.

Sec. 4:

GUIDELINES:

- a. Burden of proof is on the protesting team. The CYC Executive Board and/or District reserve the right to submit any pertinent information regarding this burden of proof.
- b. The Referee or umpire shall submit a report and also be present if the Sports Committee/Hearing Board deems it necessary.
- c. Notice of ruling should be given to all the teams in the League directly affected.

Sec. 5:

The CYC Executive Board or District reserves the right to monitor, act on and if need be enforce: regarding eligibility without a formal protest being lodged.

Sec. 6:

No protest will be accepted (including eligibility) if it is not filed with the District Chairperson or CYC Executive Board within 72 hours of the last game/match of the team's regular league schedule only.

Sec. 7:

- a. All appeals, whether on a protest, a Committee decision or a District decision must be accompanied by appropriate fee and must be approved in writing by a Parish Representative.
- b. The first appeal (\$35.00) must be made in writing by the District appointed Parish Representative to the Chairperson of the District. The District Board of Control will then hear the appeal. Appeals must be filed or postmarked with the Chairperson of the District by the sixth calendar day from the date of written or verbal notification of the Committee's decision.
- c. A FINAL appeal (\$50.00) must be made in writing to the CYC Executive Board. Teams must notify the District Chairperson in which the team is participating. This appeal must be filed or postmarked to the Chairperson of the CYC Executive Board by the sixth calendar day from the date of written or verbal notification of the Board's decision.
- d. All appeals must be based on the same infraction or rule violation as stated in the original protest.
- e. At the discretion of the Catholic Youth Apostolate Director/CYC Sports Director/District Chairperson this appeal process may be altered.

PLAYOFF PROCEDURES/PROTESTS & APPEALS

For information regarding procedures including protest procedures for District or Archdiocesan Playoffs refer to information provided by District or CYC Office respectively.

ARTICLE VIII – CHANGE (During Year)

Sec. 1:

CONSTITUTION: Any Article in this Constitution may be amended or repealed as follows:

- a. A request from 50% of the Executive Committee is submitted to the CYC Executive Board.
- b. Two-thirds favorable vote by the CYC Executive .
- c. Approval of the CYC Sports Director.

Sec. 2:

BY-LAWS: By-Laws may be amended by the majority vote of the CYC Executive Board and approval of the CYC Sports Director.

ARTICLE IX – PROVISIO

Sec. 1:

By-Laws and Rules consistent herewith may be adopted by the Association to facilitate the carrying out of the Constitution.

Sec. 2:

Any matter not covered by this Constitution shall be left to the discretion of the governing CYC Executive Board and/or the Catholic Youth Apostolate Director/CYC Sports Director.

Sec. 3:

All Articles and Bylaws of this Constitution must have the approval of the Catholic Youth Apostolate Director or CYC Sports Director.

**BY-LAWS
RULE I – MEETINGS**

Meetings of a Board of Control, District Sport Committee/Hearing Board shall be called whenever deemed necessary by the Chairperson of the District or upon the written request of at least one Representative from six parishes.

RULE II – REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS/MANAGERS

Sec. 1:

- a. All managers, coaches and players must have a valid CYC ID Card and be registered on an Official Team Roster Sheet certified by the designated District representative and Spiritual Director (or authorized representative). If the roster is not certified by the Spiritual Director or authorized representative, then the Coach's Authorization Form must accompany the submitted roster. Before the start of the season, all participating parishes/organizations must have their Coach's Authorization Form or Signed Roster submitted to their district/CYC Office. (Exception – Emergency Coach for which a district waiver should be presented.)
- b. A player with a valid CYC ID Card becomes an official member of a team when the District officially receives the roster including that player. **All** participants are required to have a valid CYC Photo ID Card. The roster must be submitted for review to the electronic roster system(s) used by the District or to the system as designated by their district at least seven days prior to game time. No later than 30 days after the first scheduled game of that league, all rosters should be present into The CYC DESIGNATED ROSTER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, and further updates should be restricted to emergency needs.
- c. In all grade school divisions, team managers must be at least 18 years old.
- d. Players are not required to sign the roster.

Sec. 2:

All divisions have unlimited rosters.

Sec. 3:

In any sport a player with a valid CYC ID Card may be added or transferred anytime prior to 25 days after the first scheduled game of that league. Additions or transfers after 25 days must have the written approval of the appropriate District Chairperson and or his delegate. Exception: All adult divisions. No players may be added after the sixth game played.

Sec. 4:

HIGH SCHOOL DIVISIONS

Teams are allowed to carry players on their rosters regardless of their participation in other leagues. Some leagues and/or organizations do have restrictions, such as the Missouri High School Athletic Association, which does not allow players to play the same sport with another organization during the same season. (Also see Rule III, Section 8) Players/coaches must familiarize themselves with the rules to avoid placing players in jeopardy.

5th THRU 8th GRADE DIVISIONS

After the first week of the season, each District will submit to the CYC Director a list of parishes/schools and the number of boy's teams and the number of girl's teams, in 5th thru 8th grade. The CYC Sports Director will list all parishes/schools, from all five Districts, according to the total number of teams in boys and the total number of teams for girls. The top 20% on the list will be designated Large Schools for the Archdiocesan playoffs. The rest of the list will be designated Small Schools.

The final list will be posted on the CYC website. The designation will be good for one sports season only. Each season, the procedure will repeat.

Teams in the Small School Division may request to play in the Large School Division.

Teams in the Large School Division, may not play in the Small School Division.

This designation is for the Archdiocesan playoffs only. Districts may schedule leagues as they have in the past.

***RULE III – ELIGIBILITY RULES**

Sec. 1:

IDENTIFICATION CARDS – (When “ID Cards” is stated, in the Constitution, it implies, CYC ID Card. All Kindergarten thru 8th grade Managers and all coaches are required to have attended/taken the CYC Training Program and have a valid Coaches ID Card which is a Picture ID card. Coach's ID number must appear on the

roster for all coaches indicating the coach has completed the CYC coaches training. Coaches of High School teams only need to have a valid ID Card. Coaches that are under 18; need to have a CYC picture ID Card. They should place “High School” in the Coach’s number area of the roster.

ALL players of the CYC Athletic Association must have an Official CYC ID Card to be eligible to participate. Teams must have their ID Cards and Roster present for every game. Electronic copies of rosters and ID Cards are acceptable for league play. (Physical Roster and ID Cards must still be presented at Archdiocesan Playoffs.) An electronic copy is a reproduction on paper or a copy that can be viewed on an electronic device.

NOTE: All Managers and coaches must be in compliance with all/any Archdiocesan participation requirements.

NOTE: Adult ID Cards do not expire.

- a. To be eligible to participate all teams are required to have present at each and every game/match played: their Official CYC approved roster and valid Official CYC ID Cards. Electronic copies of rosters and ID Cards are acceptable for league play. (Physical Roster and ID Cards print outs must still be presented at Archdiocesan Playoffs.) An electronic copy is a reproduction on paper or a copy that can be viewed on an electronic device. At the start of each game/match, the team manager/coach, of each team, must submit to the game officials a game card/sheet that indicates the names of the manager, coaches, jersey number and name of each player, the date, time, team/league number/name, name of opposing team and site of where game/match had been played. At the end of the game/match, the manager must sign the game card/sheet to verify that all persons listed had participated and the score of the game is correct.

Names can be added for late arriving players/coaches or delete those that did not participate.

The officials must turn in the game card/sheet, with their names/numbers on the same, to the district designated person.

The District will maintain the game card/sheet in their files for payment of the officials/parish for that game/match and as an official record as to who participated in the game/match for 7 years. A scanned version can be maintained in place of the paper copy.

- b. Each CYC District’s Board of Control or their representatives reserves the right to require a mandatory review of rosters and ID Cards prior to each game/match of normal league play. This is recommended to be followed at least during the first three weeks of each league’s schedule.
- c. Prior to the start of any CYC game/match the opposing Manager may request the appointed game/match officials to administer a roster and ID check.
- d. In all Archdiocesan and all District Playoff games/matches CYC Identification Card and Official CYC approved Roster must be dated and follow Rule II – Registration of Players/Managers Sec. 1, a, must be presented prior to the start of the game/match to the appointed Official and on request to the opposing manager.
- e. In all games/matches where ID/Roster checks are required or requested the appointed game/match Officials must verify each player visually with ID Card and Official Roster. The opposing manager is allowed to observe the verification process.

NOTE: Late players prior to entering the game/match must display their ID card to the appointed official.

- f. Roster and ID Cards (for players, managers and coaches) need to be presented prior to the start of the game/match. If unable to present, that person should not participate.

If a paper or electronic copy of an Official CYC Roster is not presented prior to the game, then the game will be declared a forfeit and not played. The official CYC roster must be presented prior to game time.

A coach cannot participate in the game until their CYC Picture ID is presented or an electronic copy of it is presented. If there are no rostered (or coaches waived by the district for the game) meeting this requirement, then the game will be declared a forfeit and not played.

A player cannot participate in the game until a CYC Picture ID is presented or an electronic copy of it is presented. ID cards must be presented before the start of the game. Players from other teams can be used as long as a roster and CYC picture ID are provided. (Electronic copies can be used.) In that instance, the game is declared a forfeit.

Sec. 2:

No player shall receive any compensation for services rendered to a team of this Association. This shall not prevent suitable prizes from being given to players if approved by the CYC Executive Board

Sec. 3:

No player shall be eligible to play a game under the jurisdiction of the CYC Athletic Association if said player shall have received a monetary consideration for their services rendered as a player or a team after the opening of the current season of that particular sport.

Sec. 4:

A player may participate on the same day with another organization in either the same or different sport. Parishes may set their own guidelines concerning CYC activities missed.

Parishes may set their own guidelines concerning CYC activities missed. (See By-Laws, Rule II, Sec.4). Parishes must have on file, with their District Chairperson, a Parish policy regarding CYC activities missed for players. Districts may address player(s) / Parish(es) not having a policy on file with their District Chairperson.

Sec. 5:

Managers and coaches of teams, by signing the roster or submitting it electronically, shall be held accountable for statements of their players regarding eligibility, age and grade indicated on rosters and subject to disciplinary action.

Sec. 6:

A. Those eligible to play in the CYC program:

1. Must be a resident of the St. Louis Archdiocese.
2. If from another Diocese by special permission of Catholic Youth Apostolate Director or CYC Sports Director
3. Must have a valid CYC ID Card.

B. In all grade school divisions, **a Catholic player** is eligible to participate in the CYC Program in one of the following:

1. Parish of worship/registration.
2. The Catholic school the player is attending as a full-time student or as a registered PSR student.
3. Parish of residence

C. In all grade school divisions, **a non-Catholic player** is eligible to participate in the CYC Program for one of the following, in this order:

1. A Non-Catholic organization that has been officially accepted into the CYC, provided that the non-Catholic player is a registered member of that organization.
2. The Catholic school the player is attending as a full-time student or registered at the PSR.
3. The Catholic parish of residence.

D. If there is no program or available team in the player's parish of residence:

A player's parish representative shall then submit the player to their District Chairmen for reassignment with another team in the District. The reassignment should be done on a "need" basis, that is, the reassignment is to a team that is in need of players, while taking the player's past reassignments from previous seasons into consideration and also geographic factors. The parish to which the player is reassigned must consent to accept the player who is reassigned and the player is subject to the rules of the parish.

Reassignments may also cross District lines with the approval of both District Chairmen. Applications must be made no later than the deadline for application of parish teams. The parish must consent to accept the player who is reassigned and the player is subject to the rules of the parish.

E. If Roster is filled, or player restrictions

1. If in subparts B and C above, there is a program in the player's division at the parish, but the parish or school's team roster is filled, the Parish, with the player's consent, must apply to the District for reassignment with another team in the District. There are no longer numbers stated for a roster to be considered filled. This reassignment should follow the same procedures as in subpart D above. (This rule cannot, and is not intended to, move a majority of a team to another Parish, nor is it intended to keep a player from the Parish from playing with that team.)
2. If a Parish has restrictions as to a player not being allowed to play for it, then the player may be reassigned to another team in accordance with subpart D above. Such parish restrictions must be on file with the District. The final decision on the enforcement of the parish restriction(s) and the reassignment will rest with the District.
3. If a player is released from a Parish team for reassignment to another team in a different Parish/District, then the releasing Parish may not receive any players from outside their Parish for the same grade as the released player. Conversely, if a Parish accepts a player from outside its parish, then the accepting Parish may not release any players from its Parish/District for that same grade. District Chairpersons have the discretion to approve exceptions to this accept/release policy.

F. Team Eligibility for CYC Playoffs, and Reassignments

Any Parish/Organization's team is eligible for the CYC Playoffs if:

1. All players on the team meet the criteria in Section 6, subparts B or C above.
2. A team has a player that does not meet the criteria of Sec. 6, subparts B or C above, and player has been reassigned to their team due to:
 - a. Parish of residence **not having** a team at that grade level, or
 - b. Parish of residence has a team at that grade level and the reassignment of the player was due to an issue with not enough or too many players on a roster, or due to a parish restriction, as provided for in subparts E.1 or E.2.
 - c. A paper waiver stating the reason for reassignment, signed by a parent or guardian, and signed by both the releasing and accepting Parish representatives, and signed by the District Chairman, must have been obtained and on file before the start of the District's CYC season.

NOTE 1: When a Parish/Organization conducts a tryout/evaluation, of certain grades, only constitutionally eligible player(s) of that Parish/Organization present at the tryout can be used to complete the roster. After all Parish/Organization players are placed on parish teams the Parish/Organization can then ask the District for additional players to fill out their team, if needed.

NOTE 2: A player who changes their status (residence or parish of worship/registration) twelve months or less prior to the opening of the season will be considered as being eligible for their previous parish/school as a participant for the balance of the season. Before participating, said player shall file a signed statement of change registration /residence with the CYC District to be attached to their team's roster.

G. A player, either Catholic or non-Catholic, must play for the same parish for the entire school year (August 1 through July 31) provided that parish offers teams in the division and sport that the player is participating in; or unless said player has been properly reassigned.

H. SUPERVISION/ADULT COACH

1. In all Grade School Divisions there must be at least one Coach/Manager (Non-Player) in attendance with a CYC ID Card and be responsible for the team's actions for the entire game.
2. In the High School Divisions there must be at least one adult, 21 years or older, in attendance with a CYC ID Card responsible for the team's actions for the entire game. The CYC Executive Board reserves the right to require additional responsible adults for any or all High School teams on a sport by sport basis. High School teams should contact their District chairperson/sports chairperson and/or the supplementary rulebook for a full explanation of that sport's requirements.

3. Any team/parish not having the above conditions met is subject to forfeiture and disciplinary action. In an emergency, a substitute coach with CYC ID Card must be appointed by the Parish representative before a game is played and the Head Official notified.

Sec. 7:

In High School Divisions a team may have players living outside the parish. Written releases are not required in the High School divisions. A release is needed for all grade school children seeking to play up in these divisions. A separate written request from the parent(s) is also required for this.

NOTE 1: PAROCHIAL DIVISION – must be a student of the Catholic school the player is representing or a student attending that Catholic Parish School of Religion. Said student shall be eligible to participate for the player’s parish team providing the participant has not completed eight grades of education and has completed or is presently attending a PSR Program satisfying the present sport year’s requirements. A Catholic parish, which does not have a Parochial School but conducts a School of Religion, may enter a team in the Parochial Division utilizing players of their parish PSR Program. A player that is attending a Catholic School or a Catholic Parish School of Religion whose school or PSR does not have a Parochial team may be reassigned by the District to another Parochial team. Note: A player may play in the parochial division and one other CYC division in the same sport, during the same season without being in violation of this rule.

Sec. 8:

BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL & SOCCER – HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE AND PRO RULE:

- a. High School/College Team Members are not eligible to play the same sport simultaneously in CYC, if they were on their school team for their high school's regular scheduled games and their school season was played during the same general time as the CYC season.
- b. If you are listed on your high school eligibility roster for a sport, during the same season as that CYC sport is played, you are not eligible to play for the CYC team.
- c. A pro player is one who is currently under contract or has received money during that current season. That player is not eligible to participate in the same sport that they have been declared a “pro” in.

NOTE: High School and College players should check on the high school or college rules from their governing bodies before participating.

Sec. 9:

When a parish/organization team, in any division, finds that it will not have the required number of player(s) to start a game, according to the rules of that sport, they can use any CYC rostered player(s) of the same gender in the same division or younger to play the game. The participation of the player must be documented with an official CYC Roster or CYC ID Card.

NOTE#1: The team that did not have the required number of players to start the game, will forfeit their scheduled game.

NOTE#2: The scheduled officials will be required to officiate the game.

NOTE#3: The game card(s), score sheet, or roster, whichever is used to show actual player participation in the game/match; of both teams, must be submitted, to the scheduled official(s). If a roster is submitted, it must indicate participation of players for that game.

NOTE#4: The game will be played under these circumstances only if the non-forfeiting team agrees to play.

Sec. 10:

Teams using players that are not eligible under the terms as set forth in these rules shall be liable to disciplinary action as the district sports committee/hearing board may deem proper.

RULE IV – SEASONAL PARISH TEAM MERGER

In all divisions parishes in the same District may combine their players for a particular sport for a sport season. Parish Representatives must agree to the combination and the District Chairperson must approve. The merged parishes shall be considered as from one parish.

RULE V – PARISH MERGER

Each District shall consider application for merger of parish CYC programs. The CYC Executive Board must approve all mergers. The CYC Executive Board shall not consider any merger not approved by a quorum present at a regular District Board of Control Meeting. The following requirements must be met before the CYC Executive Board shall give consideration. Districts may add their own requirements.

1. The pastors must agree.
2. Parish Athletic Boards must agree and show that the parishes will participate in the governing of the program.
3. A “genuine” need must be shown. It must be shown that a concerted effort was made to establish a program with the parish.
4. Entire Athletic Program must be merged. Players from each parish must be integrated on the teams.
5. The responsibility for payment of all CYC fees must be determined.
6. Merger applications, in writing, must be received by the CYC Executive Board at least ninety days prior to the proposed date of the merger.
7. Merger may be revoked upon written request by the pastor of any of the participating parishes prior to the next Sport Season.
8. Rules of eligibility apply to merged parishes.

RULE VI – DISTRICT MERGERS

In any sport two or more Districts may merge for the purpose of regular season play if a “genuine” need exists. Such mergers are in effect for the current Sport Season only. By agreement of the merged Districts a Sponsoring District must be designated. All teams must adhere to the rules and regulations of the Sponsoring District. District mergers must have the approval of the Chairpersons of the merging districts and the CYC Sports Director and/or the CYC Assistant Sports Director.

NOTE: When District mergers occur all teams of the affected Districts must participate in this merged program.

RULE VII – CONDUCT

Sec. 1:

All that is dishonorable and unsportsmanlike is particularly and expressly condemned. The manager, coach, player, spectator or team guilty of such violation shall be removed at the discretion of the District/Officials. The District provided the District/Official’s report warrants may further penalize managers, coaches, players and teams. If a player, coach or manager is ejected from a game or placed on report, they must surrender their ID Card to the game official(s) or CYC personnel, upon request.

The Head Coach of the team is responsible for the continued display of good sportsmanship by all game participants. A game official can and should request the assistance of the team coaches to deal with inappropriate behavior by fans, players, or other coaches.

Sec. 2:

Upon failure of any player, coach, manager, team or league to comply with any requirements of the Constitution, playing rules, or Philosophy of the CYC, the CYC Board/Catholic Youth Apostolate Director/CYC Sports Director shall have the power to expel any such person(s) or group(s) from the organization.

Sec. 3:

Any person directly/indirectly approaching another parish(s) and/or player(s) for the purpose of inducing parish team(s) or player(s) to leave that parish and/or team shall be liable to punishment as the District deems proper.

Sec. 4:

All participants of CYC events are required to adhere to the Official CYC Code of Conduct documents as found on the CYC website at: <https://playcyc.org/code-of-conduct/>

Also, expressly prohibited while under the jurisdiction of the organization: is the use of profane or blasphemous language, smoking on the bench, court or field, the consumption, or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances, use of chewing tobacco, e-cigarettes, and other such items during the game, on the field or court, and possession of firearms, as defined by the Missouri Law on Firearms.

Sec. 5:

Managers, coaches and team captains only may confer with the Officials, provided it is done in a civil manner. Anyone attempting to confront Officials in an unsportsmanlike manner is to be ejected from the game and/or placed on a misconduct report.

RULE VIII – SUSPENSIONS

Sec. 1:

Any manager, coach or player is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED FROM ALL CYC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION activity until ruled upon by the particular District if they are:

- a. Ejected from a game, even if not put on misconduct report by the appointed Official, discretion to handle cases as they deem necessary if notified of such expulsion at a subsequent date.
- b. Put on a misconduct report by a CYC Official before, during or after the game.
- c. A High School player, and his/her team, will be suspended, if he/she plays a CYC sport, at the same time he/she is listed on their high school eligibility roster, in the same sport.

Sec. 2:

Suspensions are issued in terms of number of games or periods of time or any other penalties the District chooses to impose and may overlap into succeeding sports seasons. The District will state in its suspension as to what areas of involvement in the CYC the suspension covers.

Sec. 3:

The CYC Athletic Association upon review will recognize other Athletic Association's suspensions.

Sec. 4:

EJECTION OF A COACH, PLAYER OR FAN - When a coach, player or fan is ejected from a CYC Sports event, the individual must leave the site and sound of the facility. They are not allowed to be in a position where they can observe the remainder of the contest.

When the individual is serving any game suspension as imposed by the District or CYC office, they are not allowed to be in the facility where the event is taking place. This includes in the gym including the bleachers etc. or in an outdoor event, not allowed on the premises where the event is taking place. The only exception to this is if the player does not have a parent present, then that player stays on the bench.

RULE IX – CYC PLAYOFFS

Sec. 1:

For 5TH GRADE THROUGH 12TH GRADE DIVISIONS only, a Championship Contest, conducted by the District Sports Committee shall be played at the end of the season by the league winners of 4 and 5 team leagues; 1st and 2nd place winners of 6 and 7 team leagues; 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of 8 and 9 team leagues, provided there are multiple leagues in a given division. Where there is only one league operated in a particular division the first place team shall be the District Champion and no District Playoff will be conducted. The District may change the aforementioned method of conducting playoffs for the season, provided that all teams are notified prior to the start of the season. The CYC Athletic Association shall conduct CYC Archdiocesan Championship Playoffs for aforementioned divisions. There shall be no District or Archdiocesan Championship Playoffs in the 1st thru 4th grade Divisions. Districts may conduct post-season tournaments, and may award appropriate trophies.

Sec. 2:

To qualify for all CYC Playoffs, a player must meet with the following requirements:

- a. Must be registered with their team not later than the specified number of days or games. (Refer to Rule II, Sec. 3 of the By-Laws.)
- b. In order for a player to be eligible to participate in the CYC Playoffs, they must have played at least 50% of the games of the current season. Special circumstances, such as illness or injuries, with doctors' letter must be presented to the District for approval.

Sec. 3:

All Teams, Parishes and Districts must be in good standing in order to participate in the Playoffs. Good standing is defined as adhering to the Rules, Guidelines and Financial Requirements of the CYC Organization.

Sec. 4:

Any team not filling their district's position in the CYC Championships and thus leaving the District's spot void, will not be eligible for the Archdiocesan Championships in the following year in that sport. (Example: St. Bob's 5th grade boys' team drops out of the Archdiocesan Playoffs after committing to play. The same team [mostly same coaches and players] will not be allowed to participate in the Archdiocesan Playoffs in that sport in 6th grade. If that parish has other teams at that age group, the other teams would be allowed to participate.)

Can be appealed to the CYA Director.

Sec. 5:

The CYC Sports Director can declare a team ineligible for the CYC Playoffs if the team's availability does not match up with the available resources for the CYC Playoffs. Can be appealed to the CYA Director.

Sec. 6: Archdiocesan Championship Conflicts

Any team that has a chance to advance from their district and qualify for the Archdiocesan Championships that might have a potential religious or school conflict at any time during the dates of playoffs should notify the CYC Office immediately of such potential conflict. Please provide the nature of your conflict and the time of the conflict. Please be advised that if the conflict is for an entire weekend, that we will most likely **not** be able to schedule around your conflict. Conflicts received after the conflict deadline date (listed in each sport's rulebook under Special Notes) may not be able to be accommodated. **ANY** conflict brought forth after the deadline date may have a **\$50.00** fee. This includes religious or school conflicts. Championship Conflict Form can be found on the CYC web page for the appropriate sport. Conflicts should be emailed to the email address indicated on the CYC web page for the appropriate sport.

Sec. 7: FORFEIT POLICY FOR THE ARCHDIOCESAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Teams entering the Archdiocesan Championships must show up at the appointed time or may be subject to the following penalties: Any team forfeiting or dropping out of the Archdiocesan Championships after the playoff meeting may be assessed the forfeiture fee of \$250.00.

This fine will be assessed to the District from which said team is from. The District will then assess the fine to the offending parish. Depending on the situation, the District may elect to pay the fine itself. The fine is to be paid before the next sport season starts, failing to do so will cause that parish and District not to be in good standing and thus not eligible for playoffs in the next sport season.

RULE X – TOURNAMENTS

The CYC Athletic Association and/or CYC District reserves the right to monitor and, if need be, discipline players, managers, spectators, or coaches of CYC teams should their actions at tournaments be inconsistent with the Philosophy of the CYC Program. This applies to all team members, parishes and organizations that sponsor or participate in tournaments.

RULE XI – WAGERING

No wagering of any sort shall be tolerated, and such violations shall lead to immediate expulsion from the league upon the decision of the District, and subject to recommendations and approval of the CYC Executive Board.

RULE XII – OFFICIALS (REFEREES & UMPIRES)

Sec. 1:

The Referees and Umpires are obligated to report to their District as per instructions following:

- a. Report of the game, i.e., results, lineups, et-cetera.
- b. Misconduct of any kind that took place before, during or after the game.
- c. To immediately file a statement regarding the possible protest of an interpretation of playing rules to be filed as announced to the Official by the manager of the protesting team. He is directed to notify the opposing manager that the game is being played under protest.

Note: Failure to notify the opposing manager does not negate the protest.

Sec. 2:

The District/Executive Board/ CYC Office may remove any Referee or Umpire for just cause.

Sec. 3:

In cases of emergency arising when the appointed Official is unable to officiate or when the appointed Official is unable to continue the game, it is permissible for the managers involved to select one or two Officials to continue with the game. Both managers must provide a written agreement, before the game; or when an emergency arises during the game. This written consent is to be forwarded to the CYC District Chairperson.

Sec. 4:

All CYC officials, table workers, and paid schedulers of officials are required to be members of the CYC-Sports Officials Association (CYC-SOA). The registration is done yearly starting in late July and applies to all sports for the entire year. This is an annual requirement.

RULE XIII – FORFEITURE RULE

Sec. 1:

Any team that forfeits two consecutive games or a total of three league games in a season may be dropped from the league pending the decision of the District. All completed and uncompleted games for the team will be scored as forfeits.

Sec. 2:

In the event both teams of a scheduled game/match fail to appear with a sufficient number of players the game/match may be forfeited and not rescheduled. A loss may be charged to both teams.

RULE XIV – LOCAL GOVERNMENT – (Any CYC League)

Any league may draw up a Constitution from the management of that respective league (not at variance with this Constitution or the spirit thereof), as interpreted by the District, but such Constitution must be approved in writing by the CYC Office.

RULE XV – KNOWLEDGE OF CONSTITUTION

Managers shall be supplied with a copy of this Constitution and they shall acquaint their players with the contents. Ignorance shall not be accepted as an excuse for violation of this Constitution.

RULE XVI – POSTPONEMENTS

Games postponed will be rescheduled according to specific policy of each District. All teams should be supplied with this policy in writing.

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