

CYM

BASKETBALL

VARSITY PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY

OFFICIAL POLICIES

2009-present

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BASKETBALL PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY

Basketball is by far the largest sport in the CYM athletic program. Of the 500 plus teams that participate year round, 250 are from the basketball program.

The online registration and affiliation rules have provided parishes with the ability to register only those individuals approved for their program yet we continue to see violations of the affiliation rules at the parish level. This past year, an individual who is non-Catholic and lives in Elkton, MD was allowed to register and participate in tryouts for a parish in North Wilmington. In another case, an individual who lives in the Prices Corner area was allowed to register and participate in tryouts for a parish in the Newark area.

The problem is not the fault of the individual but the failure of parishes to follow rules.

In an effort to clean up this ongoing problem that arises each year, CYM is considering the following rules:

In the CYM Varsity C and Y divisions where playoffs are held, a team will be eligible for playoffs as long as all individuals listed on the team roster meet the following criteria:

- The individual attends the parish school
- The individual is registered in the parish religious education classes no later than September 30th of the program year and is attending those classes
- The individual lives within the geographical area of the parish as defined by CYM

PROPOSAL FOR 2010-1011 VARSITY BASKETBALL PLAYOFF TEAM ELIGIBILITY RULES

During the 2009-2010 basketball season, CYM offered recommendations for playoff team eligibility with the intent of instituting these recommendations as rules for the 2010-2011 program year.

These recommendations – and any rule change – apply only to the varsity boys and varsity girls basketball playoff teams that are in playoff divisions.

Player Eligibility

Individuals are eligible to play on varsity boys' and varsity girls' basketball teams only if one of the following statements is correct:

- a. The family of the participant is a registered *and* active member of the parish on or before September 1st of the program year. *The pastor of the parish is responsible for determining if the family is an active member of the parish and criteria can include attending Mass or other parish services and/or participating in parish activities and/or contributions through weekly envelopes.*

Or

- b. The young person attends the parish school, regional Catholic school or Consolidated Catholic school.

Or

- c. The young person attends Religious Education classes at the parish.

Or

- d. The young person is a registered *and* active member of the parish that does not sponsor basketball and has therefore been assigned to a different parish by CYM. All related affiliation rules apply

Or

- e. The young person played on the JV level during 5th and/or 6th grade as part of the CYM athletics program.

Or

- f. The young person played on the JV level during 5th and or 6th grade in either the Holy Cross, St. Anthony JV league, St. Edmond Boys league or St. Elizabeth Girls league.

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Playing Time

CYM Athletic Handbook rules state that "each parish/school is responsible for monitoring teams to ensure that children participate (meaningful playing time in each contest) and have the opportunity for a positive experience in a Christian atmosphere."

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VARSITY PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY RULES

Beginning with the 2010-1011 program year, the following rules will be in effect for varsity boys' and varsity girls' basketball teams that are in playoff divisions only. **IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT PARISHES INSTITUTE THESE RULES INTERNALLY BEGINNING WITH THE 2009-2010 BASKETBALL SEASON.** These rules do not apply for varsity boys' and varsity girls/ non-playoff divisions.

Individuals listed on the playoff team roster must fall into one of the below categories:

CATEGORY A – PARISH MEMBER – An individual whose family member is a registered AND active member of the parish of the team (i.e. The individual is listed on St. Thomas roster must be a registered AND active member of St. Thomas parish). A parent/guardian of the player must be registered no later than September 1st of the current program year AND be active members of the parish as determined by the pastor of the parish. The pastor of the parish is responsible for determining if the family is an active member of the parish and criteria can include attending Mass or other religious services and/or participating in parish activities such as parish bazaar and/or contributions through weekly envelopes.

1. Individuals that are registered AND active members of the 4 parishes connected to Regional School Christ the Teacher will be eligible for Christ the Teacher teams under this category.
2. Individuals that are registered AND active members of the 2 parishes connected to Consolidated School Pope John Paul II will be eligible for Pope John Paul II teams under this category.
3. An individual that is registered AND active members of a parish that does not have a CYM basketball team and has been approved by CYM is eligible under this category. For example, an individual that is a registered AND active member of Holy Child parish which does not have CYM basketball and is assigned to Immaculate Heart of Mary parish by CYM is eligible for IHM parish under this category.
4. If an individual is a parish member of another parish that has basketball teams, the individual would not be eligible under this section. For example, an individual that is a parish member of St. Matthew that has basketball teams and is requesting to play for St. Catherine. The individual would not qualify for St. Catherine playoff team under this category but could qualify under Category D Exceptions below.

CATEGORY B – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENT – A student in the parish religious education program of the parish team beginning in September of the program year would be eligible under this category. This means the religious education classes must be the same parish as the parish team. For example, an individual that attends religious education classes at St. John the Beloved would be eligible under this category for St. John the Beloved basketball teams. The individual in this case would not be eligible for Resurrection basketball teams under this category however could be eligible under Category D Exceptions below. The Director of Religious Education must confirm that the player has attended classes on a regular basis since the beginning of the religious education school year and is in good standing. Since not all parishes have religious education classes, it is the responsibility of the Director of CYM Sports to make a ruling on the eligibility of the individual under this section if questions arise.

CATEGORY C – STUDENT IN THE PARISH SCHOOL – The individual must be a student in the parish school.

CATEGORY D – EXCEPTIONS – Individuals would qualify under this section if they:

- played for a JV (5th/6th grade) basketball team of the parish in the CYM JV basketball program
- played on the parish JV (5th/6th grade) team of the parish in the St. Edmond Boys or St. Elizabeth Girls JV basketball league
- played in the Holy Cross (5th/6th grade) in-house basketball program.

No other exceptions are permitted.

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2011-2012

Varsity Basketball Playoff Rules 2011-2012

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NOTE – If a parish elects to add an individual to a playoff team roster who does not fall into any of the above categories, the team is not eligible for playoffs.

HIGHLIGHTED SECTIONS – The above additions that are highlighted above are for one year only (2011-2012 program year). After the 2011-2012 program year, the CYM Athletic Advisory Committee will review how the implementation of these additions went and will decide if these additions will continue after the 2011-2012 program year.

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2013-2014

2014-2015*

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in the placement of a strong "C" talent team being placed in the "Y" division. CYM reserves the right to move a boys or girls "Y" division #1 team to the "C" division playoffs if circumstances warrant. Factors that will be considered include observations from other "Y" division coaches, observations of "C" division coaches, observations of basketball coordinators and/or observations of members of the CYM Athletic Advisory Committee. If a "Y" team is moved up to the "C" division for playoffs, seeding will be based on a point system with "C" teams given 2 points for each win while a "Y" team that is move to the "C" division will be given 1 point for each win. Teams in the "C" division will not be allowed to move to the "Y" division for playoffs.

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OR

- b. The participant attends the parish school, regional Catholic school or Consolidated Catholic school that is sponsoring the team

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- d. The participant falls under category a, b or c above and the parish or school does not sponsor basketball and has therefore been assigned to a different parish by CYM. All related affiliation rules apply.

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Any request for an exception to the above rules must be submitted to the CYM office and reviewed by the CYM Athletic Advisory Committee. The AAC will then make a decision on request. The AAC will not consider a request for an exception if parish has more than one team and there are enough players to field a playoff eligible team.

5. "O" DIVISION - Teams in "O" Division will be placed in sub-divisions as needed. (i.e. "O-1"/"O-2"/"O-3") In the "O" Division, all suited players must play the equivalent of one (1) quarter unless CYM or the coach of the team has taken disciplinary action against the individual. Failure to comply will result in a forfeit. An exception to the mandatory play rule will be for illness, injury or disciplinary action. Teams in "O" Division will play a ten (10) game schedule with no playoffs. This does not prevent teams in "O" Division from playing in post-season tournaments sponsored by parishes/schools. If a #1 team from a parish/school feels they are so weak that they could not play in the "C/Y" Division, they can request in writing detailing the reason for the request to play down in "O" Division.

NOTE – There have been concerns raised in the past about #1 teams in the "O" division that are considerably stronger than other "O" teams which are generally 2nd, 3rd, 4th level teams. Requests to allow #1 teams in the "O" division will need to provide strong documentation for the request to be approved. If approved, the team cannot move up to play in the playoffs. The coach must let the opposing coach know of the situation. If CYM determines that there are not enough teams to form an "O" division,

2015 - 2016

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EFFECTIVE 2015-2016 PROGRAM YEAR – The AAC will not long review requests for an exception to the above rules.

2016 - 2017

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- a. The family of the participant is a registered and active member of the parish that is sponsoring the team on or before September 1st of the program year. The pastor of the parish is responsible for determining if the family is an active member of the parish and criteria can include attending Mass or other parish services and/or participating in parish activities and/or contributions through weekly envelopes. This section also includes active parish members of a neighboring CDOW parish approved by the CYM Affiliation Committee.

OR

- b. The participant attends the parish school, regional Catholic school or Consolidated Catholic school that is sponsoring the team

OR

- c. The participant attends Religious Education classes at the parish that is sponsoring the team

OR

- d. The participant falls under category a, b or c above and the parish or school does not sponsor basketball and has therefore been assigned to a different parish by CYM. All related affiliation rules apply.

OR

- e. The participant played on the JV level during the 5th and/or 6th grade basketball as part of the parish program in the CYM JV basketball league.

OR

- f. The participant played on the JV level during the 5th and/or 6th grade basketball as part of the parish program in either the Holy Cross In House league, St. Anthony JV League, St. Edmond Boys JV League or St. Elizabeth Girls JV league.

TEAM ELIGIBILITY FOR PLAYOFFS (C & Y DIVISIONS) - For a CYM varsity boys' or varsity girls' playoff team to be eligible for participation in the CYM varsity playoffs, the team roster may not exceed three (3) individuals from categories e and f listed above. This will ensure that each parish playoff team has parish members or students from the parish school or students from the parish religious education program playing in the games at all times.

EXCEPTION – If a parish is not affiliated with a parish school, a regional school or a consolidated school, the following rules will apply for playoff eligibility for that team:

1. The team roster may not exceed 5 individuals from categories e & f.
2. In addition, the team roster must have a minimum of 5 individuals that are active parish members (section a above) or attend the parish religious education classes (section c above).

NOTE – If a parish elects to add an individual to a playoff team roster who does not fall into any of the above categories, the team is not eligible for playoffs.

warrants it. Coaches are expected to bring those exceptions to the coordinators attention in good faith. After C and Y placement, all remaining teams for that parish will play in the O division.

- iv. Under no circumstances may a 1st team be placed in the O division, regardless of the total number of teams within a parish.
- c. Scores and standings – a score must be reported for the game to count toward playoff seeding & standings. The winning team reports the score. Only reports made via the online reporting form will be counted toward playoff standings. Unreported games will not be counted toward playoff standings.
- d. Games are played in 4 quarters, each 6 minutes long, with a 5 minute halftime. The clock will stop on all whistles.
- e. Each team is permitted 3 full and 2 30-second timeouts per game.
- f. Overtime is played pursuant to NFHS rules.

4. Varsity Playoffs – Playoffs will be held for all Varsity divisions. Playoffs are single elimination in all divisions.

- a. Individual player eligibility – individual players are eligible to play for a varsity team in a playoff division if one of the following statements applies:
 - i. The individual's family is registered with, and active members of, the parish that is sponsoring the team, and had such status prior to September 1st of the program year. A parish and its pastor determine the criteria to be an active member of that parish; or
 - ii. The individual attends the parish school that is sponsoring the team; or
 - iii. The individual attends religious education classes at the parish that is sponsoring the team; or
 - iv. The individual meets one of the criteria in (i, ii, iii) for his or her own parish, but that parish does not have a basketball team, and so the criteria apply for the team to which the individual was assigned, provided that all affiliation rules were followed; or
 - v. The individual played for the same team at the JV level during 5th and/or 6th grade, or at the Varsity level during 7th grade, in either the CYM league or an in-house league sponsored by a Diocesan parish or school.

- b. Team eligibility – For a team to be eligible for playoffs, the team roster may not include more than 3 individuals from category 6(a)(v) above.
 - i. However, if a parish is not affiliated with a parish school (ex. – St. Mary of the Assumption, St. Joseph on the Brandywine), and has only 1 team in the applicable gender, the following rules will apply for playoff eligibility:
 - 1. The team roster may not exceed 5 individuals from category 6(a)(v) above;
 - 2. The team roster must also have at least 5 individuals from categories 6(a)(i) and/or 6(a)(iii) above;
 - 3. In the event the parish has more than 1 team, this exception does not apply, and the parish must follow the general eligibility rule.
- c. Team placement – in the sole discretion of CYM, based on observation of team skill level, a Y division team may be moved to C division for playoffs. In that event, C division teams will receive 2 points per win for seeding purposes, and the Y division team(s) will receive 1 point per win.

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Team Playoff Eligibility Rules

3. Playoffs – Playoffs will be held for all Varsity divisions. Playoffs will be single elimination unless otherwise stated below:
 - a. C Division – Teams will be divided into a C1/C2 bracket after their first game of the playoffs. Top seeds may automatically qualify for C1. If there are not enough teams to divide into C1/C2 a double elimination tournament will be considered.
 - b. *Playoff seeding will be determined by wins and losses. A forfeit due to COVID illness or quarantine will count as a win for the opponent but not as a loss for the team affected. A forfeit for any other reason will count as a loss.*
 - c. Individual player eligibility – Individuals that play for Varsity teams should fit into one of the following categories:
 - i. Registered Parishioner - The athlete's family has been registered as parishioners for a minimum of 60 days prior to the start of the season. Parishioner is defined as listed on the parish records and making appropriate financial contributions to the parish
 - ii. School Student - The athlete attends the parish school that is sponsoring the team
 - iii. Religious Education Student - The athlete attends religious education classes at the parish that is sponsoring the team
 - iv. No Basketball/Teams Full - The athlete meets one of the criteria in (i, ii, iii) for his or her own parish, but that parish does not have a basketball team, or they are full
 - v. Affiliation - The athlete played for the same parish/school during the PreJV or JV level (5th grade or younger)
 - d. Team eligibility – For a team to be eligible for playoffs, the team roster may not exceed 3 athletes from the following:
 - i. Athletes that choose to play for a parish based on their geographical boundaries
 - a. Athletes that are affiliated from CYM Office
 - b. Athletes in category 3(c)(i) that choose to play for a parish based on the geographical boundaries rather than their home parish
 - ii. Athletes that played for the same parish/school but didn't start until 6th grade or higher – section 3(c)(v)

- iii. If a parish is not affiliated with a school (ex. – St. Mary of the Assumption, St. Joseph on the Brandywine) the following rules will apply for playoff eligibility:
 - a. The team roster may not exceed 5 athletes as outlined in 3(d)(i) and 3(d)(ii);
 - b. The team roster must also have at least 5 athletes from categories 3(c)(i) through 3(c)(iv) above;
- e. Team placement – in the sole discretion of CYM, based on observation of team skill level, a Y division team may be moved to C division for playoffs. In that event, C division teams will receive 2 points per win for seeding purposes, and the Y division team(s) will receive 1 point per win. The same would apply for an O team moving to Y for playoffs.

Varsity Basketball Playoff Rules

3. DIVISIONAL ALIGNMENT - In varsity boys and girls basketball, each parish/school is permitted to have one (1) team in the "C" division for varsity basketball if a parish has more than one team. A parish/school may appeal for its 1st team to be placed in a lower division, to be eligible for playoffs. If through the season it becomes apparent the team should have been placed in the C division, the Basketball coordinators in their sole discretion may move the team to the C division for playoffs pursuant. A parish is permitted up to 2 teams in the C Division, if the 2nd team's skill level warrants such placement. A parish is permitted up to 2 teams in the Y division; however, exceptions may be made if a team's skill and/or experience warrants it. Coaches are expected to bring those exceptions to the coordinators attention in good faith. After C and Y placement, all remaining teams for that parish will play in the O division. Playoffs are held for only C and Y divisions.

The Office for Catholic Youth Ministry reserves the right to make changes to divisional alignment if circumstances warrant.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY FOR PLAYOFF TEAMS – Beginning with the 2010-2011 basketball season, individuals are eligible to play on varsity boys' and varsity girls' basketball teams if one of the following statements is correct:

- a. The family of the participant is a registered and active member of the parish that is sponsoring the team for a minimum of 60 days prior to the start of the winter season. The pastor of the parish is responsible for determining if the family are active members of the parish and criteria can include attending Mass or other parish services and/or participating in parish activities and/or contributions through weekly envelopes. This section also includes active parish members of a neighboring CDOW parish approved by the CYM Affiliation Committee.

OR

- b. The participant attends the parish school, regional Catholic school or Consolidated Catholic school that is sponsoring the team

OR

- c. The participant attends Religious Education classes at the parish that is sponsoring the team

OR

- d. The participant falls under category a, b or c and their parish or school does not sponsor basketball or their parish teams are full and has therefore been assigned to a different parish by CYM. All related affiliation rules apply.

OR

e. The participant played on the Pre-JV level in 3rd and/or 4th grade, the JV level in 5th and/or 6th grade, and/or the varsity level in 7th grade as part of the parish program in the CYM basketball league.

TEAM ELIGIBILITY FOR PLAYOFFS - For a CYM varsity boys' or varsity girls' playoff team to be eligible for participation in the CYM varsity playoffs, the team roster may not exceed three (3) individuals from category e listed above. This will ensure that each parish playoff team has parish members or students from the parish school or students from the parish religious education program playing in the games at all times.

EXCEPTION – If a parish is not affiliated with a parish school, a regional school or a consolidated school, (ex. St. Mary of the Assumption, St. Joseph on the Brandywine), and has only one team in the applicable gender the following rules will apply for playoff eligibility for that team:

1. The team roster may not exceed 5 individuals from category e.
2. In addition, the team roster must have a minimum of 5 individuals that are active parish members (section a above) or attend the parish religious education classes (section c above).
3. In the event the parish has more than 1 team, this exception does not apply, and the parish must follow the general eligibility rule.

NOTE – If a parish elects to add an individual to a playoff team roster who does not fall under the qualifying above categories, the team is not eligible for playoffs.

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Varsity Basketball Playoff Rules

(No exceptions will be considered, these rules should be applied when creating team rosters, and shared with Athletic Association Presidents, Parish Basketball Coordinators, Coaches, Parish Athletic Associations, and Parents)

DIVISIONAL ALIGNMENT - In varsity boys and girls basketball, each parish/school is permitted to have one (1) team in the "C" division for varsity basketball if a parish has more than one team. A parish/school may appeal for its 1st team to be placed in a lower division, to be eligible for playoffs. If through the season it becomes apparent the team should have been placed in the C division, the basketball coordinators in their sole discretion may move the team to the C division for playoffs pursuant. A parish is permitted up to 2 teams in the C division, if the 2nd team's skill level warrants such placement. A parish is permitted up to 2 teams in the Y division; however, exceptions may be made if a team's skill and/or experience warrants it. Coaches are expected to bring those exceptions to the coordinators' attention in good faith. After C and Y placement, all remaining teams for that parish will play in the O division. Playoffs are held for C Y and O divisions.

The Office for Catholic Youth, Young Adult, and Family Ministry reserves the right to make changes to divisional alignment if circumstances warrant.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY FOR PLAYOFF TEAMS – Individuals are eligible to play on varsity boys' and varsity girls' basketball teams if one of the following statements is correct:

- a. The immediate family of the participant are registered and active member of the parish that is sponsoring the team for a minimum of 60 days prior to the CYM date basketball teams may begin practice. The pastor of the parish is responsible for determining if the family are active members of the parish and criteria can include attending Mass or other parish services and/or participating in parish activities and/or contributions through weekly envelopes. This section also includes active parish members of a neighboring CDOW parish approved by the CYM Affiliation Committee.

OR

- b. The participant attends the parish school, regional Catholic school, or Consolidated Catholic school that is sponsoring the team.

OR

- c. The participant attends Religious Education classes at the parish that is sponsoring the team.

OR

- d. The participant falls under category a, b, or c and their parish or school does not sponsor basketball or their parish teams are full and has therefore been assigned to a different parish by CYM. All related affiliation rules apply.

OR

- e. The participant played in the past as part of the parish program in any sport in the CYM league.

TEAM ELIGIBILITY FOR PLAYOFFS - For a CYM varsity boys' or varsity girls' playoff team to be eligible for participation in the CYM varsity playoffs, the team roster may not exceed five (5) individuals from category e listed above. Teams can NOT have more category e players than players that fall under categories a, b, c, or d listed above. This will ensure that each parish playoff team has parish members or students from the parish school or students from the parish religious education program playing in the games at all times.

REASONS FOR TEAM INELIGIBILITY FOR PLAYOFFS

- A team is not eligible for playoffs if a parish elects to add a player to a playoff team roster who does not fall under the qualifying above categories.
- More than five (5) players from category e are on a roster.
- The number of players from category e out number qualifying players.
- New players to the CYM league.

CYM staff will validate with the parishes and schools every player's parish status and/or religious education and Catholic school enrollment.

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10.1.4 Postseason Guidelines

- 10.1.4-1 The CYM Office will determine playoff alignment for all sports. (2022.08.15)
- 10.1.4-2 Each sport may have their own set of rules around team that are eligible or ineligible for playoffs. (2022.08.15)
- 10.1.4-3 Required qualifications that apply to all sports include: less than two forfeits for any reason(s) and no team suspensions due to ejections, ineligible players or actions by coaches, players or spectators. (2022.08.15)
 - 10.1.4-3.1 There is no individual athlete qualifications. The office may institute such qualifications at any time from the last, previous established policy (i.e. August 15th 2022).
- 10.1.4-4 CYM will have playoffs for most varsity sports. (2022.08.15)
 - 10.1.4-4.1 All postseasons will be a single elimination brackets, utilizing standings kept throughout the season. (2022.08.15)
 - 10.1.4-4.2 Playoff seeding will be based off team records. (2022.08.15)
- 10.1.4-5 In the event of a tie-breaker in total wins and/or points for determining seeding, CYM utilizes third-party verification to make determinations
 - 10.1.4-5.1 The following is the generally accepted tiebreaker applied to all sports, all divisions, in their respective order: 1) Total Wins, 2) Head-to-Head, 3) Lowest Number of Forfeits, 4) Coin-Toss.
- 10.1.4-5.2 Ties for final regular season league standings or playoff seeding will not require a play-in contest. (2022.08.15)

- No team eligibility stipulations
for varsity playoffs 10.3,
Basketball Rulebook