



PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT for SPORTS

The sports program at St. John the Evangelist Catholic School is a Christ-centered program that emphasizes participation. We compete against other schools with the same philosophy as our own. Coaches, parents and athletes are expected to exhibit the highest standards of respect and courtesy for each other, opposing teams, coaches and officials at all times.

I therefore agree:

- I will not force my child to participate in sports
- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youths, not adults.
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or sporting event.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language and gestures.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
- 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 child to win.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (PRINTED)

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME SIGNATURE