

# WM CYO Basketball Player & Team Composition Rules 2017 – 2018

## General Rules

- Each player may only play on only **ONE** team in WM CYO program. If they are eligible to play on multiple teams, they must choose one team to play for. WM CYO players may play for other leagues and programs outside of WM CYO.
- All players must adhere to the age guidelines set by WM CYO. If extenuating circumstances exist they must be approved by WM CYO prior to the player joining the team.
- WM CYO requires that a player should be play for their Catholic Parish, Catholic School or School Team over playing for any other team. If there are extenuating circumstances then prior to signing up for a different program the appropriate program or WM CYO should be notified and must approve prior to the player signing up with another program.
- If a player's parents/guardians live in separate communities then the player is eligible to play in either communities programs. The rule of only playing on only ONE team in WM CYO still applies.
- If a player participates in school of choice to a community other than their home city/town, then they may play for a team in in either their home city/towns or their school's city/town's.
- If there is no team or space on their home team for player to play, then they may be placed on another team within their community or a neighboring community. Their home city/town program or the WM CYO must be notified and approve the player transfer.
  - o If a player is placed on a team outside of their home city/town, then that player may choose to continue to play for the new program in future seasons, as long as that program has space and is willing to allow the player to remain.
  - o If the player chooses they may return to their home program in future seasons.
  - o Players are not allowed to bounce from team to team every season, unless extenuating circumstances exist and it is approved by WM CYO prior.
- Programs may set their own eligibility criteria, their criteria cannot be in conflict or override any WM CYO criteria if they are entering their team(s) into WM CYO's program.
- Failure to adhere to these rules may result in forfeiture of games, team/program removal from future participation in WM CYO Basketball, and other sanctions to be determined by WM CYO.

To be eligible to play in WM CYO Basketball teams must be made up of one of the following compositions.

If a team(s) does not meet the following compositions or qualification then they will not be allowed to participate in WM CYO Basketball.

### Catholic Parish Teams

- Are made up of players from a particular Catholic Parish, or groups of parishes within a city/town.
- Individual parishes may choose to accept players from outside their parish, each parish sets their own eligibility criteria.
- The players are to all be from the city/town where the parish resides.
- Automatic exceptions to the rule:
  1. If a parishioner resides in another city/town but is a member of the sponsoring parish then they may play for the parish team.
  2. If the parish team accepts players from outside their parish, and a player lives on the boarder of a neighboring community, and the parish team is closer to the player then the closest home team then they may play for the parish team if there is space and the parish eligibility criteria allows it.
  3. If the parish team accepts outside players and there no active WM CYO team in their City/Town, then players may play for a parish team that is local to them provided if there is space available and the parish eligibility criteria allows it. The player must be in an abutting community, the player cannot randomly pick a program.
- Any other exceptions must be approved by the WM CYO, prior to the team/player joining the league.

### Catholic School Teams

- Are made up of players that attend the Catholic School and may be comprised of several communities, as long as they are enrolled in the Catholic School.
- The Catholic School may also accept players from the School's Parish.
- They may also choose to accept players from outside their School & Parish, which reside in their specific city/town.
  - o Note: while accepting players from the Community and Parish is allowed by WM CYO for general season play, eligibility for the Catholic Schools' Tournament is determined by different criteria.
- Automatic exceptions to the rule:
  1. If the team accepts players from outside their school and parish, and a player lives on the boarder of a neighboring community, and the team is closer to the player then the closest home team then they may play for the parish team if there is space and the parish eligibility criteria allows it.
  2. If the team accepts outside players and there no active WM CYO team in their City/Town, then players may play for a parish team that is local to them provided if there is space available and the parish eligibility criteria allows it. The player must be in an abutting community, the player cannot randomly pick a program.
- Any other exceptions must be approved by the WM CYO, prior to the team/player joining the league.

### Other Religious Denominations

- Follow the same rules as Catholic Parishes.
- WM CYO requires that a player should be play for their Catholic Parish, Catholic School or School Team over playing for any other team. If there are extenuating circumstances then prior to signing up for a different program the appropriate program or WM CYO should be notified and must approve prior to the player signing up with another program.

## Community Teams

- Which include Public School Teams, Charter & Other Private School Teams, City/Town Recreational programs, Boy & Girls Clubs, YMCA, and other similar teams.
- WM CYO requires that a player should be play for their Catholic Parish, Catholic School or School Team over playing for any other team. If there are extenuating circumstances then prior to signing up for a different program the appropriate program or WM CYO should be notified and must approve prior to the player signing up with another program.
- As with other teams the players should primarily be composed of members of their program/school and should be from the program/schools home city/town.
- Automatic exceptions to the rule:
  1. If a member of the program resides in another city/town but is a member of the program/school then they may play for the program.
  2. If the team accepts players from outside their program, and a player lives on the boarder of a neighboring community, and the team is closer to the player then the closest home team in their city/town then they may play for the program team if there is space and the programs' eligibility criteria allows it.
  3. If the program accepts outside players and there no active WM CYO team in their City/Town, then players may play for the program that is local to them provided if there is space available and the program's eligibility criteria allows it. The player must be in an abutting community, the player cannot randomly pick a program.
- Any other exceptions must be approved by the WM CYO, prior to the team/player joining the league.

## AAU / Select / Club Teams

- Are allowed to play in WM CYO; however then must be comprised of players from a single community.
- A club teams cannot recruit or select players from multiple communities.
- WM CYO requires that a player should be play for their Catholic Parish, Catholic School or School Team over playing for any other team. If there are extenuating circumstances then prior to signing up for a different program the appropriate program or WM CYO should be notified and must approve prior to the player signing up with another program.
- Automatic exceptions to the rule:
  3. If a member of the program resides in another city/town but is a member of the program/school then they may play for the program.
  4. If the team accepts players from outside their program, and a player lives on the boarder of a neighboring community, and the team is closer to the player then the closest home team in their city/town then they may play for the program team if there is space and the programs' eligibility criteria allows it.
  4. If the program accepts outside players and there no active WM CYO team in their City/Town, then players may play for the program that is local to them provided if there is space available and the program's eligibility criteria allows it. The player must be in an abutting community, the player cannot randomly pick a program.
- Any other exceptions must be approved by the WM CYO, prior to the team/player joining the league.