

PLAYERS

ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

Players who wish to participate in a parish CYO program shall meet the criteria of eligibility established for participation in the Diocese of Stockton CYO. Parish Athletic Director receives and submits proof of attendance at Catholic School or Religious Education and assures fulfillment of age and league requirements.

CRITERIA FOR PLAYING

Diocese of Stockton CYO program is open to any Player who attends the Parish Catholic School or Parish Religious Education Program.

1. Attendance at Parish Catholic School

- a. Player shall attend the Parochial School and play for the Parish team.
- b. Principal or delegated class room teacher shall verify enrollment and attendance of each Player.
- c. If the Parish does not have a team, the Player may play for another parish only with the approval of the CYO Director.
- d. Non-catholic youth may play in CYO if s/he is attending the Parochial School.

2. Attendance at Parish Religious Education

- a. Any baptized Catholic Player who does not attend the Parochial School must attend the Religious Education Classes at the parish in which his or her family is registered.
- b. The family is registered in the parish and the Player is actively attending Religious Education classes at the parish for which s/he plays.

- c. Religious Education Director verifies for the Parish Athletic Director that Player is enrolled and attending these classes.
- d. A Player who does not have a baptismal certificate shall be considered non-catholic and ineligible with the exception described in #e
- e. Non-catholic youth may play in CYO if s/he is participating in Parish Religious Education class to complete sacraments of initiation to become Catholic.
- f. A Player who participates in a Parish CYO program and changes parishes must sit out 1 season. (If a child has played for one parish and is in CCD and switches to another parish in CCD, they must sit out a year to establish eligibility for that parish). This is to avoid team and parish hopping.

AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR PLAYERS

An entrant may play with only 1 team and in only 1 grade division.

1. The grade of a Player registered in a split school year shall be determined by whatever grade he/she is in the fall semester.
2. Player shall have only 6 years of eligibility.
3. No Player shall participate in a lower grade league than the actual grade in which he/she is registered.
4. A Student must play in his or her grade's league. If a team does not have enough Players in the grade league, Parish Athletic Director may request that the CYO Director allow Players to move up one grade to field a team.
5. Once a Player participates in a higher grade league, in any league game the Player must remain in the higher league for the remainder of the season.

LEAGUE REQUIREMENTS FOR PLAYERS

No Player shall participate on another team in the same sport while on the roster of or participating in a CYO team.

1. A Player may participate with another organized team up until the official start of the CYO season.
2. An organized team is defined as any team who practices regularly as a team even if it does not have uniforms and has not played in an organized game.
3. A Player may attend private clinics as long as more than 1 grade level is participating in the clinics.
4. Failure to join CYO by the start of the Official season shall disqualify a Player from any further CYO participation in that season.
5. Exceptions to these requirements may be made with the approval of the CYO Director for a Player who is new to the area.