



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE

ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON

COACH/PLAYER/PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

Boston Catholic Schools Office provides youth and their families with an opportunity to practice their Christian faith and meet other faith-filled families throughout the Archdiocese through the vehicle of sports. Below is a list of the behaviors we expect from coaches, parents, spectators, and players so that our youth learn to become great stewards of Christian principles and not lose enjoyment of the sport.

1. From your COACHES, you can expect us to:

- Practice the Catholic/Christian faith in what they say and do.
- Respect the judgment of officials and to abide by rules of the event.
 - Treat opposing coaches, participants and spectators with respect; see the “Christ” in others and be like Christ to them.
- Instruct the players so they develop as players and exhibit good sportsmanship.
 - Coach in a positive way that reflects Christian values and puts the well-being of the players first.
- Play each player in every game unless the player is being withheld due to mitigating circumstances. (i.e. disciplinary issues or not showing up for practices unintentionally, etc.)

Penalties:

Any parish athletic director, coach or manager involved with the RCAB CSO league who is found guilty by their area coordinator and the area board of unsportsmanlike or improper conduct on or off the scene of any RCAB contest or activity will be subject to suspension from participation in all RCAB activities.

2. From me as a PLAYER you can expect me to:

- Treat opponents with respect, which means no swearing, taunting, or deliberately hurting another player; shake hands prior to and after contests.
- Respect the judgment of officials and abide by the rules of the contest and those of your coaches.
- Accept the responsibility of representing the parish by displaying Christian behavior on and off the court, show up on time for practices/games, play your best and clean up after yourself and the team.
- Practice your faith in what you say and do.

Penalties:

Any player ejected by an official from a game once during a season will be ineligible to participate in at least the next scheduled game played by the team in that activity in the season. Anyone ejected by an official from more than one (1) game during a season will be subject to suspension from participation in all remaining games in that activity in that season and will be required to appear before the RCAB.

Coaches, parish athletic directors and referees involved in a game in which a participant is ejected will submit in writing/email to the local area coordinator all pertinent information pertaining to the ejection of the participant within 48 hours of the game. The local AC will notify coach as to ineligibility of the participant in

any RCAB activities.

3. As a PARENT/S/GUARDIAN, you can expect me/us to:

- Remember that the players are children and are playing for their enjoyment, not yours so please do not coach from the stands.
- Remain seated in the spectator area during the games.
- Respect decisions made by contest officials and coaches. If you have a concern take it up during a break or after the game/practice.
- Practice your faith in word and deed.
- Make no derogatory comments or gestures to players, coaches, parents of the opposing team, officials or league administrators; see Christ in them, and be Christ like to others.

Penalties:

Participating teams and their coaches are responsible for the conduct of their spectators. Any spectator who displays poor sportsmanship may be removed from the facility by an official, their team coach, a league official or the host gym person-in-charge.

Any spectator who interferes with the conduct of a RCAB activity may, at the discretion of the spectator's parish, league, or the Archdiocese of Boston, be barred from attendance at subsequent RCAB activities.

4. ENFORCEMENT

The parishes, under the sole supervision of RCAB leagues shall enforce this code. Complaints regarding violations of this code shall be first brought to the attention of the athletic directors of the parishes/schools involved. Coaches, players or spectators may be placed on probation or suspended from RCAB activities for their actions.

We have read this parent and player Code of Conduct. We agree to follow these guidelines in our participation in all RCAB basketball.

Signature of Coach/s _____

Signature of Parent _____

Signature of Player _____

Date _____

Please return this form to Mrs. Novogratz no later than Tuesday, September 26, 2023. Families will be charged the \$100.00 fee through their FACTS account.