

## SJA WARRIOR COACHES:

On behalf of Fr. Adam, the Athletic Board, Parents and most importantly the athletes of SJA we thank you for taking on such a vital role in our youth ministry of athletics. Coaching can be and is such a rewarding experience. It also takes your valuable time away from family, work and other aspects of your daily life. Your time, talents and treasures are recognized and appreciated.

### Expectations:

Each coach must first and foremost have a deep faith in God and be willing to share this faith with the athletes, parents, spectators and referees.

Each coach must successfully complete CYO Initial Certification and or Re-Certification. (paid by SJA)

Each coach must successfully complete the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) online Concussion Course in response to Ohio House Bill 143, which took effect in April 2013. (valid for 3 years)

Each coach must complete a background check through VIRTUS. (valid for 5 years and paid by SJA). The coach will need to contact the Compliance Coordinator in the Parish Office before starting the background check process.

These are the requirements of CYO as well as SJA. If you as a potential coach or an existing coach have any issues with these requirements do not hesitate to contact the Athletic Director.

Again, thank you for giving of yourself to make a difference in the life and faith life of the youth of our Parish.

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# Diocese of Toledo Catholic Youth Organization

## Athletics

September 27, 2016

Dear CYO Basketball Coaches and Parish Athletic Directors,

It's hard to believe, but CYO basketball season is quickly approaching us and it's time to be preparing. Enclosed you will find information regarding the CYO Coaches' Certification program. This information was previously emailed to all of our coaches back in July.

We have planned three sessions that will focus mainly on Toledo rules:

- **Tuesday, October 25th @ Oregon Cardinal Stritch High School (6-9 pm)**
- **Wednesday, November 2nd @ Toledo Notre Dame Academy (6-9 pm)**
- **Tuesday, November 29th @ Toledo St. John's Jesuit High School (6-9 pm)**

One session will focus on the Tri-Deanery grade school league rules:

- **Monday, October 17th @ Tiffin St. Joseph Parish (Upper Room 7-10 pm)**

One session will focus on the Northwest Ohio Catholic (Bryan Area) grade school league rules:

- **Thursday, November 3rd @ Bryan St. Patrick Parish (7-10 pm)**

One session will focus on the Hearthstone Area high school league rules:  
• **Monday, October 24th @ Glandorf St. John Parish (7-10 pm)**

**A coach who needs to re-certify may attend any of these sessions.**

In order to go through re-certification, a coach must register by completing the enclosed form and send in the \$10 fee. If a coach does not pre-register, then he/she must pay \$20 at the door.

New coaches who need to go through the initial certification MAY attend any of the above sessions, but will then have to register for one of the initial certification classes (November 12th, November 19th or December 4th). Likewise, any basketball coach who does not need to go through re-certification because his/her certificate was renewed in the spring or summer is encouraged to attend the first hour of recertification sessions. There is no charge or registration necessary for attending only the first portion of the recertification if you do not need to re-certify.

If you have already pre-registered (mailed in your form and payment) for one of the above sessions then you just need to show up at the site for which you are registered to attend. If you have any questions please feel free to call our office (244-6711, ext. 4932).

Three years ago the explanation of CYO coaching requirements were re-written in the attached brochure. In addition to attending the appropriate certification class, every CYO coach is now required to complete the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) online Concussion Course in response to Ohio House Bill 143, which took effect in April 2013. You may do this by visiting <http://www.nfhslearn.com/electiveDetail.aspx?courseID=38000> and following the attached instructions. You must then provide CYO with a copy of your Certificate of Completion – you may do this electronically to [CYO@toledodiocese.org](mailto:CYO@toledodiocese.org). This Concussion Course will NOT be included in certification classes this year, so coaches must complete this 30-minute course on their own time. The Concussion certification is valid for three years, so if you have completed this course previously in response to Ohio House Bill, 143, you may need to retake the class since it's been a law for longer than three years.

If you intend to coach basketball this upcoming fall season, you **MUST** have your certificate from the NFHS online concussion course on file in the CYO Office before you will be considered fully certified. **This means that in order to receive your lanyard at the end of the initial certification class or re-certification class you attend, this must already have been submitted.**

If you have any questions regarding your certification status, please call our office and speak with Kathy Rakay, CYO Administrative Assistant (244-6711, ext. 4932). While we do not enjoy confronting coaches who appear to be coaching without current certification status, we will do so. It is unfair to those of you who do what is required of you to minister to youth in our diocese.

**Coaches will receive a CYO lanyard/name insert upon completion of certification (having already completed the online NFHS concussion course), so it is very important that you keep your certification status current. ALL coaches will be required to wear their lanyard if they intend to sit on the bench this season. If you do not certify, you will not be issued a lanyard.**

Sincerely,  
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