

# CYO ELIGIBILITY REQUEST FORM



**TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL ATHLETES THAT ARE NOT A MEMBER OF THE SPONSORING PARISH OR ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL OF THE SPONSORING PARISH.**



MEMBER/PARISH ATHLETE REQUESTS TO PLAY FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

CATHOLIC PARISH ATHLETE IS A MEMBER OF: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

SPORT ATHLETE REQUESTS TO PLAY: \_\_\_\_\_ COACH NAME (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

LEVEL OF CYO PLAY (Circle): GRADESCHOOL      HIGHSCHOOL

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER (Circle One): BOY    GIRL

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ARE PARENT/GUARDIAN CATHOLIC (Circle): YES-BOTH    NO-BOTH    YES-ONE(Which: \_\_\_\_\_)

SCHOOL ATHLETE ATTENDS: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

DID ATHLETE PARTICIPATE IN THIS CYO SPORT LAST YEAR? (Circle One): YES    NO

IF YES, WHAT PARISH/SCHOOL DID THE ATHLETE PLAY FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

DOES THE ATHLETE'S PARISH/SCHOOL SPONSOR A CYO TEAM IN THIS SPORT THIS SEASON? (Circle One): YES    NO

WHAT IS THE CLOSEST PARISH TO THE ATHLETE'S HOME ADDRESS TO SPONSOR A CYO TEAM? \_\_\_\_\_

WHICH ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA(S) DOES THE ATHLETE MEET FOR PARTICIPATION IN CYO ATHLETICS AT THIS PARISH?

\_\_\_ The athlete regularly attends the sponsoring parish PSR program and lives within the sponsoring parish's boundaries.

\_\_\_ The athlete's parish does not sponsor a team in this sport & the athlete is a member of the above parish or enrolled in the above school, and the sponsoring parish is the closest parish to the athlete's residence to sponsor a team.

\_\_\_ The athlete's parish does not sponsor a team in this sport & the athlete is a member of the above parish or enrolled in the above school, and after contacting the following parishes, this is the closest parish to sponsor a team to the athlete's residence.

Parishes Contacted: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Other situation to be considered by the CYO Athletic Staff (Describe the request in detail): \_\_\_\_\_

We the undersigned, do hereby acknowledge the above information to be true to the best of our knowledge. And that we understand that the Athlete is not eligible to participate in any contest, competition or scrimmage until approval is received from the CYO Office. False information contained on this form will nullify this application at any time.

**DO NOT WRITE HERE**  
Circle: Accepted  
          Rejected  
Date Letter Sent: \_\_\_\_\_  
CYO Staff Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

ATHLETE'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

COACH SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPONSORING PARISH INFORMATION (Parish where the Athlete REQUESTS to participate) – See Reverse**

**for Eligibility Rules**

PASTOR (Print Name): \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PASTORAL DESIGNEE (Print Name): \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**ADJOINING PARISH INFORMATION (Parish where the Athlete BELONGS/is coming from)**

PASTOR (Print Name): \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PASTORAL DESIGNEE (Print Name): \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL SIGNATURES (IN INK) ARE NECESSARY TO BECOME VALID**

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***This form is to be completed by all athletes that are not members of the parish sponsoring the team or not enrolled in the school sponsoring the team (Those athletes that are only eligible through PSR enrollment must complete this form). The completed form is due in to the CYO Office by the Team Entry Deadline.***

*Reference: CYO Coaches Handbook, Rules of the Game, page 23, for eligibility rules*

## **PSR ELIGIBILITY**

If the athlete regularly attends the PSR program in the current PSR school year of the parish sponsoring the team AND lives within the boundaries of the parish sponsoring the team, the athlete is permitted to play for that PSR parish as long as a CYO Eligibility Request Form is completed and submitted by the Team Entry Deadline. If the parish in which the athlete resides does not offer a PSR program and the student does not meet either the parish or school eligibility requirement, the athlete is not eligible to participate on any CYO team.

## **ADJOINING PARISH ELIGIBILITY**

If a parish does not offer a CYO team in a specific sport or division, an athlete is eligible to compete for an adjoining parish team if:

- the athlete attends his/her home parish grade school, or
- the athlete's parents or legal guardians are registered members of the home parish.

Limits to the Adjoining Parish rule:

- If an athlete's parish/school sponsors a team in a particular sport, the athlete is to participate on that parish/school team and is not permitted to attempt to play at an adjoining parish/school or any other parish/school without prior written approval from the CYO Athletic Office.
- An Athlete that is not a member of a parish, or enrolled in a catholic school, but is only enrolled in PSR at the parish in which who's boundaries he/she lives, is only eligible to participate at the PSR sponsoring Parish. The Athlete cannot use the adjoining parish rules to play for another parish.

Determining the Adjoining Parish:

- Adjoining parishes are defined as those parishes that share a common boundary line. The appropriate adjoining parish is determined by comparing the direct ('as the crow flies') distance between THE ATHLETE'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCE AND THE LOCATION OF THE PARISH OFFERING A TEAM.
- The athlete's first request must be made for the closest adjoining parish as measured above. If that parish does not accept the student, the student has permission to approach the second closest parish, then the third, etc.
- Adjoining Parish Eligibility requires completion of the CYO Eligibility Request Form and approval by CYO Athletic Administration before the athlete is eligible to participate in any games, scrimmages contests or competitions. The CYO Eligibility Request Form must be completed and submitted to the Area CYO Athletic Director on or before the team entry deadline.

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUEST FORM APPROVAL PROCESS**

- Eligibility Requests Forms are to be completed and submitted to the CYO Office, 7911 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44102 by the published Team Entry Deadline.
- The Athlete is NOT permitted to participate in any contest, competition, scrimmage or game until approval of the athlete eligibility has been given by the CYO Office.
- Eligibility Request Forms that are submitted in their entirety by the Team Entry Deadline will be ruled upon before the start of the season.
- Eligibility Request Forms received after the team entry deadline, or those that are submitted incomplete or returned to the Pastoral Designee may result in the athlete being ineligible for preseason and early season competitions.
- Letters from the CYO Athletic Directors approving athlete eligibility will be sent to the sponsoring member's Pastoral Designee.

***Return the completed form to the CYO Athletic & Camping Office - 7911 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44102***