

CYM SPORTS NEWSLETTER

Produced by the Office for Catholic Youth, Young Adult, and Family Ministry & the CYM Sports Office



RECAP OF WEEK 4 IN CYM SPORTS

A total of 23 CYM Sports games or events occurred for Week 3 in Cross Country, Football, Soccer, and Volleyball.

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Week 4 results for varsity programs are available at cymsports.com/schedules

521

FALL COACHES

Over 500+ Coaches and Volunteers participating in CYM Sports for Fall

143

TEAMS

Over 140 Teams are competing in sports competition and programs for Fall, 2025

1760

REGISTRATIONS

Over 1700 registrations so far for the 2025-2026 program year for CYM

IMPORTANT DATES



WEEK 5 START

October 3rd

WINTER ASSESSMENTS BEGIN

October 20th

XC CHAMPIONSHIPS

October 26th

SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

November 1st

VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

November 2nd

WINTER PRACTICES BEGIN

November 3rd

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

November 9th

FALL POSTSEASON MEETINGS

November 10th-13th

WINTER SCHEDULE RELEASE

November 17th**

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

December 2nd

WINTER COACHES MEETING

December 3rd

WINTER SPORTS START DATE

December 5th

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WILMINGTON, DE – The Office for Catholic Youth, Young Adult, and Family Ministry is preparing for a new basketball season in CYM Sports, releasing information to administrators and the public for the 2025-2026 campaign.

On Wednesday, October 1st, athletic directors from 15 participating parishes are set to receive preliminary items, which include general information, team submissions, gym availability, and parish/school conflict forms. The deadline for completion of major administrative task is dated for November 1st. Updates to the process now include the responsibility of earlier submissions by parishes and schools, which allows families to organize their schedules for the season, along with winter holidays at Christmas time and New Years.

“The spring and fall saw strides in organizing and adapting to the changing environment of youth sports. Basketball is a true test to highlight continued adaptation and change as we move forward with the largest program offered by the Diocese of Wilmington. The basketball program offers opportunities for nearly 2000 youngsters on 194 teams, which is a rather large community that requires tight logistics for administering,” said Don Tees, CYM Sports Coordinator. “With over 2000 games played annually, we have taken a look at reviewing historic documents, analyzing the rules carefully, and taking into consideration feedback from families to reorganize key aspects of our program that need change. With over 8000 players, coaches, administrators, and families, it has been critical to meet some needs with change, while bringing together the entirety of the program and all of our affiliated parishes and schools.”

The vision for continued change places CYM’s mission and core values above all, while focusing on the logistical aspects of the program.

Basketball tryouts are permitted to begin on October 20, 2025, with the first practices set for November 3 following the conclusion of the soccer, cross-country, and volleyball seasons. Interested youth must be properly affiliated and registered with the office before practicing. For returning participants, they will need to log in at www.cdowcym.org to reconfirm information regarding their child. For first-time participants in CYM Sports, registration is required at www.cdowcym.org and an affiliation must be assigned before participation.

Those interested in volunteering are required to meet specific qualifications, undergo & certify training, and pass background checks before participating in coaching instruction on the court.



Additional key dates include:

- First Half Schedule (Weeks 1-3): November 17th
- Second Half Schedule (Weeks 4-10): December 7th
- Postseason: February 23rd-March 1st

Semifinals and championships are expected to be at St. Mark’s High School & St. Elizabeth School.

Administrators will meet on Tuesday, December 2, for a General Assembly Meeting. For the first time, coordinators, head coaches, and assistant coaches are invited together for the Winter Coaches Meeting, set for Wednesday, December 3rd. This informational meeting will include refresher items from the office and a review of common items surrounding the basketball program. Both meetings are offered via Zoom.

The 2025-2026 campaign sees updates to the [Basketball Rulebook](#) for the 2025-2026 CYM Sports Campaign, along with preliminary organizing in preparing for the 98th year of Catholic League Basketball. These include logistical changes to accommodate the needs of the entire CYM Basketball landscape.

These changes align with celebrating the century-long history of basketball in the diocese. In December of 2027, the office will celebrate the 100th anniversary of basketball in the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington. In the winter of 1927, representatives of St. Anthony of Padua, St. Hedwig’s, Pioneers, Brownson, and the Knights of Columbus met and created the first Wilmington Catholic Basketball League for youth and young adults. The league expanded over time, incorporating into the Catholic Athletic Council, which grandfathered in CYO Wilmington and Catholic Youth Ministry we know today.

To find out more about the CYM Basketball program, head to www.cdowcym.org and www.cymsports.com for details.

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