

PASSAIC - CLIFTON CYO

2009 – 2010 OFFICIAL BASKETBALL RULES

This league shall be known as the Passaic - Clifton CYO Vicariate, Varsity Division Basketball League. This program covers the Roman Catholic Parishes in the cities of Passaic and Clifton for the sports of Basketball and Cheerleading. Team entry is based at Parish level, not by organization, school, or club affiliation to the Parish. The rules that govern the operation of the Passaic - Clifton CYO, supersede and are complemented by the National Federation of State High School Association basketball rules. Questions concerning the interpretation or explanation of all rules should be addressed to the Director of the Passaic - Clifton CYO.

1. TEAM/SQUAD ENTRY

- 1.1. Entry into the program will be made on the official roster of the Paterson Diocese CYO, with all supporting documentation due on ***December 6, 2009***, with a maximum of fifteen players.
- 1.2. A candidate statistic form will be completed for each individual entered on the team/squad roster.
- 1.3. A signed parent/guardian permission form, with required insurance information, will be attached to each candidate statistic form.
- 1.4. As proof of age, a baptismal certificate must be submitted for each candidate on the roster, except in the case of a non-Catholic, where a birth certificate is allowed.
- 2.12 The pastor of the parish must sign the roster and candidate statistic sheet for each individual representing the parish.. If the candidate attends the parish school, the principal of the school will also be required to sign the candidate statistic form. An entry fee for each team/squad entered into the program is due by the start of the season.
- 2.13 The final cutoff date for all signed and completed documentation is the first game of the season. Missing information on an individual player will result with the player being declared ineligible for that game(s). No entrance fee or a missing signature from the roster form by the second game will result in forfeiture of all games played and no additional games played until all completed documents and fees are submitted.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. Participation in the league is open to all members of the parish community.
- 2.2. When fielding a parish team, the first preference shall be given to parishioners. If, however, the roster is not filled after accepting parishioners, members of other parishes, within the athletic Vicariate and the geographic boundaries of the fielding parish, may fill out the roster, providing their home parish has not/does not intend to field a team. They must, however receive permission from their own pastor, as well as the pastor of the team for which they wish to play. These permissions must be attached to entry form when filed. The following year, if their home parish decides to field a team, he/she must return back to the home parish.
- 2.3. The order of eligibility when selecting candidates is:
 - 2.3.1. Registered members of the parish are given the highest priority.

- 2.3.2. All attendees of the parish school (if applicable).
- 2.3.3. Non-registered Catholics living within the geographic boundaries of the parish.
- 2.3.4. Non-Catholics living within the geographic boundaries of the parish.
- 2.4. Non-Catholics attending the Parish Catholic grammar school will be considered Catholic. Non-Catholics attending a regional Catholic school will also be considered Catholic, however, eligibility will be based on the home address, their selection will be treated the same as rule 2.3.4, and pre-approval by the league director will be required.
- 2.5. Two non-Catholics, not attending the Parish Catholic grammar school will be allowed to participate in the program. However, they must live within the territorial boundaries of the parish they wish to represent.
- 2.6. The League Director Team must approve all non-Catholics for entry into the program. The Pastor of the parish may request, in writing, a waiver on the non-Catholic participation limit to the league Director. A meeting will be arranged between the Pastor and Director, and each individual involved will be held on an independent basis. At that meeting, the league Director will notify the Pastor of the criteria to be satisfied before any waiver is issued.
- 2.7. Must be a registered member of the parish he/she represents before August 1, 2009, up to and including the date of his/her team's first game. Then if he/she moves he/she may continue to play for the original parish for the remainder of the season.
- 2.8. Play for only one parish team.
- 2.9. No new members may be added to the team after the season start date, unless approved by the league Directors and Advisory Board Members.
- 2.10. Must not be a member on the roster of a high school team (this includes varsity, junior varsity, or freshman teams).
- 2.11. The Passaic - Clifton CYO is a varsity (grades seven and eight) level league. The candidates for the team/squad must be in grammar school (only eighth grade or below), and not have reached their fifteenth birthday before *September 1, 2009*. There is no restriction on accepting lower grade children to participate, also girls are permitted to play on the basketball teams, and boys are permitted to cheer, if necessary.
- 2.12. Each Coach must provide a list of names of all children that tried out for the Parish team, even if they were not selected or dropped out prior to the season start.
- 2.13. In the event a child does not qualify for placement on their home Parish team, only with the approval from the League Director will participation with another team be allowed. They must receive permission from their home Parish Pastor and Coach, as well as the Pastor of the team for which they wish to play

3. MANAGERS AND COACHES

- 3.1. Coaches and Assistant Coaches are required to have completed in a approved Volunteer Coaches Safety and Orientation and Training Skill program as outlined by the New Jersey Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports (Rule N.J.A.C. 5:52). Upon completion of the certification program, a copy of the identification card must be must be placed on file with the league. The minimum age requirement for a non-supervised coach is eighteen.

- 3.2. Coaches must provide for the safety of their players, before, during, and after their games. Coaches are required to be present with their charges at all times. Non-supervised programs may open the league and the Diocese to charges of negligence and its resultant liability for accident claims. The league and the Diocese of Paterson assume no responsibility for injuries or accidents that may occur during competition under its auspices.
- 3.3 Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their audience. If a member of your team's entourage acts in a manner that is contrary to the principals of CYO competition, it is your duty to intervene in the matter. This includes before, during, and after the game. Non-compliance with this request may result in penalties levied against your team.
- 3.4 Only certified coaches, team managers (students under eighteen), and players, are the only individuals permitted to sit on the team bench. Individuals not meeting these criteria are required to sit in the bleachers on the entrance side of the court.

4. DIRECTORS AND LEAGUE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

- 4.1. The Passaic- Clifton CYO League officers are:

Director	Thomas Gangi
Director	Jim Slezak
Director	George Curreri
Head Official	David Cruz
Scorekeeper	Robert Greff
- 4.2. The Directors and the Advisory Board Members have the right to assess any team or players for damages to any facility that they use.
- 4.3. The Directors and the Advisory Board Members have the right to penalize or dismiss from the league, any player, coach(es), or team(s) for unsportsperson like conduct, use of indecent language, destroying property, violation of rules, or indifference toward the philosophy of CYO athletics.
- 4.4. A complaint against any player, coach, or team, may require a hearing before the Directors and the Advisory Board Members of the league. Any hearing shall be considered a disciplinary matter that may result in serious consequences, and may include, but is not limited to, dismissal from the league.
- 4.5 If at any time during the course of the season, the eligibility of a player becomes suspect, and the player is declared ineligible for participation, any game that the player was listed in the official score book will be forfeited. This includes players that may have been approved by the league officials based on the information that was provided by the team coach. It is the responsibility of the team coach to submit only data that is one hundred percent accurate.
- 4.6. A judgment rendered by the Directors and the Advisory Board Members of the league shall be considered final. However, the Pastor of the Parish, may request in writing to the league Director, an appeal of the judgment before the Directors and the Advisory Board Members. If the judgment is upheld, the Pastor of the Parish may make a final appeal to Phil Russo, Director, Paterson Diocese CYO Athletics.
- 4.7 The Directors and the Advisory Board Members of the league are responsible for the creation, modification, and/or deletion of all rules by which this league operates. If a coach feels the need for a new rule, or wishes to address an existing rule(s), he/she may file an appeal. All appeals must be addressed in writing to the league Director, listing which rule(s) needs to be addressed, the reason for the addition or change of the rule, a detailed benefit analysis (impact statement), and submit the concurrence from the Pastor of your Parish. All appeals for rule changes will be set aside until the completion of the current season, at which time the Directors and the Advisory Board Members will determine if there is a need to further pursue the matter. You will be notified in writing on the status (i.e., implemented, rejected without merit, need for additional information, etc.) of the appeal.

5. *PROTESTS*

- 5.1. Coaches are the only ones who are allowed to file a protest. This must be done in writing to the League Director for disposition by the Director Team.
- 5.2. Protests must be filed within forty-eight hours of the completion time of the game.
- 5.3. A fee of ten dollars must accompany each protest. This fee will be returned if the protest is upheld.
- 5.4. No protest will be honored unless the game officials, the official score keeper, and the opposing team have been notified of the intention to protest the game.

6. *TEAM AND GAME REGULATIONS*

- 6.1. All games will be played at league specified gymnasiums.
- 6.2. Teams must be properly uniformed, or at the very minimum attempt to have some semblance of order. Gym shorts, numbered shirts and rubber-soled shoes are necessary. Material extending past the length of the shorts must be the same color as the predominant color of the uniform.
- 6.3. A team failing to appear for the scheduled start time of their game forfeits the game unless mutual agreement with the league director allows the delay (five rostered players and a certified coach). A Non-appearance forfeiture will also result in an automatic forfeit being declared for the team's next scheduled game. Participants abandoned at the end of the program day will be suspended from their next scheduled game. Abandonment will be defined as any participant that still remains at the facility twenty minutes after the conclusion of the last scheduled game.
- 6.4. Teams failing to appear for one game are subject to dismissal from the league.
- 6.5. Teams must play all games according to schedule.
- 6.6. Postponements shall be granted at the discretion of the league Director or designated league official, and such requests for postponements must be made to the league Directors seventy two hours before the scheduled start time for the game, otherwise the games will be forfeited.
- 6.7. Rescheduling of a postponed game(s) must be arranged with the league director.
- 6.8. Games will be played according to the National Federation of State High School Association rules.
- 6.9. Playing Time:

Quarters	6 minutes
Between quarters	1 minute
Half-time	5 minutes
Overtime	3 minutes

- 6.10. The rule explained in this paragraph pertains to only the first quarter of the game, and its intention is to provide the maximum number of participants involved in the game. During the first quarter of the game, coaches must provide an opportunity for at least ten members of the team, or the maximum number if the team has less than ten players. The first quarter will be divided into two halves, each approximately three minutes long. Five different players will be required to play in each of the two halves. A group substitution will be made on the first dead ball as closest to the three-minute mark as possible. The official score keeper will notify each team bench and the game officials of the group substitution by sounding the audible device at his disposal. In the event that a team has less than ten players, the coach must use all of the players, five in the first half, and the rest in the second half with the appropriate number of "starters" to complete a five person unit. In the second half, the opposing coach may use a new five-person unit or as many as the other coach is using. If a player is injured on a team that has ten or less players, and the injured player is required to come out of the game, the opposing coach may make a like substitution. The second, third, and fourth quarters will not require group substitutions.
- 6.11. Once a team achieves a twenty point lead, the official score keeper will notify the game officials and the leading team bench to pull off any press (i.e., full court; half court, half court trap, etc.) that they may be utilizing, the demarcation line will be the inside of the three point line. After the notification, any player charged with a violating this rule, will be assessed a technical foul by the game officials. A player ejected for violating the twenty point press rule will not be required to sit out any additional games. Once the lead diminishes below the ten-point mark, the press may be reapplied.

7. TOURNAMENT PLAY

- 7.2. . The team that finishes in first place in the regular season standings will be the representative of the Passaic - Clifton CYO Vicariate for placement in the Paterson Diocesan Tournament. In the event of a first place tie, a playoff game will be arranged by the league Director with the winning team will be the league representative. In the event of a three-way tie, a round robin will be played out with the schedule based on pulling names out of a container by a disinterested member of the league. The first team pulled out will be the "bye team", and the second and third teams will have the first playoff game. The winner of this game will play against the "bye team", the winner of that game will be Vicariate Champion, the loser second place, and the loser of the first game will be the third place team in the final season standings. In the event a second representative to the Diocesan Tournament is required and a tie for second place occurs, the formula for the first place tie will be used, except the playoff completion ranking will downward increment by one with only the second seed placement to be filled.
- 7.3. The "All Star" Game will be played on "All Star Saturday". The teams that finish in first and second place in the regular season final standings will be allowed to send four players to the game, while teams that finish in third place and above, will only be allowed to send three. The coaches of the teams that finish in first and second place in the regular season final standings will be the designated head coaches of the All-Star game.
- 7.4. The "Coaches" game will be played on "All Star Sunday". Each team will be allowed to send three coaches to the game, with all parameters of the game to be decided just before the start of the game.

7.5. Trophies will be presented on "Competition Sunday" at the conclusion of the season. The trophies that will be presented are:

Regular Season

All Star	Individual
Third Place	Team
Second Place	Team
Champion	Team and Individual (maximum of fifteen)

7.6. The Passaic - Clifton CYO Vicariate representatives must be ready for the diocesan playoffs which will begin during the third week of March 2010. The Diocese of Paterson CYO Tournament rules will be in effect for the diocesan tournament.

7.7. The Passaic - Clifton CYO Vicariate representatives will follow the regulations to be published from the diocesan office with regard to, but not limited to, location and time of games

7.8. No all-star teams or combinations of teams will be allowed. Only members of the original team roster will be allowed.

Approved and adopted on November 17, 2009

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