

Code of Conduct for Coaches, Student Athletes, and Athletes' Parents

Among the many objectives of the St. Bruno School Athletic program are the instilling of Catholic ideals, including good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, and personal responsibility. These objectives will be reached by providing supervised athletic competition and activities in a positive, supportive environment.

The **coaches** shall conduct themselves with the players' welfare in mind at all times. Refs/umpires and opposing team members must always be treated with courtesy and respect. No verbal or physical abuse shall be directed toward any person, either on or off the field of play. All coaches are expected to be courteous and civil and to always display the best example of good sportsmanship while on or off the field. Foul, abusive, and disruptive language or any other disruptive actions directed toward a player, ref/umpire, spectator, or another coach will not be tolerated.

The attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of sports competitions is secondary to building strength of character and a positive self-image in our athletes, so that they may become outstanding adult citizens in the communities in which they live, and serve as good, Catholic role models to others.

Players are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful and positive manner to their coaches, teammates, refs/umpires, and fellow players. No verbal or physical abuse shall be directed toward any person, either on or off the field of play. Players are representatives of their team, their school, their parish, and CYO, and should strive to exhibit good sportsmanship at all times. A player who argues, uses abusive language, intentionally throws equipment, or plays with excessive physical force will be ejected from the game, and will be benched for the next game. Players who consistently do not work cooperatively with teammates both on and off the field may be subject to removal from the team.

All playing facilities must be used in a responsible manner, with care given to keep restrooms, dugouts, and playing fields clean. Sports equipment will be used properly and never intentionally defaced or destroyed.

Parents are welcome to watch any and all games and/or practices. Foul, abusive and disruptive language or any other disruptive actions directed toward any player, ref/umpire, coach, or other spectators will not be tolerated, and will result in the removal of that parent's child from the team.

If an athlete is removed from the team for any of the above reasons, or is deemed ineligible to play as a result of poor grades at Progress Report or Report Card, the athletic fee will not be refunded.

Uniforms will not be distributed until all fees and paperwork have been submitted, and must be returned to the Athletic Director within one week of the final game of the season.

I have read and agree to abide by this code of conduct.

Signature of Athlete

Parental Signature(s)