
HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

ATHLETIC POLICY

COACH/ STUDENT/ PARENT COMMITMENT FORM

WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE YOU INVOLVED WITH THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM. THE FOLLOWING POLICY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO BETTER ASSIST ALL WHO PARTICIPATE.

1. At the **“D” LEVEL** (5th Grade), emphasis will be placed on basic fundamentals, teamwork and good sportsmanship.
2. At the **“C” LEVEL** (6th Grade), emphasis will be placed on improving basic fundamentals, basic play calling and good sportsmanship.
3. At the **“B” LEVEL** (7th Grade), emphasis will be placed on improving fundamentals, refining basic skills, play- calling and competitive spirit.
4. At the **“A” LEVEL** (8th Grade), emphasis will be placed on refining fundamentals, improved play- calling, team competitiveness, along with the added assistance in the development for high school sports.
5. **COACHES:**
 - A. **ARE VOLUNTEERS** empowered to provide basic skill techniques in the respective sport.
 - B. **WILL** stress **POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT** and **PROPER DICIPLINE** of all players.
 - C. **WILL** provide their players with schedules, locations and directions to games.
 - D. **WILL NOT** be responsible for car- pooling students to and from games.
 - E. **MAY HAVE** Assistant Coaches on approval of the Athletic Director.
 - F. **HAVE** the authority to reduce a players participation time due to that players inexcusable absences, excessive absences, and/or improper conduct during practice/games.
 - G. **WILL** adhere that **NO** physical or verbal abuse occurs.

Physical abuse is the grabbing and/or shaking, pushing or any other act of violence directed toward another individual(s), usually accompanied by emotion, rage, or anger.

Verbal abuse is the use of language, directed toward another individual(s), that is demeaning, insensitive, and not constructive in nature.

If any of the above occurs, a discussion between parents and coach with immediately follow. Depending on the severity of the problem, this will be conducted either by a telephone call or personal meeting. Documentation of the infraction(s) and outcome of the parent/ coach conference will be sent to the athletic director for review.

6. **TEAM SELECTIONS:** In the event that two (2) teams are established at the same grade level, the following policy will apply:
 - A. **“C” and “D” LEVELS** (6th and 5th grades) Teams will be determined based on a draft selection system. Athletic Director will approve all final rosters.
 - B. **“A” and “B” LEVELS** (8th and 7th grades) Teams will be determined based on a draft selection system. Athletic Director will approve all final rosters.

7. PLAYERS

- A: WILL ALWAYS SHOW RESPECT FOR ALL OTHER PLAYERS AND COACHES.
- B: WILL AT ALL TIMES SHOW PROPER SPORTSMANSHIP.
- C: “D” LEVEL (5th grade) All players will participate **at least** 25% of each game.
“C” LEVEL (6th grade) All players will participate **at least** 25% of each game.
“B” and “A” LEVELS (8th and 7th grades) all players will participate in each game.
- D: ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ALL PRACTICES AND GAMES UNLESS PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH YOUR COACH.

8. ABSENCES:

- A. EXCUSABLE ABSENCE: Players are excused from practices or games due to illness, doctor, dentist or other important family engagements. Please inform your coach at least 24 hours in advance if a conflict arises. Please schedule doctor, dentist or other appointments on non-practice/game days to better assist both coach and team

B. **INEXCUSABLE ABSENCE:** Define as a player not attending a scheduled practice and/or game without having made prior arrangements with the coach, as outlined under **EXCUSABLE ABSENCE**.

The consequences for an **INEXCUSABLE ABSENCE(s)** are as follows:

FIRST OFFENCE: Telephone call to parents from coach to determine reason for absence and to review Athletic Policy regarding absences. Documentation of telephone conversation and reason of absence sent to Athletic Director by the coach.

SECOND OFFENCE: Meeting between parents and coach to determine reason and future solution to the problem. Player suspended from the next game. Documentation of meeting sent to both athletic Director and Principal by coach for review.

THRID OFFENCE: Meeting between parents, coach, player, Athletic Director and possibly Principal to discuss, and hopefully, remedy situation. Athletic Policy formally reviewed with “Last Chance” rule immediately put to effect. Parents, players, coach, Athletic Director and possibly Principal all sign and accept conditions set forth.

“LAST CHANCE” RULE: If the player violates this final agreement, parents will receive a telephone call from the Athletic Director and a follow-up letter, indicating that the player’s privilege of participating on the team has been revoked.

9. **PROBLEM SOLVING PROCEDURE:** Any person who feels compelled to grieve a particular situation, person or activity way do so in the following manner:
 - A. Contact the coach.
 - B. If unsatisfied with results or if the matter is still unresolved, contact the Athletic Director.
 - C. If further discussion is needed, after discussion with the coach and Athletic Director, contact the Principal.
 - D. Upon review, the Athletic Director will determine the validity of the problem and will choose whatever course of action is necessary.

The Athletic Department is committed to providing our student athletes a safe, competitive and most importantly, FUN environment. Please remember, the key to the ongoing success of the Holy Family School Athletic Program is keeping an open line of communication and commitment from ALL players, coaches, and parents involved.

YOUR IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!