



CYO Coaching Responsibilities

High school and college persons are eligible to coach provided that team is registered in the name of a responsible adult coach (19 years of age or older) who will occupy a position on the team bench during each game. Coaches in boys and girls high school basketball divisions must be 25 years of age or older.

Coaches will be responsible for:

- Conducting themselves in a Christian manner that will reflect credit on their parish and CYO Athletics and ensuring that team members and team followers do likewise.
- Teaching and guiding youth in a manner that will increase their respect for authority, their sense of fair play, and their ability to adapt to the wins and losses of everyday life.
- Ensuring that the pre-event prayer takes place.
- The actions of the team members and spectators from his or her parish/school.
- Conducting a preseason parents/coaches meeting to insure that everyone thoroughly understands the responsibilities of coaches, parents, and athletes.
- Having attended the **Play Like A Champion Today coaches training seminar**.
- Being knowledgeable of all aspects in the current CYO Athletics manual and making sure that all rules and policies are faithfully observed.
- Attending the preseason coaches' meeting at the time and place designated by the Commission of the respective sport. In the event that this is not possible, the head coach must make sure an assistant coach represents the team.
- Satisfying the **Safe Environment requirements**.
- Making sure the proper roster is filled out and submitted to your Parish/School Athletic Director with legal players so they may be submitted to the CYO Athletics office prior to the roster deadline in each sport.
- Determining the eligibility of each player on one's team through the parish or school.
- The use of an ineligible player(s) either deliberately or unknowingly shall result in a forfeiture of each game in which the player(s) took part.
- Taking special precautions to protect all valuables and clothing of the players since fields, gyms, and locker rooms usually have public access.
- Being aware that individual parishes or schools will be responsible for any damages caused by their team member or followers.
- Not scheduling any practices that will conflict with liturgies of any Holy Days.
- Making sure that the signed CYO Athletics Code of Conduct is on file within your parish or school for yourself and for each member of your team and their parent(s)/guardian(s).
- The coach of the winning team (both teams in case of a tie in soccer) each week for playoff eligible divisions will be responsible for either calling in (206.654.4643) or emailing (cyoscores@seattlearch.org)

Signature of Coach

Date

Sport _____ Grade _____ Gender: M F

Name _____

e-mail _____ Home # _____

Work # _____ Cell # _____



Coaching Requirements

1. _____ Archdiocesan background check. This needs to be updated every 3 years. Forms are in the Main Office. If you are unsure let me know. [Seattle Archdiocese policy]
2. _____ Villa Volunteer training. If you are a returning coach there is an annual refresher, which I will do at the Villa coaches meeting. If you are a first time coach you must attend a "full" session at the beginning of the school year. Schedule is posted in early September. [Villa policy]
3. _____ Attend Villa Coaches Meeting: This will be the Thursday night before the start of each season. Time to be announced. This meeting is mandatory. [Villa policy]
4. _____ Attend ONE of the two CYO Coaches Meetings at the CYO Isaac Orr Conference Center, downtown Seattle, across from St. James Cathedral or offsite location. Meetings are held the two weeks before the start of the season. All coaches are required to attend one of these two meetings or their teams face forfeits in week #2 of the season. [CYO policy]
5. _____ Villa Academy "Safe Environment Program" training (called SEP or "Called to Protect for Ministries"). The initial training is handled by Villa Academy staff and needs to be completed within 90 days of your first practice. [*-Villa Coaches who started prior to September 2011, are subject to different requirements. Please direct questions to the Athletic Director].
For additional details and registration info, visit www.seattlearch.org/sep, [Seattle Archdiocese policy]
6. _____ Play Like a Champion Today (PLC). PLC training will be offered after both CYO coaches meetings mentioned in item #4 above. This is a one time only training. CYO gives until the end of the current academic year to complete. Other times and locations can be found on the CYO website: <http://seattleoyyam.org/programs/cyo-athletics/coaches/play-like-a-champion>. [CYO policy]

CYO takes items # 4, 5 and 6 very seriously. Coaches who have not completed nor scheduled training are ineligible. They cannot coach again until SEP and PLC training are completed. Ineligible coaches cause forfeits at the middle school level, where trophies and championships are given out.

If you are unsure or unclear on the specific requirements, as outlined here, please contact me. It is your responsibility to maintain your eligibility and relevant certificates of completion. You can reach me at Villa if you have any questions or comments; my contact information is below.

Thank you for your time, commitment and for offering to coach. The children and the school appreciate your efforts.

GO VIKINGS!!!

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_____ Coach (initial, and date please) _____ Villa A.D. (initial and date)