

Limited Membership Ruling and Public School Student Athletes

Limited Membership rule states:

For all other sports, both team and individual, the limited team membership rule commences with a student's first participation in a contest or scrimmage (not practice). Exception: During the junior high/middle school season a member of the school team in that sport may participate in a maximum of two (2) non-school meets or contests in that sport while not representing his or her school. An event held on not more than three (3) consecutive calendar days is considered a single event.

1. The CYO Organization is Parish-based, not school based this would allow those public school athletes to compete in **TWO** non-school contests/events.
2. Contests/Events: For each divisional and non-league game played constitutes **ONE CONTEST/EVENT**. Thanksgiving/Christmas Tournaments constitute as **ONE EVENT EACH**. It is up to each school administration and their parents to come up with what contests/events will be deemed able for that student-athlete.
3. Registration: Per League Manual:
 1. *Eligible players may be added anytime during the regular season but not during the play-offs. Additions shall be submitted to the CYO Athletic Office, in writing, at least 24 hours prior to participation in a contest.*
 2. *To be eligible for play-offs a player must be added prior to the last regular season league game. (Non-League/Crossover games are not considered regular season league games.*
4. 50% Rule: New CYO Policy (FALL, 2019). This policy will be for those already placed on your team registration. We DO NOT want schools/parishes to "abuse the intent" of the limited membership rule.

All student-athletes listed on your registration MUST participate in at least 50% of your CYO League schedule in order for them to be eligible and compete in the CYO Playoffs.

Along with this ruling, questions regarding CYO team members participating on a Recreation League team during the same season have been asked. Student-athlete participation on a Recreation League team **IS ALLOWED**, with the exception that they must also follow the Limited Membership Rule of TWO non-school contests/events.