

CYO Eligibility Requirements

CYO of Long Island is a parish-based organization serving the youth of the Diocese of Rockville Centre living in Nassau and Suffolk counties*. We offer programs for girls and boys at a variety of skill and age levels. Children who choose to participate in CYO programs are required to play on teams that correspond to their biological at-birth sex. (* Residents of Brooklyn and Queens fall under the Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens.)

To be eligible to participate in a parish program, the following requirements must be met:

- **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.*
- **Proper age/grade level.** *A participant may play up **one** grade level.*

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 HE/SHE RESIDES.** If you have any questions regarding parish boundaries please check our website, www.cyons.org, call or email the CYO Office.

If the participant's parish program does not have instructional level teams, 3rd or 4th grade, the participant may play at an adjoining parish for that level however, the participant must return to their parish to play once they reach the grade level where the parish program has a team. The coordinator, coach and parent of the participant must fill out the **CYO Conditional Waiver** form and forward to the CYO Office. Forms are located on the CYO Website, www.cyons.org, under Rules/Forms. Participants will not be approved on a roster without signing this form.

† If a participant lives 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.** If in the future their home parish organizes a program, they may return to their home parish or remain in the designated parish. Participating at a different adjoining parish is not an option.