CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

RIGHTS:

- 1. Coaches, players, officials and spectators have the right to participate in or watch a game in a comfortable and safe environment without interference from others.
- 2. Coaches, players, officials and spectators have the right to be treated in a courteous and respectful manner.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1. Remember that it is only a game and players are children who are playing for their enjoyment.
- 2. Show respect for the integrity and judgment of officials. Respect decisions made by the officials.
- 3. Treat others with respect and courtesy. Be a role model by positively supporting teams and by not shouting, instructions or criticism to the players, coaches, or officials. Do not coach from the stands.
- 4. Make no derogatory comments or gestures to players, coaches, other spectators, officials, or league administrators.
- 5. Care for and respect the facility where the game or practice is held.

We expect that coaches, players, and spectators, as representatives of the parish community will hold themselves to the highest standards of sportsmanship, treating other coaches, athletes, all officials and spectators in a respectful, courteous, and Christian manner. We encourage the enthusiastic support of family and friends; we expect that the conduct of all spectators will reflect the same standard of respectful behavior that we ask of our athletes.

Any spectator who displays poor sportsmanship may be removed from the facility by an official, their team coach, a league official, or the host gym person-in-charge. Any spectator who interferes with a CYO activity may, at the discretion of the parish, league, or the Diocese, be barred from attendance of subsequent CYO activities

In addition, players will:

- 1. Attend all practices and competitions. If a player has to miss a practice or game, he or she must notify the coach in advance to provide the reason for the absence.
- 2. Care for and be responsible for all equipment and uniforms.
- 3. Inform the coach immediately if injured during practice or competition.

Any player ejected from a game because of unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended for the next two games and may be subject to additional penalties. Any player who intentionally harms another player, participant or official may be suspended from play for the remainder of the season and may be disqualified from CYO competition.