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## CYO ELIGIBILITY REQUEST FORM

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*This form is to be completed by all athletes that are not members of the parish sponsoring the team or not enrolled in the school sponsoring the team (Those athletes that are only eligible through PSR enrollment must complete this form). The completed form is due in to the CYO Office by the Team Entry Deadline.*

*Reference: CYO Coaches Handbook, Rules of the Game, page 23, for eligibility rules*

### PSR ELIGIBILITY

If the athlete regularly attends the PSR program in the current PSR school year of the parish sponsoring the team AND lives within the boundaries of the parish sponsoring the team, the athlete is permitted to play for that PSR parish as long as a CYO Eligibility Request Form is completed and submitted by the Team Entry Deadline. If the parish in which the athlete resides does not offer a PSR program and the student does not meet either the parish or school eligibility requirement, the athlete is not eligible to participate on any CYO team.

### ADJOINING PARISH ELIGIBILITY

If a parish does not offer a CYO team in a specific sport or division, an athlete is eligible to compete for an adjoining parish team if:

- the athlete attends his/her home parish grade school, or
- the athlete's parents or legal guardians are registered members of the home parish.

Limits to the Adjoining Parish rule:

- If an athlete's parish/school sponsors a team in a particular sport, the athlete is to participate on that parish/school team and is not permitted to attempt to play at an adjoining parish/school or any other parish/school without prior written approval from the CYO Athletic Office.
- An Athlete that is not a member of a parish, or enrolled in a catholic school, but is only enrolled in PSR at the parish in which who's boundaries he/she lives, is only eligible to participate at the PSR sponsoring Parish. The Athlete cannot use the adjoining parish rules to play for another parish.

Determining the Adjoining Parish:

- Adjoining parishes are defined as those parishes that share a common boundary line. The appropriate adjoining parish is determined by comparing the direct ('as the crow flies') distance between THE ATHLETE'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCE AND THE LOCATION OF THE PARISH OFFERING A TEAM.
- The athlete's first request must be made for the closest adjoining parish as measured above. If that parish does not accept the student, the student has permission to approach the second closest parish, then the third, etc.
- Adjoining Parish Eligibility requires completion of the CYO Eligibility Request Form and approval by CYO Athletic Administration before the athlete is eligible to participate in any games, scrimmages contests or competitions. The CYO Eligibility Request Form must be completed and submitted to the Area CYO Athletic Director on or before the team entry deadline.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUEST FORM APPROVAL PROCESS

- Eligibility Requests Forms are to be completed and submitted to the CYO Office, 7911 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44102 by the published Team Entry Deadline.
- The Athlete is NOT permitted to participate in any contest, competition, scrimmage or game until approval of the athlete eligibility has been given by the CYO Office.
- Eligibility Request Forms that are submitted in their entirety by the Team Entry Deadline will be ruled upon before the start of the season.
- Eligibility Request Forms received after the team entry deadline, or those that are submitted incomplete or returned to the Pastoral Designee may result in the athlete being ineligible for preseason and early season competitions.
- Letters from the CYO Athletic Directors approving athlete eligibility will be sent to the sponsoring member's Pastoral Designee.

*Return the completed form to the CYO Athletic & Camping Office - 7911 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44102*