

BOSTON CATHOLIC ATHLETICS

(CYO Basketball)

PLAYER/PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

Boston Catholic Athletics, a division of the Office for Lifelong Faith Formation, 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

- Practice your faith in what you say and do
- Respect toward 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 Christ to them
- Instruction to the players that teaches good sportsmanship and the development of the players
- Coaching that is affirming, reflects Christian values and puts the well-being of the players first

Penalties:

Any parish or school athletic director, coach or manager involved with the CYO basketball who is found guilty by their area coordinator and the area board of unsportsmanlike or improper conduct on or off the scene of any Boston Catholic Athletics (BCA) contest or activity will be subject to suspension from participation in all BCA activities.

2. PLAYERS

Acceptable standards of participant behavior include:

- 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 school or 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 Vicariate Athletic Advisory Board.

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 BCA activities.

3. SPECTATORS/PARENTS

Acceptable standards of spectator behavior include:

- 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 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 BCA activity may, at the discretion of the spectator's parish, league, or the Archdiocese of Boston, be barred from attendance at subsequent BCA activities.

4. ENFORCEMENT

The parishes and school leagues, under the supervision of Boston Catholic Athletics and the Office for Lifelong Faith Formation and Parish Support 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 BCA 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 Boston Catholic Athletics, including CYO basketball.

Printed Name of Parent _____

Signature of Parent _____

Printed Name of Player _____

Signature of Player _____

Date _____

Revised 09/2018

