



Affiliation Changes

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In certain circumstances a parent/guardian may wish to have their athlete assigned to a different parish/school than the original primary affiliation established by the CYM Office. In these cases the parent/guardian **MUST** submit a Change of Affiliation form to the CYM Office. Telephone requests will not be accepted.

Approval of Change of Affiliation Requests:

- These requests will be reviewed by the CYM Office and submitted to the AAP/AD of each parish/school (the original primary affiliation and the requested primary affiliation) for approval
- The CYM Director of Youth Sports will also need to approve
- Disagreements or appeals of decisions from the above two will be escalated to the Affiliation Committee (a smaller group of members from the Athletic Advisory Committee) whose decision will be final

Valid Reasons for Change of Affiliations:

- Athlete changes schools or parishes and qualifies for a new affiliation
- Athlete becomes a new student in a religious education program
- Parent/guardian changes physical residence locations (Requires proof of residence)
- Serious hardships

These changes will be confirmed by the CYM office before they are approved.

Invalid Reasons for Change of Affiliations:

- To play on the best team
- To play with friends
- To play with a specific coach

Once an athlete has participated in a tryout or a practice for the primary affiliation parish/school they cannot request a change of affiliation until the next sport season.

A participant is not permitted to tryout or practice with a parish/school that is not listed as their primary affiliation or secondary or other affiliation for a specific sport only. An affiliation request form must be submitted to the CYM Office for review.

Timeline for Submission:

- Requests must be made before any athlete begins to participate in tryouts/practices/games, otherwise they will not be considered until the following sports season.

Related Policies:

9.9 All requests for a Change of Affiliation must be in writing using the Change of Affiliation Request Form. This form and the supporting documentation can be received and must be submitted to the Office for Catholic Youth Ministry by email at catholicyouth@cdow.org. ²³¹⁴

9.9.1 All requests for a Change of Affiliation must be submitted and approved before any player is permitted to tryout, practice, or play in any athletic contest for the parish/school. ²³¹⁵

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