



Dear Parent,

Thank you for registering your child for the St. Francis Xavier Parish CYO Basketball Program. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Parish's appointed representative to the CYO for the upcoming season. In this role, I will be responsible for communication between our parish teams and the CYO. I will also be the contact for the coaches who give so generously of their time to teach our children the great game of basketball. I look forward to this upcoming season.

In terms of your child's involvement with CYO basketball as part of St. Francis Xavier Parish, please make note of the following important points:

- Eligibility. Players in grades 4 through 8 are eligible to participate. Also, according to CYO rules it is expected that 70% of the players representing St. Francis Xavier must be practicing parishioners of St. Francis. As a result, parishioners will be given priority of making our teams. While no attendance will be taken, it is expected that each player is a practicing Catholic that attends Mass each week and on Holy Days of Obligation as prescribed by the Catholic Church.
- Coaches. While I expect some of our coaches to return for the upcoming season, we are still in need of some assistance in order to run the program.
- Registration. Until registrations have been completed, we will have no idea of how many players will be interested in participating in CYO basketball. Please note that registering guarantees a player a chance to play on a CYO team for our Parish, but may not guarantee them a spot on a team (see next section).
- Tryouts. As you can imagine, it can be difficult to manage too large a group of players and that can result in hurt feelings and gross inequities in playing time. Based on how many players register to play, it may be necessary to hold tryouts for particular teams. The need for a tryout will be made exclusively by the coach of that team and ourselves. In the event that a tryout is held and that a child does not make the particular team, a 100% refund of the registration fee will be returned to the parent/guardian. Also, that player would be eligible to participate as a pool player for another CYO team if they are interested in doing so. The pool process is managed by the CYO and provides another option for a player to participate in CYO basketball. There will be more information about the potential need for tryouts later this month.

- Timing of the season. Practices are expected to officially begin once the coaches are named in the coming weeks. Practices for each team will be scheduled at the discretion of the coaches and availability of the school gym. CYO basketball games are expected to begin in mid-November. Typically, the season extends into March/April.

- Participation in School Related Activities or CYO To participate in boys' & girls' basketball and all other sponsored activities students must be in good academic and behavioral standing. Disciplinary issues may also be cause for termination or suspension of participation in a CYO sport. This rule is in keeping with all schools in the Diocese. If a student is absent or dismissed early from school due to illness, he/she will not be permitted to participate in evening practices/games

- Registration Process. In order to be fully registered to participate in CYO Basketball for the 2022/2023 season the following items must be handed in to us no later than Friday, November 4th. :
 1. Complete and signed St. Francis Xavier CYO Athletics Application
 2. Signed Custodial Permission Agreement
 3. Signed Player Code of Ethics
 4. Signed Consent Form and Liability Waiver
 5. Birth certificate for all players who did not previously play on a St. Francis Xavier CYO basketball team.
 6. The registration fee of \$85 for a single player or \$135 for two or more players from the same family.

If we can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to ask me. My contact information appears below.

We hope you are looking forward to the upcoming season as much as we are. Thank you for your interest in representing St. Francis Xavier Parish for the upcoming CYO basketball season. We will have more information about our program for you in the upcoming weeks.

In Christ,

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St. Francis Xavier CYO Athletes Application

Name	
Address	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	
Date Of Birth	
School	
Grade	
Shirt Size	
Parish	
Parent / Guardian Name	
Parent E-Mail Address	
In Emergency, please notify	
Relationship	
Dentist / Phone	
Doctor / Phone	
Insurance Carrier	
Subscriber Name	
ID Number	

Please list any medical conditions or medications.

I give authorization for my child/dependent, _____, to participate in activities, sponsored by the St. Francis Xavier School CYO Athletics Department. I release St. Francis Xavier Parish & School, The Roman Catholic Bishop of Fall River, Corp Sole, St. Francis coaching staff and assistants from any liability in the event of injury.

_____ In the event of a medical emergency, I give permission for my child to be seen and/or treated by a physician.

_____ In the event of a medical emergency, I do not give permission for my child to be seen and/or treated by a physician.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Player Information

Have you ever participated in this sport before?	
What teams and levels did you play?	
Name of someone who might know you on a team?	

PLAYERS CODE OF ETHICS

Players shall perform to the best of their abilities and abide by all CYO rules and regulations.

Players shall treat their coaches, game officials, fans and opponents with respect at all times.

Players shall attend every practice and game that they can. If they cannot attend they shall notify their coaches.

Players shall resolve conflicts without resorting to any form of hostility or violence.

Players shall always try to achieve a high level of sportsmanship and encourage the same from fellow players.

Players shall refrain from taunting, trash talking, using profanity, fighting and refusing to shake hands.

Players shall leave the playing environments in a clean and sanitary condition.

Players shall treat this sporting experience as an opportunity to learn and above all have fun.

Players shall always understand that school academics are their number one priority.

PARENTS / SPECTATORS CODE OF ETHICS

Parents shall be responsible for their children while in the CYO Building. NO ONE ALLOWED ON STAGE.

Parents and spectators shall encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support and showing respect for all players, coaches and officials.

Parents and spectators shall place the emotional and physical wellbeing of players ahead of a personal desire to win.

Parents and spectators shall remember that the game is for the youth and they will do their part to keep the game fun.

Parents shall ensure that their child treats other players, coaches, spectators and officials with respect at all times.

Parents shall support their child, team, and program by carrying out their duties such as but not limited to: fund raising, hall monitoring, and providing transportation to and from practice and games.

Players Signature _____ Date _____

Parents Signature _____

St. Francis Xavier CYO Athletes Application

Custodial Permission Agreement

Child's Name _____

I permit and acknowledge that my child will play basketball at St. Francis Xavier Parish gymnasium and the New Bedford CYO Center. I release and hold harmless St. Francis Xavier Parish and School, The Roman Catholic Bishop of Fall River, Corp Sole, and any employee or volunteer while they participate in these activities.

I am aware that St. Francis Xavier and the CYO program do not cover insurance for the players. If a player is injured while engaging in any type of athletic event at the CYO center or St. Francis Xavier Parish Gym, there is no insurance to cover hospital, clinic, doctor or any other type of personal bills. Players who are not covered by their own insurance are playing at their own risk.

I also agree with and acknowledge the following situations:

Any child appearing with jewelry of any kind will not be allowed to play in either center.

The coaches are not permitted to hold players jewelry at either facility.

Mouth guards and sneakers are mandatory for all practices and games. A child who does not have a mouth guard or appropriate sneakers will not be allowed to play. Any player on the team's roster, who complies with CYO rules and practices with their team during weekly practices, will be guaranteed a minimum of 6 minutes of playing time during the week's game.

Behavior problems cannot be tolerated for the safety and emotional wellbeing of the team as a whole. Inappropriate behavior will force the coach to immediately exclude a child from the game or practice. A significant behavior episode will be reviewed and may prevent a child from playing subsequent games as well.

Each team will exclusively hold the GYM floor during the scheduled practice. Only registered team players can practice with their team. Siblings and friends cannot be left at a practice or game without guardian in attendance.

Each team will be coached by diocesan approved coaches who have been CORI checked.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date