












General Coaches Meeting (Winter)

Quick recap

CYM conducted a refresher session on the CYM Sports basketball program, covering key administrative processes and providing guidance on accessing program information through various websites. It was explained important updates to scheduling, rules, and communication protocols, including new requirements for score reporting and changes to the rulebook and uniform policies. CYM Sports Coordinator emphasized the program's ministry focus and Code of Conduct expectations, while also discussing upcoming tournaments and championship schedules, and encouraged coaches to utilize available resources and provide feedback through various channels.

Next steps

-  [All coaches: Take a look at CYMSports.com homepage over the next several days and weeks to understand the ministry and program](#)
-  [All coaches: Check spam/junk folders for automated emails and add no-reply address to address books](#)
-  [All coaches: Submit technical fouls to office or coordinator when they occur during games or tournaments](#)
-  [All coaches: Go through coordinators first for any problems, concerns, or questions before contacting the office directly](#)
-  [All coaches: Review the basketball rulebook and universal guidelines in the provisional handbook](#)
-  [All coaches: Be aware of and follow the Code of Conduct for coaches and spectators](#)
-  [All coaches: Ensure covenant agreements and confidentiality agreements are completed](#)
-  [Administrators: Submit coach information by tomorrow at 4:30 PM deadline for roster locks](#)
-  [Administrators: Communicate uniform inventory to be included on website](#)
-  [Donald/Office: Post second half of schedule relatively soon](#)
-  [Donald/Office: Send championship and playoff information to administrators at a later date](#)

Summary

CYM Sports Program Information Session

Don led a 30-minute refresher session on the CYM Sports basketball program, emphasizing its ministry focus and providing guidance on accessing information through the main website (CDOWCYM.org) and the athletics-specific site (CYMSports.com). He explained how coaches and parents can find team schedules, standings, and other details, including a new calendar subscription feature that administrators have found useful. Don reminded coaches to review the program's ministry aspects and to expect head coach listings to be finalized by the next day, after which they will receive automated emails.

Basketball Score Reporting Updates

Donald explained the new schedule and score submission process for basketball teams, emphasizing the importance of timely score reporting and communication with administrators and coordinators. He mentioned that the first half of the schedule is currently available, with the second half expected to be released soon. Don also discussed increased compliance to the communication matrix, requiring coaches to go through administrators before contacting the office about reschedules or cancellations. He advised coaches to check their emails frequently and keep the "no-reply" email in their address book to avoid missing important notifications.

Rulebook Updates and Uniform Policies

Donald discussed updates to the rulebook, including update to the JV division rules and the importance of submitting technical fouls and sportsmanship infractions. He emphasized the new uniform policy, where the home team will wear dark colors and the away team will wear light colors. Don also explained the limited circumstances under which games can be rescheduled and the policy on division placements. He encouraged coaches to consult with local coordinators for any questions or concerns.

JV3 Defense Rule Clarification

Don clarified the JV3 rule regarding defense, explaining that for the first three quarters, all defense must be played within the top of the arc extended, with no exemptions. In the fourth quarter, if the lead is not 10 or less, both teams are allowed to play half-court defense. If the lead is 10 or more, only the trailing team can play half-court defense, while the other team must continue playing at the top of the arc. Don encouraged anyone with further questions to email him or Matt directly for clarification.

Code of Conduct for Coaches

Donald discussed the importance of adhering to the Code of Conduct for coaches and spectators in CYM's Catholic environment, emphasizing zero tolerance for inappropriate behavior. He highlighted the need for coaches to maintain professional standards, as basketball is a highly emotional sport with a strong historical background in CYO. Don also mentioned the availability of sample covenant agreements on the website and encouraged coaches to utilize resources like Matt Kelly and Sue Leonard for feedback and support. He concluded by providing information on upcoming tournaments, the postseason championship schedule, and the opportunity for coaches to provide feedback through a roundtable discussion and symposium at the end of the season.