



2025-26 OAKLAND DIOCESE ANNUAL CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) GOLD DIVISION GIRLS' BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

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 Girls' Basketball Gold Playoffs will be on

- Friday, February 20 (Play-In Round)
- Saturday, February 21 (First Round)
- Sunday, February 22 for (Championship Games)

TIMES/PLACES: Games will be played at

- St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Dr, Pleasanton, CA 94588
- Carondelet High School, 1133 Winton Dr, Concord, CA 94518

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.

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 Girls' 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 an Annual Oakland Diocese Girls' 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 (five or more) 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 "Girls 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.

Video Continued, 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.



2025-26 OAKLAND DIOCESE ANNUAL CYO GOLD DIVISION GIRLS' BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

4TH Grade St. Elizabeth Seton, Pleasanton (Host Tri-Valley)

Friday, February 20th St. Elizabeth Seton, Pleasanton

Game 1	St. Perpetua	St. Agnes	4A	6:00 PM
Game 2	St. Isidore	St. Mary	4A	7:15 PM

Saturday, February 21st, St. Elizabeth Seton, Pleasanton

Game 3	CCOP	Winner of Game 1	4A	4:30 PM
Game 4	St. Raymond	Winner Game 2	4A	5:45 PM

Sunday, February 22nd Championship, Carondelet High School, Concord

Game 6	Winner Game 3	Winner Game 4	4A	12:00 PM
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5TH Grade St. Elizabeth Seton, Pleasanton (Host Tri-Valley)

Saturday, February 21, St. Elizabeth Seton, Pleasanton

Game 1	Santa Maria	St. Raymond	5A	7:00 PM
Game 2	Santa Monica	CCOP	5A	8:15 PM

Sunday, February 22nd Championship, Carondelet High School,

Game 3	Winner Game 1	Winner Game 2	5A	1:30 PM
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6TH Grade St. Elizabeth Seton, Pleasanton (Host Tri-Valley)

Saturday, February 21, St. Elizabeth Seton, Pleasanton

Game 1	St. John Vianney	CCOP	6A	2:00 PM
Game 2	Immaculate Heart	St. Isidore	6A	3:15 PM

Sunday, February 22nd Championship, Carondelet High School,

Game 3	Winner Game 1	Winner Game 2	6A	3:00 PM
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7TH Grade St. Elizabeth Seton, Pleasanton (Host Tri-Valley)

Saturday, February 21, St. Elizabeth Seton, Pleasanton

Game 1	St. Agnes	St. Mary	7A	11:30 AM
Game 2	CCOP	Santa Maria	7A	12:45 PM

Sunday, February 22nd Championship, Carondelet High School,

Game 3	Winner Game 1	Winner Game 2	7A	4:30 PM
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8TH Grade St. Elizabeth Seton, Pleasanton (Host Tri-Valley)

Saturday, February 21, St. Elizabeth Seton, Pleasanton

Game 1	Holy Rosary	St. Perpetua	8A	9:00 AM
Game 2	Santa Maria	Saint Monica	8A	10:15 AM

Sunday, February 22nd Championship, Carondelet High School,

Game 3	Winner Game 1	Winner Game 2	8A	6:00 PM
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