



Catholic Youth Activities Organization

During the Saunders Catholic Schools Strategic Planning process it was determined that there needs to be general oversight in youth activities that are associated with youth club activities and athletics, as it is an important part of our student's and families' participation and perception of the Catholic educational environment that we provide. Therefore the Catholic Youth Activities Organization (CYAO) was formed to provide this support for clubs and organizations that provide activities for our students outside the classroom.

I. Purpose

The purpose of the Saunders Catholic Youth Activities Organization (CYAO) and the board is to ensure that our youth programs function within the Catholic mission of our schools, including spiritual development, skills development and the involvement of our children and families as a part of our faith community. Cavalry youth club teams will become a sponsored Saunders Catholic Schools activity.

II. Support Functions

Spirituality – The CYAO Board supplies guidelines and support for the youth activities that are associated with the schools and helps to provide service opportunities and spiritual activities for club teams.

Volunteer Credentials – Coaches and volunteers who work independently with students in the clubs or organizations will go through a background check process and commit to the volunteerism guidelines established by the Diocese of Lincoln. (See Diocesan Public Ministry Policy, Safe & Sacred Training, Concussion Training, etc.)

Finance & Insurance – Finances and club bank accounts will be managed by Bishop Neumann Central High School and will be monitored by the Chief Administrative Officer. Each club may have their own board, insurance and day to day management of their club; the CYAO Board will provide support, guidance, transparency, and annual financial reporting for clubs and organizations that are associated with the schools.

Facility Usage Policy – Clubs and organizations will be allowed to use school facilities, prioritized after school-sponsored events, based on the SCS Facility Usage Policy. Fees to use the facilities may be charged based on the specific policies of the school and supporting parish.

Participant Priority Guidelines – The Catholic Youth Activities Organization supplies priority guidelines for student involvement in club teams. The first priority is given to students currently attending Saunders Catholic Schools, second priority to Catholic students within the Wahoo Deanery that intend to go to one of the three Catholic schools, third priority to Catholic students within the Wahoo Deanery that may consider going to one of the schools and the fourth priority is at the discretion of the club team. Any non-school student, and their family, who participates in one of the CYAO clubs must agree to follow all of the guidelines and rules of the club and CYAO. And their parents must be involved in club activities and fundraising events.

Annual Calendar Oversight – An annual calendar will be established and updated for all club activities, to ensure consistency, transparency and to avoid overlap when possible and to avoid Sunday when practical.

Code of Catholic Conduct – The club teams and organizations will follow guidelines established by Saunders Catholic Schools for good sportsmanship, conduct and being good role models of our Catholic faith. (SCS Code of Catholic Conduct & Parents Meeting Letter)

Conflict Resolution Resource – After parents have followed their club guidelines for conflict resolution they may present the issue, with their Club Representative, at a CYAO meeting for further guidance.

New Organization Applications – The Catholic Youth Activities Organization will have responsibility to review and process new club and organization requests. (SCS New Program Application Form)

