

Catholic Youth Ministries Athletic Coaches Code

Parish _____ Sport/grade _____

These things I believe about Catholic Grade School/Parish Athletics:

- That this is a Catholic program and all actions and activities by individuals, players, coaches and spectators will at all times be in keeping with the teaching of Christ and His Church.
- That through participation in an organized sports program, it is possible for all involved to grow physically, mentally, socially and spiritually.
- That pride in growth and development supersedes pride in winning titles, trophies, ribbons, etc.
- That among the primary goals of coaching is to set a positive example of an Adult, Christian, Catholic role model for the athletes.
- That the representatives of each parish coaching staff work together for the positive development of their programs and goals, both at the parish level and inter-parish level.

As a member of a parish coaching staff, I agree to:

- Read, understand and support the Athletic Rulebook of the Deanery Athletic Programs, and the individual parish athletic program guidelines. See www.nadyouth.org.
- Understand and agree to all practice, game, tournament time schedules and competition time guidelines set by the parish or New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries.
- Teach the values of honest effort in conforming to the spirit as well as the letter of the rules.
- Refrain from any form of illegal recruitment of players and insist that the Catholic Youth Ministries recruitment guidelines be followed at all times.
- Insist on good sportsmanship from myself, my fellow coaches, players and spectators at all times, including no physical or verbal abuse.
- Refuse to be a part of any and all methods and/or means of training players that may in any way, be potentially dangerous to players' health and well-being.
- Respect and support NADCYM policies which govern participation in other sports programs at the same time as parish programs/seasons are in progress.
- Treat Officials, opposing coaches, players and fans with respect at all times, including no physical or verbal abuse.
- Conduct myself as a Christian, Catholic man/woman at all times, and serve as a positive and encouraging role model for the athletics.
- Be accountable to the appointed administrative officer of the parish athletic committee.
- Help players in recognizing the dangers of drugs, alcohol and tobacco use to their bodies and minds.
- Respect the officials' judgment and interpretation of the rules and lead by example to the players.

This agreement may be terminated upon mutual consent of the affixed parties or by the pastor, or administrative officer, for any of the following causes: failure to perform, neglect of duty, unprofessional conduct, insubordination, conduct reflecting great discredit on the parish or deanery.

Coach

Parish Representative

Date