



## Diocese of Metuchen

### Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry CYM Basketball League – 2019/2020 Season

#### **Coach's Responsibilities**

Central to the CYM Basketball program is the coach. The coach sets the tone and gives direction to any team. This position must be seen in the context of real ministry. The coach's challenge is to take those teachable moments of victory or loss and give witness to Catholic values by the manner in which he/she mentors the young people.

Successes are important for any team. It is the role of the coach to enable the young person not to see success only in terms of winning. Most importantly, the coach teaches, that by setting achievable personal and team goals and reaching those goals, everyone is successful and "a winner". In CYM Basketball, the final score does not measure success; it is measured by the effort of individuals striving to achieve team goals and at the same time, having fun.

The coach possesses a great deal of influence over the attitudes of the athletes, student body, parents, spectators and the community as a whole. In order for good sports to become a reality, the coach should:

- Exhibit the highest level of sportsmanship and respect for all team members consistent with the beliefs and teachings of a Roman Catholic Community during each practice and game.
- Always set a good example for athletes, fans and the community.
- Teach appropriate behavior and establish high standards for the athletes, parents and fans.
- Develop and enforce penalties for those athletes who do not abide by these standards.
- Treat opposing coaches with respect.
- Respect and work with officials, recognizing their importance to the athletic contest.
- Attend workshops and clinics to keep up-to-date on eligibility standards and contest rules.
- Follow the injury/incident procedures when necessary.

All coaches, regardless if head coach or assistant coach, must be a person of 21 years of age and older and are required to:

- Have a current volunteer application and background check (within the last three years) on file in the parish/school office.
- Have attended a three hour session of Protecting God's Children.
- Have completed, with certificate, 3 National Federation courses; Online and Free: 1. SPORTSMANSHIP 2. BULLYING, HAZING AND INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIORS, and 3. CONCUSSION IN SPORT. Found at no cost at NFHSLEARN.com and have provided certification of completion
- Read the Diocesan Code of Pastoral Conduct and signed a statement of compliance with this document.
- Coaches are not permitted to be the head coach of more than one team in the same sport season. They may be an assistant coach for a second team.
- Abide by the By-Laws set forth by this league.

I have read, understand, certify and will abide by the above and the Diocesan Code for Pastoral Conduct.

Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Print/type Coach name* \_\_\_\_\_

***This form remains at the local level in its completed form.***