

## ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

Through the vehicle of sports, youth become better Christians and become friends with other children throughout the Diocese. Activities should be examples of Christian sportsmanship.

### Coaches

- Set a good example for participants and fans to follow, exemplifying the highest moral and ethical behavior.
- Respect the judgment of officials; abide by the rules of the event. Technical fouls and ejections are never acceptable.
- Treat opposing coaches, participants and fans with respect.
- Coach in a positive manner, reflecting Christian values and avoid yelling.
- Be drug, alcohol and tobacco free at all youth practices, events and games.
- Instruct participants in sportsmanship and demand that they display good sportsmanship.
- Encourage players through positive reinforcement.
- Coaches bear the same responsibility as teachers.

### Players

- Treat opponents with respect-shake hands with opponents prior to and after events.
- Respect the judgment of officials and abide by the rules. Technical fouls and ejections are never acceptable.
- Always play in a positive manner, reflecting Christian values.

### Spectators

- Remember that all players are children and are playing for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Remain seated in the spectator area during games.
- Respect decisions made by officials.
- Be drug, tobacco and alcohol free at all practices, events and games.
- Be a role model by positively supporting teams. Refrain from criticizing players, coaches or spectators from opposing teams.
- Make no derogatory comments or gestures to players, coaches or spectators of the opposing team, officials or league administrators.
- If you see fans of your team behaving in a negative manner, please try to appeal to the conscience at an appropriate time.

### Enforcement

Concerns regarding violations of this code shall first be brought to the attention of the local school athletic director. Coaches, participants and spectators may be placed on probation or suspended from their activities for their actions.

I (We) have read the code of conduct and agree to follow these guidelines.

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Signature of Student

Date

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Signature of Parent

Date

VME ATHLETIC HANDBOOK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

The VME athletic handbook states verification that the athlete and their parent/guardian understand and agree to abide by the Diocesan/VME athletic program rules and regulations and agree to abide by them. Please review the policies in the handbook located on the VME site under the Athletics/Forms and Fees tab or if you would like a hard copy please notify the school and one will be delivered to you.

We have read the VME athletic handbook and agree to abide by and support the policies within.

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Family Name

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Signature

Date