Carmel Catholic High School
Pursuing Victory with Honor

Code of Ethics/Responsibilities for Athletes, Coaches and Parents

We believe that interscholastic Athletic Competition at Carmel Catholic should reflect the school’s Mission statement and Corsair Values. We hold our student-athletes, coaches and parents to high standards of ethics and sportsmanship and we promote the development of good character and other important life skills.

Athlete’s Code of Ethics and Responsibilities

We believe that being a Carmel Catholic athlete is a student choice thereby a privilege, one that along with being a great honor, carries with it responsibilities. As a Carmel Catholic athlete, our young people have an image to reflect: one of positive leadership, character, responsibility, competitive spirit and integrity. It is imperative that all students taking part in athletics understand the following responsibilities and rules and understand that coaches and the athletic director have the right to remove the privilege of participation. The following are expected of a Carmel Catholic athlete:

- That proper behavior and respect towards others will reflect positively on the team, and in the Carmel Catholic Community. A positive reflection is the only desirable one for your team.
- That you understand the primary reason for your being in school is academic work. Your classroom behavior must be exemplary. If a player begins to experience even a little difficulty in school work, he/she will be monitored by the athletic department receiving weekly reports from all teachers.
- That you will understand that practice is the most important part of the season. Effective practice requires the concentration of the whole team at all times. Players who practice hard and with intensity are the players who are winners every time.
- That you represent Carmel Catholic in all you do. The things we are attempting to accomplish will be judged by outsiders based upon your thoughts, words, and actions. Be judicious and appropriate in what you say and do.
- That you understand that individual recognition and accomplishments are the result of teamwork.
- That you will accept and respect the decisions of your coaches to be in the best interest of the team and Carmel Catholic. Discuss problems with your coach in private. Display only positive mannerisms and discuss negative feelings behind closed doors.
- That you will develop a respect for all internally involved and understand what happens on a day-to-day basis. Your coaches and teammates are a very good support group. The important thing is that in the sport context we pursue your common goals as a unit, and put aside differences. We cannot all be best friends, be we can develop enough mutual and collective respect to overcome any internal adversity that develops.
- That your teammates need your support and encouragement.
- That you realize that the true nature of competition is evaluated by effort, sportsmanship, leadership, and teamwork. If the student-athletes receives a high evaluation on these criteria, victories will be made everyday. (Note: wins and losses will take care of themselves.)
- Carmel Catholic athletes are expected to refrain from using any illegal substances, including alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs or engage in any unhealthy techniques to gain, lose or maintain weight. Any student found to be using alcohol or other drugs will be referred to the school’s Discipline Board. Possible consequences of violating the school’s drug and alcohol policy include expulsion from the school or suspension of all school activities, including athletics.

Student-Athlete’s Pledge

I have read and understand code of ethics and responsibilities of the Carmel Catholic athlete. I pledge to live by the code and acknowledge that I may be disciplined or removed from the team if I violate any of its provisions.

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STUDENT-ATHLETE SIGNATURE                                   DATE - SPORT
Parent’s Code of Ethics and Responsibilities
CARMEL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

We believe that parents are the first educators of their children and must work in concert with teacher-coaches to instill high standards of ethics and sportsmanship and promote the development of good character and other important life skills. It is important that all Carmel Catholic parents understand the mission of the school and our Corsair values and support coaches in their endeavor to instill values in their athletes. The following are expected of Carmel Catholic parents of athletes:

- Insist that your sons and daughters adhere to the highest level of good sportsmanship on or off the playing field, as athletes or spectators. Above all, provide “adult” example of good sportsmanship to young people, be it players or spectators.
- Parents are expected to know that once an event starts, the officials are in charge of the game. Officials should never be yelled at or accosted in any way. Positive cheering sets a great example to our student-athletes.
- Parents should be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity and compliment extraordinary performance and show respect for all competitors.
- Parents should refrain from profanity, disrespectful conduct and the use of alcohol or tobacco in front of athletes or other situations where conduct could undermine the parent’s positive impact as a role model.
- Allow the coaches to do the coaching. Parents should not shout instructions to the players from the stands or contradict, in any way, the coach’s instructions to the team or individual athletes.
- Public Criticism of coaches is inappropriate. Parents should discuss appropriate concerns with the coach—the treatment of the athlete, ways to help the athlete improve, coaching philosophy, and concerns about the athlete’s behavior. Inappropriate issues include playing time, team strategy, and issues concerning other athletes. Making an appointment is always best; initiating a discussion before or after a contest or practice is never a good time. If there has been no satisfaction after talking to the coach, then the parent should schedule a meeting with the Athletic Director, coach, and athlete.
- Parents should inform the coach of any scheduling conflicts or other issues that may impact the athlete’s ability to make a full commitment to the team. If a play is to miss games or practices there will be a corresponding suspension. For example, if a player misses a game then that player will sit out another.
- Support Carmel Catholic’s policy on substance abuse and educate your athlete about the dangers of substance use.

Parent’s Pledge

I have read and understand the code of ethics and responsibilities of Carmel Catholic parent. I pledge to live by the code and support the coach and the school in the development of Corsair values through athletics.

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Parent/Guardian signature                                         Date

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