

## PARENT'S EXPECTATIONS

1. **Our sports program is based on Christian values.** The CYO program is to assist youth in growing to be good Christians. Those values are learned at home as well as during practice and at the game. We should model adult Christian behavior and involvement in parish life so that our kids will grow emotionally, intellectually, physically, socially, and spiritually through the program.
2. **Volunteering is MANDATORY.** The CYO program cannot run without volunteers. As part of this program you as a parent are expected to volunteer.
3. **Forget your plans for your kids becoming a pro.** Ninety-nine percent of all kids involved in sports programs will not play professional sports no matter how hard they try. Let the game and practice be what they are supposed to be - fun not pro training.
4. **Remember who is playing the game.** We are not playing the game; the kids are. It is not fair to them to act as if their athletic performance is a reflection on us. While watching a game, be considerate of all who are there
5. **The other team is composed of kids, too.** The other team is not "the enemy." They are kids wearing different uniforms. Treat them as respectfully as you would want your kids to be treated by others.
6. **Treat volunteers with respect.** The coaches and referees are volunteers not professionals. They give up a great deal of their time to help out kids. They have a whole group of kids to consider, not just yours. They may make mistakes. Give them a break. If they are not doing a good job, report to those in charge but do not go after them on your own.
7. **You are supposed to have fun, too.** If the most important thing is having your kids win, you should reexamine your priorities. At the end of a game, win or lose, a good time should be had by all involved.
8. **If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all.** If kids don't play well, don't rehash it and make them feel worse. If they want to talk about it, they'll let you know. Talk with about it only to build them up and put things in the proper perspective.
9. **Every child is unique.** Some kids like sports and excel in them; some don't. Don't compare kid's abilities and interests. Don't presume they will like sports because you did. Every child is a unique gift from God and should be treated that way.
10. **Parents are welcome at practice.** Parents are welcome to *watch* practice. Please do not interrupt practice by trying to talk to the coach during practice. Also, please keep other children that may be with you off the court at all times.

I have carefully read, understand, and agree to follow the List of Parent's Expectations.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date