

Eligibility Rules for WPCYO Competition

WPCYO eligibility rules support the mission of CYO: *to provide the highest quality programs...based on integrity, fair play and the right of all individuals to participate.* Our goal is to offer a fun and competitive league, with a fair and even playing field.

WPCYO County rules take precedence during all WPCYO league play. WPCYO then follows CYO Archdiocesan rules and the Official High School Basketball Rules of the National Federation of State High Schools' Athletic Association for 2019-20.

The administration and staff of WPCYO will do everything in our power to act in the best interest of our participants and our programs. The WPCYO Commissioners have the final authority to make all decisions regarding player and team eligibility.

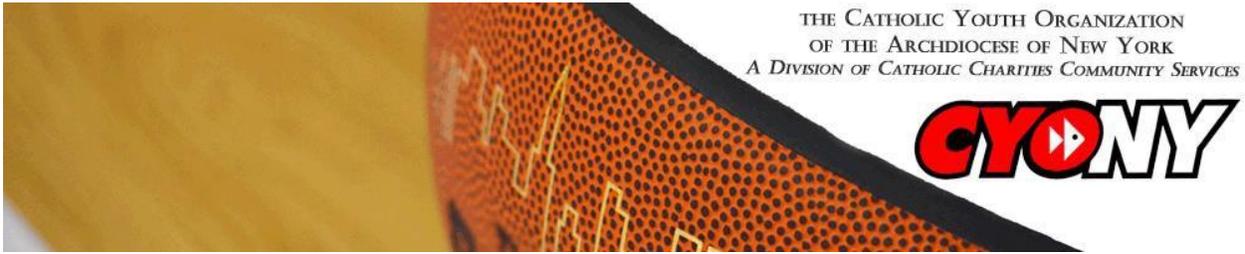
General Eligibility Guidelines

Since participation in CYO programs is voluntary and not mandated or required by any source, we reserve the right to enforce the following guidelines:

- WPCYO is a Catholic, parish-based league.
- Participants must play for the parish where they are registered; a resident parish is defined as the parish where the family is registered, and is the center of the family's religious activities.
- Players must meet age and grade requirements.
- Movement from one parish to another parish is strictly prohibited.
- **The WPCYO league strongly emphasizes: where you played LAST, either last season or the last time you participated in CYO Basketball, is where you play this season.**

Eligibility Rules: Catholic School Players

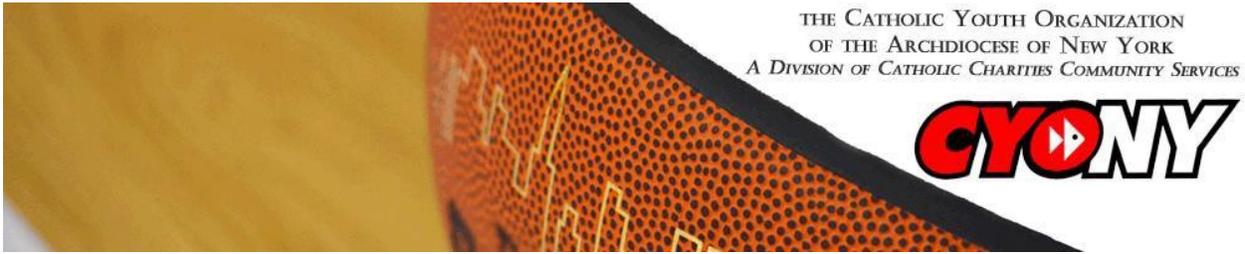
1. Attendance at a Catholic school is the primary determinant of eligibility.
2. Any student of a Roman Catholic parish/private school is eligible to represent that school in a CYO activity.



3. A player may leave his/her Catholic school team to play for the registered parish one time, but may not switch back and forth.
4. Participant can only play for one team, and under **NO** circumstances can he/she play for a school and parish team.
5. If the school is closed, the player's eligibility is grandfathered.

Eligibility Rules: Catholic Parish Players

1. Participants must play for the parish where they are registered, and is the center of the family's religious activities. As long as the resident parish offers a spot on one of its teams, the player is bound to play with that parish.
 - a. For the purposes of determining CYO eligibility, families may only be registered parishioners at one parish.
2. Where you played last season, or the last time you played CYO Basketball, is where you play this season. Any exception must be requested by the Parish Coordinator and approved by the County Commissioners.
3. Participation in a different parish program, such as CCD or a basketball clinic, does not establish residency in that parish. Once a player enters the third grade, they must play for the family's registered parish.
4. Once a parish is established, that is where participant and all siblings must play... movement from one parish to another parish is strictly prohibited without authorization from the County Commissioners, and a family cannot have siblings in different programs, unless one or more attends a Catholic school. You can play CYO Basketball where you live or where you go to school (Catholic School), but you cannot jump back and forth once you play for a parish.
5. Participant can only play for one team, and under **NO** circumstances will an individual be allowed to utilize two separate addresses for the purpose of establishing CYO eligibility.
 - b. If the geographic residency is ever called into question, the CYO will use the registered address on file with the player's school.
6. If no program or team exists in a parish, the player may participate on a team of an adjoining parish with authorization from the CYO County Commissioners. Catholic players will not be counted as an exception on the assigned team. The Parish Coordinator must contact the County Commissioners, and the player can only be assigned to a team in a neighboring parish by the County Commissioners.



Any player found to be participating on a team without prior authorization from the County Commissioners will be deemed ineligible, and the team will forfeit all games in which the ineligible player participated.

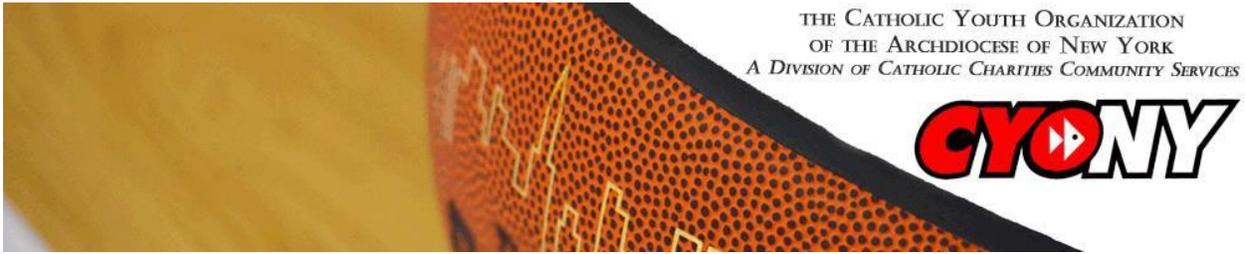
Eligibility Rules: Exceptions & Non-Catholic Players

A team roster is limited to three player exceptions. Teams with more than three exceptions will be considered a Center team, and will not be eligible for the playoffs.

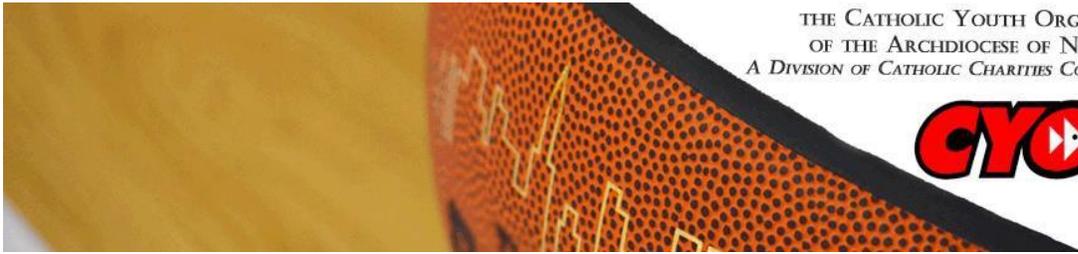
1. Non-Catholics who do not attend a Catholic School may participate with the Catholic parish program within the geographic boundaries in which they reside. For your convenience, the parish boundary maps can be found on the Westchester Putnam CYO website at www.wpcyo.net. A player who cannot secure placement on a team must contact the County Commissioners.
2. Once a parish is established, that is where participant and all siblings must play. Movement from one parish to another parish is strictly prohibited without authorization from the County Commissioners, and a family cannot have siblings in different programs. You can play CYO Basketball where you live or go to school (Catholic School), but you cannot jump back and forth once you play for a parish.
3. Where you played last season or the last time you participated in CYO Basketball, is where you play this season. Any exception must be requested by the Parish Coordinator and approved by the County Commissioners.
4. A child who cannot secure a position on a resident parish team may play at an adjoining parish with authorization from the CYO County Commissioners. The Parish Coordinator must contact the County Commissioners, and the player will be assigned to a team in a neighboring parish...Non-Catholic players will be counted as an exception on the assigned team.
5. As long as the resident parish offers a spot on one of its teams, the player is bound to play with his/her resident parish.

Eligibility Rules: Rosters

1. Rosters are the responsibility of the basketball Parish Coordinator. Coordinators must ensure that their program, and all coaches and participants, are adhering to all CYO rules and eligibility guidelines. Coordinators must also confirm that all players meet age and grade requirements.



2. Coordinators must confirm that all teams in their program are being entered into the appropriate divisions.
3. By submitting a roster to the CYO office, the Parish Coordinator and team coaches acknowledge the ability of their teams and classification of all their players...parish and exceptions.
4. Further, they confirm that all new players have not previously played CYO for another team and parish.
5. All team entries and divisions must be submitted on or before September 29th, 2019.
6. In regards to teams moving up, **any team with a .500 or better record that was associated in any way with the playoffs the previous season, must move up to the next highest division this season.** These include teams that: played in the playoffs, played in a play-in game, lost a coin toss, missed out due to head-to-head record or qualified but chose not participate in the playoffs for any reason. Any exceptions must be requested by the Parish Coordinator, and approved by the County Commissioners.
7. Similarly, no team with a record of .500 or better may move down a division. A team with a record of less than .500 may move down to the next lowest division.
8. Any "C Blue" Division team with a record of .750 or better must move up to the "C Orange" Division. Any exceptions must be requested by the Parish Coordinator, and approved by the County Commissioners.
9. Parishes/schools have until Wednesday, November 1, 2019 to organize and submit all team rosters. Changes must be submitted prior to the first scheduled game. Additions to team rosters must comply with Archdiocesan rules. The final deadline for roster changes is December 1, 2019. No additions are permitted after this date. **FAILURE TO COMPLY COULD RESULT IN A TEAM'S AUTOMATIC FORFEITURE OF ALL GAMES UNTIL SUCH TIME A ROSTER IS FILED.** All rosters must be completed in full.
10. In any situations where the participation of a team or parish brings in to question the credibility of those individuals responsible for that team or program, and the actions of that team or program are detrimental to the integrity and credibility of the CYO, then the CYO Central Administration has the right to impose sanctions including removal, reassignment to a different division or the designation as a non-playoff eligible team. These actions will be taken after consultation with the pastor or principal of the offending party and the decision of CYO is final.



Eligibility Rules: Enforcement

1. WPCYO is a Catholic, community-based league, and it's our expectation that all volunteers, participants and their parents subscribe to fair play and are in compliance with all rules and eligibility guidelines.
2. WPCYO is a self-policing and self-reporting league. It is the responsibility of ALL participants and volunteers to maintain the standards of our organization and to bring to our attention any cases of misconduct on the part of a coach or a parent.
3. Use of an ineligible player in a game or games means forfeiture of the game for violating rules. Forfeiture is determined by the County Commissioners. The team who forfeits a game due to an ineligible player could lose eligibility for the playoffs.
4. In a situation where a parish/school program has been found to have ineligible players, **ALL** of the teams in that program may be ruled ineligible for County and Archdiocesan playoffs by the CYO administration.
5. Teams entered into the wrong division by the Parish Coordinator could be ruled ineligible for the playoffs.
6. Recruiting players from another CYO team or parish is strictly prohibited...any coach or Parish Coordinator of a program or team where recruiting has occurred, whether from a volunteer or parent, will be suspended from CYO.

The WPCYO County Commissioners have the final say on all issues and decisions concerning player eligibility. This includes parish boundaries and what constitutes an adjoining parish...an adjoining parish is one whose boundaries touch on the youngster's resident parish.