



<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>BORN ON OR AFTER</u>
INTERMEDIATE	1/1/12
ROOKIE	1/1/13
BANTAM	1/1/14
NOVICE	1/1/15
PEEWEE	1/1/16
SUBNOVICE	1/1/17
SUBNOVICE (2)	1/1/18

BASKETBALL

GIRLS BASKETBALL

ENTRY FORMS & ROSTERS DUE: OCTOBER 5, 2025

ENTRY FEE - \$250 PER TEAM

ACCEPTED LATE ENTRY FEE \$300 PER TEAM

REGULAR SEASON BEGINS:
OCTOBER 25, 2025

UNIFORM GRACE PERIOD ENDS:
NOVEMBER 20, 2025

ADDITIONS & REPLACEMENTS (FINAL ROSTERS) DUE:
NOVEMBER 19, 2025

REGULAR SEASON ENDS:
JANUARY 25, 2025

GIRLS' DIOCESAN PLAYOFFS – JANUARY 30, 2026 –
FEBRUARY 28, 2026 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

BOYS BASKETBALL

ENTRY FORMS & ROSTERS DUE: OCTOBER 5, 2025

ENTRY FEE - \$250 PER TEAM

ACCEPTED LATE ENTRY FEE \$300 PER TEAM

REGULAR SEASON BEGINS:
NOVEMBER 7, 2025

UNIFORM GRACE PERIOD ENDS:
DECEMBER 4, 2025

ADDITIONS & REPLACEMENTS (FINAL ROSTERS) DUE:
DECEMBER 3, 2025

REGULAR SEASON ENDS: FEBRUARY 8, 2026

BOYS' DIOCESAN PLAYOFFS – FEBRUARY 20, 2025 -
MARCH 15, 2025 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>OFFICIAL'S FEE</u>	<u># OF OFFICIALS</u>	<u>QUARTER LENGTH</u>
INTERMEDIATE	\$52	2	8 MIN
ROOKIE	\$52	2	8 MIN
BANTAM	\$52	2	6 MIN
NOVICE	\$50	2	6 MIN
NOVICE DEVELOPMENTAL	\$50	1	6 MIN
PEEWEE	\$50	1	6 MIN
SUBNOVICE	\$50	1	7 MIN

STRUCTURE AND FEES

PAYMENT OF OFFICIALS FEES: Officials are to be paid before the start of the game. If only one official appears where two are scheduled, he/she shall be paid the standard fee plus one half.

GAME CLOCK: In all games (All Divisions) other than the Diocesan playoffs, the clock will stop on: time-outs, held balls, fouls and substitutions. During the last 2 minutes of the 4th quarter and during the entirety of any overtime period(s), the clock will stop on all whistles.

- In any game in which a team is leading by 20 or more points during the last 2 minutes of the game, the clock will run with the exception of time-outs and free throws.

FORFEIT TIME: A Forfeit will be declared when a team fails to appear **within 15 minutes** of the scheduled game time.

IF A TEAM DOES NOT HAVE 5 PLAYERS AFTER 15 MINUTE WAIT TIME, A SCRIMAGE MAY BE PLAYED BETWEEN THE TWO TEAMS, WITHOUT REFEREES, IF AGREED UPON BY COACHES

A team with two forfeits during the season will be declared ineligible for the Diocesan Playoffs

ADDITIONS & REPLACEMENTS: A competitor may be added or replaced on the roster, up to and **including, November 19, 2025 for Girls & December 4, 2025 for Boys.** If a team has an approved waiver player, the Sports Coordinator must approve the addition or replacement. A copy of birth certificate may be requested by this office. **All additional players must be registered with the CYO and Membership number on A/R form.**

ROSTER SIZE: The usual number of competitors is 12 per team. We strongly suggest roster sizes to be a minimum of 8

Players: however, expanded rosters are allowed in all divisions and all listed competitors are eligible for regular season and playoff games. In the event that trophies are won, the parish is responsible for the cost of additional trophies beyond the 12 provided by CYO. **NO TEAM WILL BE ACCEPTED WITH 7 PLAYERS OR LESS ON THE ROSTER. All Players CYO membership number must be included on Team Rosters.**

WAIVERS: Non-parish eligible athletes may qualify to play through waivers.

All waiver requests are subject to approval by CYO staff. (See **Rules and Regulations for Waiver request procedures.**)

ALL CHILDREN SHOULD GET SOME PLAYING TIME IN EVERY GAME DURING THE REGULAR SEASON. IT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE MISSION STATEMENT OF CYO THAT CHILDREN DO NOT PLAY IN GAMES SINCE PLAYOFF SPOTS ARE ASSURED. WE ENCOURAGE ALL PARISHES (PAR'S) TO CONSIDER CREATING A POLICY CONCERNING PLAYING TIME TO COINCIDE WITH OUR MISSION STATEMENT. (See rules and regulations for recommended playing time)

RULES OF COMPETITION

RULES BOOK: All Boys divisions are governed by the current High School Federation rules with the exceptions as listed in this athletic manual/ fact sheet. All Girls divisions are governed by the current NCAA Women's rules as modified by the GCHSAA with the exceptions as listed in this athletic manual/ fact sheet.

1. The option to advance the ball in the final minute under certain circumstances has been eliminated from CYO play.
2. No dunking is permitted before, during or at half time at CYO games. The penalty is a technical foul. The second offense will also result in ejection of the player. (Counts as a personal and a team foul).

OFFICIAL SCORER: The home team shall designate an official scorer at the start of each contest. Children under 12 years of age should not be keeping score.

The official CYO game roster form must be filled out and handed to the official scorekeeper prior to the start of the game. Player names and numbers must be entered into the official scorebook from the game roster form and referees should print their names on the scoresheet before game ends.

The Game Roster form may be filled out in advance and copies made as needed. **If the game roster form is not submitted a TECHNICAL FOUL will be issued and the opposing team will be awarded 2 free throws and the ball at the start of the game.**

TIMEKEEPER: The home team shall designate the official timekeeper at the start of each contest, we strongly suggest an adult. (Children under 12 years of age should not be keeping the clock).

OVERTIME: In all divisions, overtime periods are 3 minutes. (STOP TIME)

GUEST PLAYER RULE (REGULAR SEASON ONLY): If a team only has 4 uniformed players present, the guest player

rule may be used. The Guest Player must come from the same Parish, Same Division or One Age Group Lower and must be of equal or lesser skill.

COPY OF THE GUEST PLAYERS TEAM ROSTER MUST BE PRESENTED TO VERIFY ELIGIBILITY OF PARISH, AGE, DIVISION OF CLASSIFICATION.

Only one Guest player per game/per team is allowed to avoid forfeits.

Abuse of the Guest Player Rule by the same team will result in disqualification for playoff eligibility.

PRESS RULE:

PEE WEE DIVISION: Full court pressure will only be permitted during the last 2 minutes of the game and any overtime period unless winning team is leading by the points listed below.

PEEWEE THROUGH INTERMEDIATE: The winning team must allow the opponent to in-bound the ball and must play defense within the 3-point line when they lead by the following amounts or more:

PEEWEE, NOVICE & BANTAM	15 POINTS
ROOKIE & INTERMEDIATE	20 POINT

First violation of this rule is a warning. Any violation thereafter will result in a technical foul being issued. The pressing limitations will apply during the playoffs for all divisions.

ALL DEVELOPMENTAL DIVISION GAMES: FULL COURT PRESSURE IS PERMITTED DURING THE FINAL TWO (2) MINUTES OF THE 4TH QUARTER AND ANY OVERTIME PERIODS UNLESS WINNING TEAM IS LEADING BY THE POINTS LISTED ABOVE.

COACHES: There are to be only 2 coaches on a team bench. **GIRLS' BASKETBALL ONLY: a third coach is permissible as long as one is a female. A responsible adult female should be present at the girls' games.** Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and fans, home and away. All bench personnel must remain seated at all times. Only Head Coaches should stand to instruct or interact with official (respectfully). **(Hats are not to be worn by any bench personnel during any CYO basketball game.)** All coaches MUST be VIRTUS trained.

SCOREKEEPER: Visitor scorebook may be kept on bench by one of the coaches on the bench, but sitting at scorer's table is recommended. **Scorekeeper as 3rd Person on boys bench is strictly prohibited**

PROFANITY:

Any profanity used by any player or coach during the game will result in an automatic technical foul being issued. Further discipline including ejection and/or suspension may be issued.

Any parent/spectator ejected during a SUBNOVICE contest will **AUTOMATICALLY** be suspended for one calendar year from the date of incident. No appeals will be entertained.

PEE WEE BOYS & GIRLS DIVISION ONLY –

Girls Free throw line will be 12' from the basket in place of the regular 15' line. Boys will be 15' line. Players must start behind but may go over on release.

PLAYER EJECTION:

1. Teams are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that the game officials and CYO administration feel shows respect and dignity towards its opponent.
2. A player ejected from a game for any reason shall be suspended for the next two (2) scheduled games.
3. Any player, coach or other person who receives two (2) ejections during the course of the season will be suspended for the remainder of the season and may be subject to additional disciplinary action.
4. Refer to CYO Rules & Regulations for complete discipline policy

EQUIPMENT:

1. **GIRLS' BALL:** Both teams must supply the standard women's basketball: **28.5" size**.
2. **BOYS' BALL:** Both teams must supply the standard men's basketball except for the Sub-Novice & Pee-Wee divisions. Subnovice & Pee-wee will use the 28.5' Size Women's Standard Ball
3. **CLOCK & BUZZER:** The home team must supply the game clock and buzzer.
4. **SCOREBOOK:** The home team scorebook is the official scorebook, unless the referee rules otherwise. For all diocesan playoff games the host site will be responsible to provide the official scorekeeper
5. **FIRST AID KIT:** It is required that all teams have a first aid kit including rubber gloves. Available for use at the scorers' table. **Ice or ice packs must be available in the playing facility at all times.**
6. **FACT SHEET:** It is required that a copy of the CYO Basketball fact sheet must be kept at the scorers' table.

SUBNOVICE DIVISION: POLICY REMINDER THIS DIVISION WILL ONLY BE FOR 3RD GRADE AGE OR YOUNGER. The purpose of this division is to create a **teaching environment** and have all players participate. Therefore, the rules are adjusted as follows:

- a. There will be no standings or playoffs. (***There are to be NO published results of team or individual efforts***)
- b. **No score will be kept. Not at the scorer's table or on a game clock, at any time.** (Personal fouls and time outs will be kept.)
- c. Throughout the game the clock will stop on fouls, substitutions and time outs.
- d. Foul shots will be taken from the dotted line. (12ft from the backboard)
- e. Pressing is prohibited and the defense must remain below the top of the key of the basket they are defending.
- f. There will be no winners or losers.
- g. The ball shall be a 28.5" size. (The standard women's' basketball)
- h. A coach is not restricted to the bench area, unless instructed to by an official.
- i. **A coach will be ejected upon being issued one (1) unsportsmanlike Technical Foul. The ejection will result in a 4 game suspension. NO APPEALS!**
- j. There will be 1 Assistant Coach on the bench. No Assistant Coaches will be permitted under the basket.

UNIFORMS:

1. **CLOTHING:** All players on a team must wear matched shirts that are numbered on the back and front. Matched shirts are defined as same color, same style (tee shirts or tank tops). Players who are not properly uniformed as to color and style will not be allowed to enter the game after **NOVEMBER 20, 2025 FOR GIRLS & DECEMBER 4, 2025 FOR BOYS . THE PARISH NAME MUST APPEAR PREDOMINANTLY ON THE UNIFORM.** The numbering regulation must be complied with. These regulations will be strictly be enforced and a player not numbered front and back will not be allowed to enter a game.

UNDER JERSEY T-SHIRT CAN BE WORN BY PLAYERS. SHIRT MUST BE A WHITE T-SHIRT OR THE PREDOMINANT COLOR OF THE UNIFORM. ALL TEAMS PLAYERS MUST BE WEARING THE SAME COLOR UNDER JERSEY T-SHIRT. NO EXCEPTIONS.

UNIFORM JERSEY MUST BE TUCKED IN.

*ALL HOLY CROSS BOYS TEAMS WILL HAVE A UNIFORM EXCEPTION FOR THE 2025-26 SEASON DUE TO HAVING UNCOMPLIANT UNIFORMS (HOLY CROSS NOT PREDOMINANT ON JERSEY)

*ST. LUKE WILL HAVE A UNIFORM EXCEPTION FOR THE 2025-26 SEASON FOR FAILURE TO HAVE THE UNIFORM NUMBERS ON THE FRONT & BACK OF THE JERSEY

2. **NUMBERS: For Boys:** Only the following numbers are legal: 0 or 00, 1-5, 10 to 15, 20 to 25, 30 to 35, 40 to 45, and **50** to 55. If an improperly numbered player enters the game, a technical foul will be issued before he/she can play. Only 1 technical for multiple infractions.
For Girls: All number are legal.
3. **COLOR CONFLICT:** If both teams have the same color uniforms, the home team must change color. Rules 1 & 2 pertaining to eligibility and technical fouls do not apply, in this case.
4. **FOOTWEAR:** All players must wear sneakers.
5. **JEWELRY:** No jewelry or adornments of any kind are allowed. This includes rubber or elastic bracelets and taped over earrings. No electronic devices of any kind should be used by a player while on the playing court.

SCHEDULING:

1. **COURT TIME:** Each team must provide adequate court time for themselves to play or be classified as a 'Traveling Team'. Teams with less than the necessary amount of court time will be required to travel to wherever they can be accommodated.
2. **REGULAR SEASON:** Schedules will be developed by CYO staff. All teams should play between 12 and 14 games for the 2025-26 Season. An attempt will be made to provide balanced levels of competition within sections.
3. **PLAYOFF POLICY:** Playoff Fact Sheet will be sent prior to the beginning of the playoffs.