



**2025-26 OAKLAND DIOCESE 61st ANNUAL CYO
AMERICAN DIVISION BOYS' BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS
FACT SHEET**

PLAYOFF COACHES MEETING: There will be a meeting of coaches participating in playoffs on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 6:00 p.m. at St. Bede Parish Small Gym, 26950 Patrick Ave., Hayward. **At least one coach (head coach or an assistant) must represent** his/her team at the meeting or have a representative. A copy of the team roster must be brought to this meeting. Proof of birth may be requested and should also be available. Each team will be checked and cleared or disqualified at this meeting. Coaches may be asked to present their 2025–2026 CYO Coaches Certification Card. (Please have it handy.)

DATES: The Oakland Diocese CYO Boys' Basketball Playoffs will be on

- Friday, February 20
- Saturday, February 21
- Sunday, February 22
- Final games will be on Saturday and Sunday, February 28 and March 1

TIMES/PLACES: Games will be played at

- St. Bede Parish Center, 26950 Patrick Avenue, Hayward;
- Tice Valley Community Gym, 2055 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek;
- St Joseph Notre Dame High School, 1011 Chestnut St., Alameda;
- Holy Spirit Parish Center, 37888 Fremont Blvd., Fremont
- St. Theresa Gymnasium, 4850 Clarewood Dr, Oakland, CA 94618
- Times and assigned gyms are listed on the schedule.

READ SCHEDULE INFORMATION CAREFULLY! GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME.

Many games are played each day, and we must stay as close to the schedule as possible. Coaches are asked to check in at the gate before entering the gym.

SINGLE ELIMINATION PLAYOFF: This will be a single elimination playoff. Each league will send their top two "American Division" league finishers in grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. Each league will be assigned to either the "A" Division or the "AA" Division or to both. Teams may not change divisions unless another team from the other division also requests reclassification and the Diocesan Boys' Council approves. Reclassification will be considered ONLY at the Playoff Coaches Meeting.

PLAYOFF SPORTSMANSHIP COMMITTEE / PROTESTS: All protests will be decided

"on-the-spot" by the person-in-charge of the gym in consultation with members of a sportsmanship committee present. Protests must concern a rule, not an official's judgement and be filed at the time of the dispute. No post-game protests will be allowed.

This committee will be selected by the league hosting the venue from members of the Diocesan Boys' Athletic Council, selected athletic directors, league officers and selected coaches.

ADMISSION POLICY/ TEAM FEES: Admission fees offset the additional costs of running playoffs. Please have parents bring cash for entrance to the venues.

The Admission fee (CASH ONLY) shall be:

- Adults \$10.00 (high school age and older)
- Senior Adults \$5.00
- Free Entrance for Preschool; Participating Coaches (coaching that day); Players (on roster, playing that day); Cheerleaders (in uniform) and 2 Cheerleader Moderators per team; Catholic School Principals and Teachers; Clergy.

TEAM FEES: There is a \$100 per team playoff entry fee (this fee provides a 61st Annual Oakland Diocese Boys Basketball Championship program for each player and coach) charged to either the parish/school or the league.

PLAYOFF T-SHIRTS: Playoff T-Shirts may be purchased at the gates for \$15.00 each, while the supply lasts or teams may pick up a group of shirts for \$14.00 each at the coaches' meeting.

AWARDS: Each player will receive a Certificate of Participation. Cheerleaders can receive certificates of participation on request. For first and second place finishers in each grade, individual awards will be presented to each rostered player. Each first and second place team will receive a team plaque for their school/parish. Awards for each division are the same.

ELIGIBILITY: All players who have been considered regular season members of their team, who meet the Diocesan Eligibility standards as in the Diocesan CYO Bylaws, Article VI, and who are verified at the Coaches Playoff Meeting, are eligible to participate.

OFFICIALS, TIMERS, AND SCOREKEEPERS: Each league will provide officials, scorers, and timers for each gym they are hosting. The diocese will provide officials for the final games.

CYO RULES: The 2025–2026 National Federation of State High School Association Basketball Rulebook is the official rulebook with the 2024-2025 CYO Athletic Manual and these exceptions:

- Game Time – 4th and 5th grades will play 6-minute quarters, "stopped clock." 6th, 7th and 8th grades will play 7-minute quarters, "stopped clock." There will be 5 minutes between halves.
- Press Rule – CYO Athletic Manual (located online), pp.18-19
- Overtime Rule – CYO Athletic Manual, p.19. Each overtime is 3 minutes in length.

- Coaches Crowd Control Responsibility – Coaches are responsible for the behavior of their spectators, CYO Code of Conduct in the CYO Athletic Manual, pp. 4-5.
- Choice of Ball – The home team or visiting team can provide the game ball. If there is a discrepancy, the official will select the game ball.
- All Play Rule – CYO Athletic Manual, p 18. There shall be NO penalty for the late child to the game. He/she shall be allowed to play as long as there is the equivalent time of a playing period remaining in regulation time. Players will be checked for the second entry by the scorers of a player to ensure compliance with the additional playing rule. Coaches will complete the official scoresheet prior to their game, verify the roster with first and last names, correct numbers and note absent players.
- Timeouts – There will be four, one-minute timeouts per team in a regulation game; one additional one-minute timeout per team per overtime period.
- Uniform – T-shirts worn underneath the jersey must match the primary color of the jersey. Compression shorts and sleeves are allowed if they are black, beige, white, or the primary color of the uniform. Shirts should be tucked in, and pants worn above the hip as per National Federation rules. Lights on shoes must be taped. Uniform Color Conflict: If one team has a reversible uniform or an extra set of jerseys, they will be required to change. If both have reversible or need to change to a gym set, a coin will be tossed.
- **Only three coaches are allowed on the bench. No exceptions.**
- Coaches' Box – There is no coaches' box in CYO. Coaches must remain seated on the bench except in the instances in the National Federation High School Rulebook, Rule 10-5: "Rule 10-5 outlines the privileges and strict requirements for head coaches and bench personnel. It restricts standing and providing instructions during live play **solely to the head coach**, while ensuring bench decorum and safety by limiting bench personnel movement.
- No assistant coach is allowed to stand. The assistant coach should be keeping track of their own team's fouls, timeouts, and all play rule to relay to the head coach if necessary.)
- Three-Point Shot – The three-point shot will be used in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades only. (The 2025-26 print version of the CYO Manual does not include 6th grade but the online version of the manual does include it. The 3pt. shot DOES count in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.)
- Home Team and Prayer – Home team is the team on the left side of the "Boys CYO Basketball Playoff Schedules." The home team will be responsible for leading a prayer before each game.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Locker Room Supervision:** No person is allowed in a locker room without two coaches present.
- **Medical Forms:** Coaches MUST carry their medical authorization forms with them.
- **Bench and Scorer Table:** Only players and CYO certified coaches will be allowed to sit on the team bench during games. A team scorer may sit on the team bench only if keeping score, not coaching. Only league-assigned scorers and timers will be allowed at the official scorer's table.
- **Parents may not approach the scorer's table, referees, or coaches.**

- **Video Policy**

What is Permitted: Coaches and volunteers who have been completed Safe Environment training are permitted to film games and practices for team instructional purposes.

What is Prohibited: Video recording of games or practices by spectators is prohibited by the Code of Spectator Conduct when utilized:

- To question or comment (before, during or after games) on refereeing decisions
- To question or comment (before, during or after games) on coaching conduct
- To question or comment to CYO league officials, the Director of CYO, or the Diocese of Oakland on game-related events

- **Supervision of Children:** Parents are to be reminded to always supervise their own children, especially younger children! Children should not be sent outside or to the lobby to play!

WHY DO WE HAVE PLAYOFFS?

The primary purpose of CYO Playoffs is to provide a positive and memorable sports experience for our young players, promoting a Christian atmosphere of friendship among all present: players, coaches, officials, and fans. Coaches are Christian role models and demonstrate positive influence on all children – not only for their team but to other teams as well.

Positive behavior by coaches, players and spectators is a responsibility that is required and expected.

These playoffs are for the children and adults help by making the experience positive for all children across all teams, win or lose.

PLEASE REMEMBER: The Players are Children. The Coaches are Volunteers. The Referees are Human and always make the right call.

THIS IS CYO!

Schedules are Below: Please read carefully and make sure you know the time and location of your games. Start time is game time, so please be early. Teams are either in the Single-A or Double-AA Divisions.

- **Single-A Division Teams** include

- 1st and 2nd seeds from East Bay Parochial League
- 1st and 2nd seeds from West Contra Costa League
- 2nd seed from Mission Valley League
- 2nd Seed from East Diablo League

- **Double-AA Division Teams** include:

- 1st and 2nd seeds from Southern Alameda County League
- 1st and 2nd seeds from Tri-Valley League League
- 1st and 2nd seeds from the West Diablo League
- 1st seed from Mission Valley League
- 1st seed from East Diablo League

2025-26 BOYS CYO BASKETBALL PLAYOFF SCHEDULES

Friday, February 20, 2026 - 8th Grade

8th Grade St. Bede Parish Center, Hayward (Host: SAC/MV)					
Game 1	St. Bede	St. Perpetua	8th AA	5:30 PM	
Game 2	St. Isidore	St. Anne (U.C.)	8th AA	6:45 PM	
Game 3	Christ the King	St. John	8th AA	8:00 PM	
8th Grade Holy Spirit, Fremont (Host: SAC/MV)					
Game 4	St. Joseph (Pinole)	St. Bonaventure	8th (A)	5:30 PM	
Game 5	St. Leo	Holy Spirit	8th (A)	6:45 PM	
Game 6	Good Shepherd	CCOP	8th AA	8:00 PM	

Saturday, February 21, 2026

4th Grade St. Theresa (Host: EBPL/WCC)					
Game 7	St. Patrick (Rodeo)	St. Francis	4th (A)	9:00 AM	
Game 8	St. Theresa	Holy Spirit	4th (A)	10:15 AM	
Game 9	St. Clement	St. Monica (Moraga)	4th AA	11:30 AM	
Game 10	St. Isidore	St. Anne (U.C.)	4th AA	12:45 PM	
Game 11	Santa Maria	Assumption White	4th AA	2:00 PM	
Game 12	St. Bonaventure	St. Raymond	4th AA	3:15 PM	
5th Grade Tice Valley Gym, Walnut Creek (Host: WD)					
Game 13	St. Joseph (Pinole)	Immaculate Heart	5th (A)	9:00 AM	Court 1
Game 14	Corpus Christi	Our Lady of the Rosary	5th (A)	10:15 AM	Court 1
Game 15	Our Lady of Grace	St. Perpetua	5th AA	11:30 AM	Court 1
Game 16	St. Isidore	St. Anne (Union City)	5th AA	12:45 PM	Court 1
Game 17	Santa Maria	St. Clement	5th AA	2:00 PM	Court 1
Game 18	Good Shepherd	St. Raymond	5th AA	3:15 PM	Court 1
6th Grade Tice Valley Gym, Walnut Creek (Host: WD)					
Game 19	St. Patrick (Rodeo)	Holy Rosary	6th (A)	9:00 AM	Court 3
Game 20	St. Joseph -Alameda	Holy Spirit	6th (A)	10:15 AM	Court 3
Game 21	Assumption	St. Perpetua	6th AA	11:30 AM	Court 3
Game 22	St. Isidore	Our Lady of Gaudalupe	6th AA	12:45 PM	Court 3
Game 23	St. Monica	Our Lady of Grace	6th AA	2:00 PM	Court 3
Game 24	Good Shepherd	St. Joan	6th AA	3:15 PM	Court 3

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Saturday, February 21, 2026 Continued

7th Grade and 8th Grade St. Bede (Host: SAC MV)					
Game 25	St. Joseph (Pinole)	Immaculate Heart	7th (A)	9:00 AM	
Game 26	Corpus Christi	Holy Spirit	7th (A)	10:15 AM	
Game 27	St. John	St. Monica	7th AA	11:30 AM	
Game 28	St. Raymond	St. Anne (U.C.)	7th AA	12:45 PM	
Game 29	Christ the King	St. Clement	7th AA	2:00 PM	
Game 30	St. Francis	St. Isidore	7th AA	3:15 PM	
Game 31	St. Joseph-Alameda	Winner Game 4	8th A	4:30 PM	
Game 32	St. John (El-Cerito)	Winner Game 5	8th A	5:45 PM	

Sunday, February 22, 2026

4th Grade St. Joseph Notre Dame High School (Host: EBPL/WCC)					
Game 33	St. Leo	Winner Game 7	4th (A)	1:15 PM	
Game 34	St. Joseph (Pinole)	Winner Game 8	4th (A)	2:30 PM	
Game 35	Winner Game 9	Winner Game 10	4th AA	3:45 PM	
Game 36	Winner Game 11	Winner Game 12	4th AA	5:00 PM	
5th Grade Tice Valley Gym, Walnut Creek (Host: WD)					
Game 37	St. Joseph Alameda	Winner Game 13	5th (A)	1:15 PM	Court 1
Game 38	St. Patrick (Rodeo)	Winner Game 14	5th (A)	2:30 PM	Court 1
Game 39	Winner Game 15	Winner Game 16	5th AA	3:45 PM	Court 1
Game 40	Winner Game 17	Winner Game 18	5th AA	5:00 PM	Court 1
6th Grade Tice Valley Gym, Walnut Creek (Host: WD)					
Game 41	St. Leo	Winner Game 19	6th (A)	1:15 PM	Court 3
Game 42	St. Joseph (Pinole)	Winner Game 20	6th (A)	2:30 PM	Court 3
Game 43	Winner Game 21	Winner Game 22	6th AA	3:45 PM	Court 3
Game 44	Winner Game 23	Winner Game 24	6th AA	5:00 PM	Court 3
7th Grade and 8th Grade St. Bede (Host: SAC MV)					
Game 45	St. Joseph Alameda	Winner Game 25	7th (A)	12:00 PM	
Game 46	St. Patrick (Rodeo)	Winner Game 26	7th (A)	1:15 PM	
Game 47	Winner Game 27	Winner Game 28	7th AA	2:30 PM	
Game 48	Winner Game 29	Winner Game 30	7th AA	3:45 PM	
Game 49	Winner Game 1	Winner Game 2	8th AA	5:00 PM	
Game 50	Winner Game 3	Winner Game 6	8th AA	6:15 PM	

Saturday, February 28, 2026 Championships

4th, 5th, 6th, Holy Spirit, Fremont (Host: Diocese)					
Game 51	Winner Game 33	Winner Game 34	4th (A)	9:00 AM	
Game 52	Winner Game 35	Winner Game 36	4th AA	10:30 AM	
Game 53	Winner Game 37	Winner Game 38	5th (A)	12:00 PM	
Game 54	Winner Game 39	Winner Game 40	5th AA	1:30 PM	
Game 55	Winner Game 41	Winner Game 42	6th (A)	3:00 PM	
Game 56	Winner Game 43	Winner Game 44	6th AA	4:30 PM	

Sunday, March 1, 2026 Championships

7th Grade and 8th Grade St. Bede (Host: SAC MV)					
Game 57	Winner Game 49	Winner Game 50	7th (A)	1:15 PM	
Game 58	Winner Game 47	Winner Game 48	7th AA	2:30 PM	
Game 59	Winner Game 31	Winner Game 32	8th (A)	3:45 PM	
Game 60	Winner Game 49	Winner Game 50	8th AA	5:00 PM	