



WELCOME TO THE 2010 GIRLS CYO BASKETBALL SEASON!

The 2010 Girls CYO Basketball Season is about to begin!
Enclosed is important information about the season.

2010 IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

Monday, February 1
Saturday, February 27
February 9, 18, March 3, 10
Thursday, April 1 through
Sunday, April 4

Monday April 5 - Friday April 9
Tuesday, May 18

Friday, May 21 through Wednesday, May 26

Practice may begin
League Play may begin
Coaches Certification Workshops
Holy Thursday, Good Friday
Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday -
**No CYO Activities (includes
games, tournaments and practices)**
Catholic School Easter recess
Mandatory Coaches Meeting for
Playoff Coaches
Girls Basketball Playoffs

COACHES CERTIFICATION WORKSHOPS / MEGAN'S LAW CHECKS

WORKSHOPS: There are four Girls Basketball Coaches Workshops. Dates, times and locations are listed on the attached flyer. Please pass this information to your coaches. Attendance at one workshop is mandatory for all coaches participating in the 2010 Girls Basketball program who were not previously certified to coach girls' sports during the 2009–2010 school year. (*Note:* Coaches who were certified in 2009–2010 Boys CYO Basketball may be certified by recommendation of the Girls Athletic Director. To receive certification cards, list the names on the attached Registration Form.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: This season, ALL CYO coaches must again complete Diocesan Safe Environment Training, even previously certified, returning coaches. Coaches must have completed the training after July 1, 2009. All coaches must present their Safe Environment Training Certificate at the Coaches Workshop. For details on the online trainings or to find a live training, see the workshop flyer. The cost for on line trainings is \$5. and the parish will be billed. Please contact your parish or school to make arrangements for your parish CYO program for reimbursement

All coaches must present their California Driver's License or a photo ID on registration at the workshop. Cost for each workshop is \$5. per coach; individual coaches should pay at registration and parishes will not be billed. Coaches who are late may not be admitted once the workshop begins.

Following the workshops, all coaches will be checked by the diocese for sex offenses through the State Department of Justice under the provisions of Megan's Law. Also, it is now possible to do Megan's Law Checks "on-line." Athletic Directors should check their coaches at the website: www.meganslaw.ca.gov. This gives parishes and schools an easy way to check coaches and adult volunteers before the season begins!

FINGERPRINTING OF COACHES - NEW!

The diocesan Safe Environment Office has begun the process of fingerprinting all church volunteers who have access to children, including CYO coaches, taking several years to complete. This coming season, new athletic directors and third grade coaches will be fingerprinted. (An athletic director is defined as one who has supervisory responsibility over coaches.) Fingerprinting will be available at each of the Coaches' Workshops. Cost is \$25 per person and individual parishes will be billed. By law, results are strictly confidential. For questions regarding fingerprinting or other safe environment issues, contact the Diocesan Safe Environment Office, 510-267-8354 or plainez@oakdiocese.org.

COACHES APPLICATIONS

It is required that each coach complete a "CYO Volunteer Application" prior to coaching in CYO as a tool for screening and approval by the parish program. The completed application is to be kept on file with the parish CYO program. Forms are available from the CYO Office or online. Coaches with applications on file do not have to complete an additional one each year.

REGISTRATION / ENTRY FEES / ROSTERS

The registration form should be mailed to the CYO Office by Wednesday, March 10 along with the entry fee (\$40 per team). If entry fees are a financial problem for your school/parish, contact the CYO Office to make arrangements. Each parish/school must submit completed and signed copy of their teams' rosters to their league or to the CYO Office prior to the first league game. **Pay careful attention that all players meet CYO eligibility requirements.**

CYO RULES

The *CYO Athletic Manual* is published annually for athletic directors and coaches. A copy of the *Manual* will be given to all coaches at certification workshops at no charge. Additional copies are available from the CYO Office.

BASKETBALL RULES

Rule Changes: There are no significant rules changes for the coming season.

Basketball Rule books: National Federation Basketball Rule books will be available at the Coaches Workshops and are also available at the CYO Office. Cost is \$5 each

TOURNAMENTS

As per CYO Bylaws, CYO teams may not play more than one CYO basketball game per day. This includes league and tournament games. Also, tournament games **may not be played** during Holy Week from Holy Thursday, April 1, **through** Easter Sunday, April 4.

GIRLS WHO PLAYED IN BOY'S CYO BASKETBALL

"A girl who participated in the Boy's CYO Basketball Program may not participate in the Girl's CYO Basketball Program that same school year." *Diocesan CYO Bylaws*

TRANSPORTATION POLICY

It is important that athletic directors keep information on coaches or on any volunteers who are driving youth. The information required is evidence of a valid, unrestricted drivers license and a copy of the drivers "Declaration of Insurance" currently in force. Diocesan Transportation regulations are listed in the current copy of the CYO Athletic Manual. These insurance regulations are similar to those in effect in the Catholic schools.

QUESTIONS?

Please call CYO at 510-893-5154 or email ghouse@oakdiocese.org. The CYO web site (www.oaklandcyo.org) contains valuable program information, including downloadable CYO forms.

HAVE A GREAT SEASON!