

Archdiocese of Baltimore
Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Athletics
Volunteer Training and Child Protection Policies

The Archdiocese of Baltimore Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) athletic program is the responsibility of the Division of Youth and Young Adult Ministries (DYYAM). The CYO athletic program currently sponsors the Archdiocese of Baltimore Soccer Program and the Archdiocese of Baltimore Basketball Program

Both programs use school and parish volunteers as coordinators and coaches. It is the expectation of the DYYAM that all volunteers will adhere to the policies set forth by the Archdiocese of Baltimore Office of Child and Youth Protection as stated below:

All volunteers who have substantial contact with children at a parish or school in the Archdiocese of Baltimore must complete the following requirements before volunteering:

Volunteers (Adult)

- *Archdiocesan Application for Volunteer Service completed and reviewed*
- *Volunteer reviews the Code of Conduct for Church Personnel*
- *Volunteer reviews the Statement of Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth*
- *Volunteer Criminal History Screening Consent Form completed and submitted to VolunteerSelect*
- *Driving Record Check Consent Form completed and submitted to VolunteerSelect (only if you will be driving for a parish or school)*
- *Three (3) references provided, checked and documented*
- *Volunteer completes the Online STAND Training and submits certificate of completion*

Volunteers (14 - 17 years of age)

- *Archdiocesan Application for Volunteer Service signed by parent or guardian and youth volunteer completed and reviewed*
- *Volunteer reviews the Code of Conduct for Church Personnel*
- *Volunteer reviews the Statement of Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth*
- *Three (3) references provided, checked, and documented*
- *Volunteer receives Worthy of the Call training thru parish or school*

Further information and forms can be found at <http://www.archbalt.org/about-us/child-youth-protection/volunteers/index.cfm>.

In addition, all coaches are expected to participate in the archdiocesan coaches training. This training is mandatory for all coaches. The DYYAM does give first year coaches up to one year to get this training. All coaches must have successfully completed coaches training before the start of their second coaching year. Coaches may take the on-line training or participate in a DYYAM sponsored training day.