

## ***Parent/Guardian: Expectations and Responsibilities***

Parents play an important role in the success of the student athlete and also in the success of the team. The following are requirements for parents of all students participating on athletic teams.

1. They understand that enrolling a student in a program is a commitment that the student plays according to all rules and at all locations at which their team is scheduled to play. Full participation in all aspects of the program, e.g. driving student athletes to all practices, games, both home and away, and tournaments. If parents cannot make such a commitment, they should be encouraged to not enroll their student in the program.
2. Parents are responsible for providing direct supervision of their student(s) if they arrive at a practice or a game before the time instructed by their coach and after the coach has released them at the end of practices or games. Students may not be "dropped off" at school before the time given by the coach. If a student is going to attend games before or after they have played their own game, their parent, or an assigned (by parent) supervisor, must be in attendance.
3. They support and encourage their student's efforts. Attending games and cheering for the team is a show of support. Parents, however, are always reminded to act in a responsible manner and show good Christian sportsmanship.
4. They make no attempt to instruct or direct the play of any athlete on the team. They do not criticize the playing efforts of any athlete of the team or of the opposing team. Parents can be role models by putting losses in perspective and moving on. Questioning, criticizing, or berating, the coaches, referees, or any other official is inappropriate behavior.
5. They realize that they can and may be asked to leave a game or tournament if they are not able to maintain a standard of acceptable behavior.
6. They expect to contribute their time and service in support of the team and the interscholastic athletic program. The athletic program is dependent upon everyone's help and support to maintain a high level of quality and success. Parents will be asked to assist the program as scorekeepers; timekeepers, gate or concession personnel, crowd control, assistant coaches, or to help with set-up or clean-up. They provide transportation for their children to and from games and practices. Coaches are not covered with liability insurance for chauffeur service; therefore, they may not transport athletes at any time.
7. Transportation to and from games and practices will be the responsibility of each parent/guardian. Parents are expected to ensure the arrival and pickup of their student(s) at the school at the times designated by the coach.
8. Parents do not allow siblings to attend practice(s); there is insufficient supervision at practice to do this. If a coach has children of their own at practice, they are responsible for supervision of their own children.
9. They assist the student in maintaining the athletic uniform. Make sure that the student athlete turns in the uniform at the end of the season.

10. They communicate directly and at appropriate times with students' teachers to ensure that academic and behavior eligibility standards are being met.

11. They communicate directly with the coach or the Athletic Director on matters of concern. They do so at appropriate times - not immediately before, during or after a game.

12. Parents/guardians are responsible to read and sign the Archdiocese Sports Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct provided during each sports pre-season meeting.

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