

~ Infant Jesus of Prague Parish Athletics Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct ~



The purpose of the Sports Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct is to help define appropriate parental/guardian actions that support the mission of the program. Parents/Guardians must read, understand and sign this form prior to eligibility and participation.

It is at the discretion of the Athletic Board and Coaches to determine the appropriate penalties for a parent/guardian who does not comply with the guidelines below. Penalties include, but are not limited to: being asked to leave a sports facility, suspension from the privilege of attending current and/or future games, and disallowing a player from participation in current and future athletic programs.

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these pillars of character.

As a parent/guardian, I therefore agree to the following:

- I will trust in my child's ability to both have fun and perform to achieve excellence
- I will teach my child the importance of hustle, playing fairly and doing his/her best
- I will emphasize the importance of skill development over winning and losing
- I will help my child to learn the right lessons from winning, losing, individual accomplishments and mistakes; to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition
- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my own child
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect
- I will commit to the parental responsibilities of the athletics program by providing transportation for my child to and from practices and games, pay all necessary fees, assist the coaches with cleaning up after practices and games, and volunteer my time as needed
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy towards all players, coaches, officials and spectators at all games and practices
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct (booing, taunting, profane language, etc) or any other form of harassment towards any official, coach, player or parent
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free for drugs, tobacco and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all sports events
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches for the team
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games, and will never publicly question their decisions
- I will respect the coaches for time they donate, and I will never publicly confront, question or criticize them
- I will wait **24 HOURS** before contacting a coach to voice any concerns I may have and, when doing so, will contact the coach privately and respectfully

Athlete's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____