



## **CYO Athletics Expectations for Officials**



Expectations for its officials, whether assigned in house or from an outside association, are:

1. Game officials support the vision, mission and values of CYO Athletics;
2. Game officials display professionalism;

CYO Athletics has an online form for coaches to fill out after their game to evaluate their game official. Its focus is on how the game official met the two expectations expressed above. For your own information, you can review that online evaluation form at <http://seattleoyyam.org/programs/cyo-athletics/administration/basketball-referee-evaluation-form>. Please be assured that this form is not seen as an opportunity for coaches to bash an official over a particular call or game but instead to give information to CYO Athletics so as to address consistent poor performance in relation to its two expectations. There is no excuse for mistreatment of an official. These points of emphasis are directly communicated to the coaches at the mandatory coaches meeting prior to the season. It is in that spirit that CYO Athletics will review the forms that it receives. As appropriate, it will contact the official or official's assignor to address concerns.

### ***1. Game officials support the vision, mission and values of CYO Athletics;***

- Encourage and allow for the pre-game prayer and sportsmanship handshake;
- Maintain safety of participants by either making calls or proactive officiating;
- Place a high priority on sportsmanship – not tolerating inappropriate language or trash talking;
- Encouraging the coach to manage their fans if necessary; coaches have primary responsibility for managing the behavior of their fans but game officials are empowered to enforce the CYO Athletics Unsportsmanlike Conduct rule: <http://seattleoyyam.org/programs/cyo-athletics/athletic-directors/conduct-protests-appeals>;
- Fill out an online evaluation form for a coach, team or community if behavior warrants (+/-);

### ***2. Game officials display professionalism;***

- Know and enforce the CYO Athletics specific rules.
- Officials (except for soccer) should legibly print their name and sign scorebooks for both teams.
- Officials should display professionalism by arriving on time, using proper officiating mechanics and rotations, dressing appropriately and maintaining objectivity throughout competition. This includes not working games of family members.
- Responsible for starting the game on time, but not at the expense of the pre-game prayer.
- Officials, coaches and/or captains should use pre-game meeting as an opportunity to discuss points of emphasis, CYO Athletics specific rules and any special circumstances;
- Game officials are empowered to remove any official scorekeeper and/or timekeeper at any time during the game for reasons of incompetence or any other reason which they consider to be good and sufficient. In this event, the officials may appoint anyone they feel is capable.
- They are also asked to fill out their own association report form in case of a circumstance that will require follow up from CYO Athletics to expedite the process.

**Safe Environment:** In house officials are required (prior to payment) and association officials are invited (as an advocate for youth) to participate in the online course specific to CYO Athletics for the prevention of sexual abuse (takes ~30 minutes). Go to [http://www.praesidiuminc.com/armatus/armatus\\_login.php](http://www.praesidiuminc.com/armatus/armatus_login.php) with log in: *seattlecyo* and password: *1234wa*.

*For more information, please visit our website at <http://seattleoyyam.org/programs/cyo-athletics> , email us at [cyo@seattlearch.org](mailto:cyo@seattlearch.org) or call our office at 206.654.4643.*