

Catholic Youth Organization Unaffiliated Participant Application

This application is designed for any child who does not meet CYO Eligibility criteria per CYO Rules of Competition Article V, Section 4. CYO welcomes individuals of all backgrounds and communities of faith to participate in our programs. For those not currently eligible through participation with a CYO parish or school, the following criteria must be met:

1. The child is sponsored by a parish, meaning that he or she is approved by the Pastor and parish Director of Sports Ministry to be placed on a parish team.
2. The child or parents/guardians must live within the boundaries of the sponsoring parish or have an alternate parish approved as part of the application and review process.
3. The child/parents complete the application for unaffiliated participation as provided by CYO online or via hard copy. Application must include signature approval by the Director of Sports Ministry and Pastor of the sponsoring parish.
4. The application must be approved by the Faith & Spirit Committee of the CYO Executive Board. This may include an in-person hearing at the request of the committee.

All interested persons should begin by completing the following application and submit to the parish Director of Sports Ministry for review by him/her and the Pastor of the parish to which you are applying. The Director of Sports Ministry will then be responsible for updating applicants on the status of parish approval and forwarding all approved applications to the Faith & Spirit Committee of the CYO Executive Board. The CYO Office will notify parish Directors of Sports Ministry following the approval or decline of all applications. Successful applications will grant unaffiliated status for a period of one year, after which participants would need to reapply.

Please be advised that while all are welcomed to apply and participate in CYO programs, each participant and his or her family is required to abide by the policies and rules of the CYO and agrees to hold to the organization's mission and values. The CYO of Johnson & Wyandotte Counties is incorporated within the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas and proudly upholds the teachings and tradition of the Roman Catholic Church. CYO is proud to engage in Christian prayer and formation during practices and games. All applicants agree that they understand that CYO is a Catholic organization and that the values and practices of CYO will reflect the teachings of the Catholic Church. Participants are not required to attend Religious Education or services, but are welcomed and encouraged to do so.

While CYO will not unfairly withhold opportunities to participate in youth sports, the organization reserves the right to make decisions on applications based on the best interests of the organization as well as parishes, coaches, families and other participants.

We're thrilled you have chosen to submit an application for participation in CYO! Please continue to the following pages to complete the application and submit all completed applications to the Director of Sports Ministry at the parish you wish to sponsor the participant.

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General Information

Full Name of Child (Applicant): _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Child's Age: _____ Child's Date of Birth: _____

Child's Grade in School: _____

School Attending: _____

Full Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

Requested Parish (Sponsor): _____

Requested Team (If Applicable): _____

Background Information

How many sports teams has the child participated with in the past year? _____

Please list these teams/organizations (all sports): _____

Is the child currently participating on another team in the same sport? Yes No

Has the child ever participated on a CYO team before? Yes No

If so, when and why did participation cease? _____

Has the child ever been dismissed from a team or asked not to return? Yes No

If so, why? _____

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Has the child's parent(s)/guardians(s) ever been dismissed from a contest or barred from practices or games in any way? Yes No

If so, Why? _____

Is your child committed to making all designated practices and games? Yes No

If there is any potential conflict with attending practices and games, please explain: _____

Does the applicant or parent/guardian know any persons within the parish or team to which you are applying to participate? If so, please explain affiliation:

Essay

We want to hear from both the child and parent/guardian regarding why you wish to complete this application and participate in CYO. Please provide a brief response informing us why you wish to participate and how you feel this would benefit the child. Feel free to use additional paper as necessary in order to provide the Faith & Spirit Committee all the information they should consider regarding this request.

Child/Participant: _____

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Does the parent/guardian or child have an objections to the values stated in the CYO Bylaws or rules set forth in the CYO Rules of Competition? Do you have any objections to the use of Catholic teachings and/or traditions within CYO participation?

Please feel free to use additional paper to explain answers as necessary.

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Agreement & Signature

By signing below, we certify that all information included herein is truthful to the best of my knowledge and understand that any applications found to be falsified will result in removal of any athlete granted participation through this process. I further understand that the mission and values of CYO, including the prayer and formation involved in CYO programs, will be consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church. We agree to abide by all CYO rules and policies. We acknowledge that we have read and understand all of the information included in this application and agree to the (child) applicant's participation should the application be approved.

Child Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Parish Sponsorship Approval

To be completed by Parish Director of Sports Ministry and Parish Pastor

Full Name of Child: _____

Child's Grade: _____

Parish Team Applying For (If Applicable): _____

Is there anything else you would like us to know about this child/application?

By completing and signing this form, the parish listed below, represented by the Director of Sports Ministry and Pastor, agrees that we approve this application and wish to forward it to the Faith & Spirit Subcommittee of the CYO Executive Board for review. We agree that the information included is truthful to the best of our knowledge and support this child participating in CYO during the coming year.

Sponsoring Parish: _____

Pastor Signature: _____

Director of Sports Ministry Signature: _____