

CYO Eligibility Requirements

CYO is a parish centric program governed by CYOLI. As you will see in the following pages, a connection to the local parish is required to participate.

It is the responsibility of the parish CYO Coordinator to verify that each participant named meets all eligibility requirements. Only those names on the certified roster on file at the CYOLI office will be recognized as official participants.

A player is permitted to participate on only one team per sport in a season.

When registering participants, please make sure all eligibility requirements are met in order to participate in your program:

- Live within your parish boundary. *If a participant does not live within your parish boundary, he/she is eligible to play at your parish if the following applies:*
 - (a) Parents are registered parishioners (for at least 2 years) and participant attends Faith Formation classes in your parish (for at least 2 years).*
 - (b) Participant attends parish school (Catholic regional school students may play for their resident parish or regional school parish)*
 - (c) Participant lives in an adjoining parish* that does not have a program.*
 - (d) Participant has previously been granted a waiver and participated in your program.*

If the participant does not live within your parish boundary and does not meet the criteria noted above, PLEASE DIRECT THE PARTICIPANT TO THE PARISH WHERE THEY RESIDE. If you have any questions regarding parish boundaries, please call the CYOLI Office. If there are extenuating circumstances which would meet the criteria to request a waiver, please submit the waiver request PRIOR to the start of the season, but no later than when the team rosters are due.

*If a participant resides in a parish that does not have a program at the 3rd or 4th grade level, that participant may play in an adjoining parish that does have a team at that level, however they must return to their home parish if there is a team at the 5th grade level.

**If a participant resides in a parish that does not have a program, that participant may request to play in an adjoining parish that does have a program. The adjoining parish chosen will become that participant's

designated parish.

- **Proper age/grade level** - An individual may PLAY UP one (1) level in divisional classification without approval from CYOLI. If an individual plays up, he/she may not revert to a lower classification for the remainder of the season. If the parish team on which the player is going to participate is not the parish of residence, all other eligibility requirements apply.
- **Proper program placement** - Children who choose to participate in CYO programs are required to play on teams that correspond to their biological at-birth sex.

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The composition of a parish's roster is expected to reflect the community that exists within the parish boundary. As such, it is required that at **least 51%** of each parish roster be comprised of players who reside within the parish boundaries of that parish.

Maximum number of participants per team: Basketball (15) Volleyball (15)