



## Holy Name of Mary School Sports Program

### PHILOSOPHY

Welcome to Holy Name of Mary School's sports program. The sports program is guided by CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) which strives to link sports to ministry. This philosophy emphasizes the importance of having fun and developing character in a sports environment. All participants (including coaches, athletes, parents, and spectators) shall always endeavor to be Christ-like in his/her actions, words, or body language throughout our program.

### ATHLETE PARTICIPATION AND PLAYING TIME

Our program is unique! *All* eligible students may participate; therefore, we do not hold try outs or cut players on a team. Due to this approach, we ask for your support and understanding! **Our teams have a high volume of players and playing time can be very limited.** Our coaches strive to create playing time as best as they can under these circumstances.

**B "JV" level (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades)** - athletes will learn basic skills, the importance of teamwork, and cooperation. Everyone plays and playing time will be distributed as best as possible.

**A "Varsity" level (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades)** - athletes will learn advanced skills, the importance of teamwork, and cooperation in a competitive environment. There is no set playing time; it can be very limited.

### PARENT PARTICIPATION

Our sports program relies on the Booster Club and parent volunteers throughout the year to raise money and complete other various tasks (scorekeeping, painting fields, etc.).

Parents are expected to create a positive atmosphere by modeling good sportsmanship, congratulating good plays, offering hospitality to opposing fans, and discouraging negativity. Remember that fan behavior teaches children important moral lessons.



## Athlete and Parent/Guardian Sports Code of Conduct

### ***To be completed by the athlete and parent/guardian.***

I hereby pledge to honor and support Holy Name of Mary School by adhering to the Sports Code of Conduct as stated below.

#### **Athlete**

- I will strive to honor God with my words, actions, and play.
- I will be respectful to my coaches, teammates, opponents, officials, parents, and spectators.
- I will use appropriate language in appropriate tones when interacting with other athletes, coaches, officials, parents, and spectators.
- I will not taunt my opponent or be arrogant or boastful in my celebrations.
- I will play by the rules of the sport, demonstrating and encouraging good sportsmanship, both in victory and defeat.
- I will not leave the game site without seeking to shake the hand of my opponent and thanking the officials.
- I will be a good steward, being respectful of the property and equipment of our school and any other school I visit. I will be diligent in picking up after myself.
- I will be honest. I will not lie, steal, or cheat.
- I will strive to play safely so that I may avoid causing injury to myself or others.
- I will humble myself to the good of the team. I will pursue understanding my role on the team, do it with excellence and strive to do more.
- I will seek to encourage and assist my teammates in becoming better athletes and human beings.
- I agree that if I fail to conform to the Sports Code of Conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action.

#### **Parent**

- I will create a positive atmosphere by modeling good sportsmanship, congratulating good plays, offering hospitality to opposing fans, and discouraging negativity.
- I will be respectful to coaches, all players, opponents, officials, parents, and spectators.
- I will use appropriate language in appropriate tones when interacting with other athletes, coaches, officials, parents, and spectators.
- I will be a good steward, being respectful of the property and equipment of our school and any other school I visit. I will be diligent in picking up after myself.
- I will encourage my child to have fun and enjoy his/her teammates.
- I agree that if I fail to conform to the Sports Code of Conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action.

Student Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_  
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