

CODES OF CONDUCT

Parents of Sacred Heart student athletes are expected to:

- Promote good sportsmanship by respecting all fans, players, coaches and officials and avoid criticism at games of any player, coach or referee.
- Respect the schedules of the coaches and teammates by having my athlete arrive on time for practices and games and picking them up promptly after; athletes should arrive 10 minutes before the start of practices and 30 minutes before game times.
- Notify my athlete's coaches and team representative if my athlete will arrive late or not able to attend.
- Respect coaching decisions regarding playing time, position and placement and refrain from coaching any player during games.
- Not approach players or coaches before, during or immediately after games with anything other than support (unless there is a concern about safety, which should be addressed immediately); all questions/concerns regarding players or coaches will be addressed the day after the game in an atmosphere and manner conducive to problem solving.
- Notify the Sacred Heart Athletic Association of complaints regarding violation of rules, questionable conduct, such as abusive behavior by a player, coach or parent, and irreconcilable personality conflicts.
- Stay up to date on, adhere to and ensure my athlete complies with current local, county, state, federal and Diocesan health and wellness guidelines, which include all notification and contact tracing requirements.
- Complete all necessary forms and submit them along with any applicable fees to the SHAA before stated deadlines.

Parents that allow their children to participate in Sacred Heart sports verify that they have read, understand and agree (i) to abide by this Parents Code of Conduct, and (ii) that they have also read and discussed with their athletes the Players Code of Conduct.

Sacred Heart student athletes are expected to:

- Respect fellow and opposing players, coaches, officials and fans.
- Practice good sportsmanship at all times, win without boasting, lose without excuse, and never quit.
- Attend and participate in all scheduled games and practices when reasonably possible.
- Be aware of the safety of fellow players and follow team and Diocesan rules to ensure safe play.
- Never throw equipment, act destructively or otherwise act out in anger.
- Not leave the gym or practice field at any time except with your parent, guarding or approved chaperone.
- Listen and follow the instruction of coaches and participate and communicate positively with my coach and teammates.
- Exercise self-control at all times, refraining from foul language, and set a positive example for others to follow.
- Support and encourage my teammates and always try my best to try and keep a positive attitude.

Diocese of Pittsburgh Code of Conduct:

The Diocese expressly prohibits:

- Any refusal to abide by an official's decision.
- Use of profane language or gestures.
- Exhibiting objectionable behavior, such as throwing equipment or any other forceful action.
- Verbally abusing an official for any real or imagined unjust decision or judgment, or verbally abusing a player, opposing coach, Diocesan representative or spectator.
- Use of any tobacco products, such as cigarettes or cigars, alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs.
- Physical aggression towards any person or threatening to harm anyone.

Any violation of these Diocesan prohibitions by a player will result in ejection, suspension or removal from a team. Any violation by a parent or spectator can result in removal from a game or facility and, in certain instances, forfeiture of a game or season.

For additional Diocesan guidelines regarding parent and spectator behavior at Catholic school sporting events visit <http://www.2badcats.com/videos.aspx>.