

ST. ANNE CYO

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CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ATHLETES & PARENTS

OUR MISSION

St. Anne CYO aims to promote youth sports and activities, with emphasis on fundamentals, sportsmanship, teamwork, inclusion, and Catholic values. Students attending St. Anne School, as well as students attending CCD with St. Anne Catholic Church, are eligible and welcome.

St. Anne CYO provides youth sports and activities for the entire St. Anne community, with focus on the following areas: primary rules and fundamentals of the game, participation with teammates, sportsmanship, and team spirit.

Participation in athletic events is to be considered primary. Competition and winning are by-products of participation and are to be considered secondary.

Integrity, effort, and good sportsmanship are paramount.

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1. As adults, we are responsible for being positive roles models for all children of the St. Anne community. All parents, guardians, and friends will conduct themselves as such during all St. Anne CYO events.

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2. Your athlete's coach will make their expectations clear. Failure to adhere to the team rules, as communicated to you by the coach, may affect playing eligibility.

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3. Parents, guardians, guests, and players are to be respectful of all coaches, officials, and opponents at all times. Failure to adhere to this guideline will result in being asked to leave the event, in addition to a verbal warning from the St. Anne CYO board.

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4. Ridiculing teammates, opponents, or officials will not be tolerated. Parents and guests must respect the unique skill level of each athlete and display an acceptance of all skill levels and abilities.

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5. Parents, guardians and guests are not to engage the referee(s) at any time. Any communication with referees or officials will be conducted through your team's coaching staff.

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6. Parents, guardians, and guests will refrain from "coaching" from the stands, and offer only words of encouragement. Parents are unaware of the coaches' game plans; shouting instructions to your athlete only creates confusion. Please allow the coaches to do the coaching.

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7. If it is necessary to be late or miss a game or practice, your coach must be notified with as much advanced notice as possible.

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8. The primary function of a coach is to focus on their team during practices; Please do not leave siblings or friends at practices unattended. Coaches are not responsible for individuals not listed on their official team roster.

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9. Children up to 9th grade should not be left unattended during any St. Anne CYO event. Children must be under the supervision of a parent, guardian, or their own coach while on school grounds. Parents and guardians will refrain from dropping their children off at the gym and leaving the premises while not under specific supervision.

VOLUNTEER CLEARANCES

St. Anne CYO functions entirely by volunteer help. Without adequate help, the burdens repeatedly fall on the same small subset of volunteers.

The Diocese of Allentown has mandated that **all** volunteers must now be cleared through our parish Safe Environment Coordinator. This applies to volunteers of **every** type including, but not limited to, snack stand workers, line judges, scoreboard operators, score bookkeepers, and coaches.

Please consider obtaining your clearances ASAP in order to be eligible to volunteer. We need your help! Visit stannebethlehemcyo.com to view the clearance checklist (at the bottom of the "About Us" page).

Email our Safe Environment Coordinator, Mrs. Eileen Brida, at ebrida@stannebethlehem.org with questions.

UNIFORMS

Per Diocese of Allentown mandate, all shorts must be a minimum 5 inch inseam. No exceptions.

- **CROSS COUNTRY:** Uniform is t-shirt athletes may keep.
- **VOLLEYBALL:** Uniform tops must be returned at conclusion of the season.
- **BASKETBALL:** Basketball shorts and tops must be returned.
- **CHEER:** Cheer pom-poms, sleeveless v-neck top, and skirt must be returned at the conclusion of the season.
- **TRACK & FIELD:** Uniform is a t-shirt athletes may keep.

GYM RULES

Please assist CYO in maintaining our gym. It is up to all of us to ensure its cleanliness. If you see garbage left behind in the bleachers, please dispose of it.

Please observe the following rules while at St. Anne's:

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| INITIAL HERE | 1. <u>No food or drink, except for water, is permitted in the gym.</u>
This is strictly enforced. At no time and for no reason will this rule be suspended. |
| INITIAL HERE | 2. No playing on top of, or entry under, bleachers. |
| INITIAL HERE | 3. No rough housing, ball playing, or running in the hallway. |
| INITIAL HERE | 4. Athletes should assist with equipment set up and break down as directed by their coach. |
| INITIAL HERE | 5. All posted rules in the team room MUST be observed. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action. |
| INITIAL HERE | 6. Absolutely NO KIDS in the gym closet located inside the gym. Please adhere to the posted signs. |
| INITIAL HERE | 7. Absolutely no usage of any of the equipment within the gym closet. It is NOT CYO property. |

COMPLAINT RESOLUTION PROCEDURE

Should an issue arise in the course of the season, please make every attempt to resolve the matter with your athlete's coaches. Please do not approach the coach before, during, or after the game. If you need to discuss an issue concerning your child, please request an appointment to speak with the coach.

St. Anne CYO expects that parents, guardians, friends, and players treat everyone with dignity and respect. If an issue cannot be resolved, the coordinator of that sport should be contacted. If you feel a coach or coordinator cannot provide impartial judgement or has not correctly handled the situation, you may report the matter to the CYO Board President, Adrienne Apgar (adrienne.apgar@gmail.com).

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

I understand that if I, or the athlete for whom I'm responsible, fail to abide by these rules and guidelines, I or my athlete will be subject to disciplinary action. Disciplinary actions include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Verbal warning from the CYO board.
2. A written warning detailing the incident and reasons why the behavior was found to be in violation of the rules.
3. A meeting with the CYO Board and any other involved parties to discuss the offense.
4. Game suspensions, with written documentation detailing reasons for the suspension. Number of games suspended will be at the discretion of the CYO board, and will be commensurate with the offense.
5. St. Anne CYO reserves the right to suspend any parent, guardian, or athlete for egregious behavior. Suspensions could be practices, games, or an entire season. Suspensions will be commensurate with the offense.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I/We, _____, parent(s)/guardian(s) of _____, understand and acknowledge these rules and guidelines as set forth by St. Anne CYO.

Parent

Sign: _____

Print: _____

Athlete 3

Sign: _____

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Athlete 1

Sign: _____

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Athlete 4

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Athlete 2

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