

Catalyst Catholic Athletic Ministry

Student Athlete Code of Conduct

Catalyst Catholic is unwavering in its commitment to the evangelization of the Young Church. We unite, support, and empower pastors, parish leaders and coaches within the New Albany Deanery as they form bold disciples of Jesus Christ.

The purpose of the Catalyst Catholic Student Athlete Code of Conduct is to ensure that student athletes understand the high expectations that have been set for them in how they conduct themselves during Catalyst sponsored events. This Code applies to all Catalyst Catholic sports and related activities and includes, but is not limited to: assessments, practices, games, and other related events/activities where a student athlete is representing Catalyst Catholic.

In accordance with our Mission Statement, it is the primary goal of Catalyst Catholic to help every young person we serve get to Heaven! Accordingly, student athletes are expected to behave in a manner that is pleasing to Christ.

As a Catalyst Catholic student athlete, I understand and agree to abide by the following expectations:

1. I pledge to be positive about my Catalyst Catholic sports experience and accept responsibility for my participation by following this Code of Conduct.
2. I understand that it is a privilege to represent Catalyst Catholic, my parish, and the New Albany Deanery. Proper behavior is required in practice, athletic contests, and other related activities.
3. I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials, and parents at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship myself.
4. I will maintain control of my emotions and will make no derogatory comments or gestures or use foul language.
5. I will treat my coaches, other players, officials, and fans with respect regardless of differences or abilities.
6. I will not intentionally cause physical, mental, or emotional harm to another player at any time.
7. I will not threaten any coach, player, official, or spectator.
8. I will respect the game officials and accept their decisions. I understand it is not acceptable, or my place as a player, to criticize or dispute their decisions.
9. I will be respectful of other schools' staff members and facilities.
10. I will not use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco of any kind while on the team, with exception to those with medical needs.
11. I understand that participating in sports is a privilege and an opportunity to learn and have fun.
12. I will stand and face the flag with a respectful demeanor during the playing of the National Anthem. Failure to do so will result in a one game suspension.

Code of Conduct Violations

Catalyst Catholic will be responsible for reviewing, at its earliest convenience, all potential violations that come to its attention as well as handling any disciplinary action deemed necessary based on facts and circumstances. Disciplinary actions taken by Catalyst Catholic may include, but are not limited to: verbal warning, written warning, immediate ejection, single-game suspension, multiple-game suspension, and/or permanent ban. As needed, the Pastor, Dean, Director, and Deanery Athletic Director will be consulted as well as included in any formal communications that occur between a student athlete and the Catalyst Catholic Office.

In-Game Procedure

Code of Conduct violations can vary and therefore will be handled on a case-by-case basis. However, the following factors will be important considerations in how violations will be handled:

1. It is the coach's responsibility to ensure players and fans conduct themselves appropriately and assist game officials in maintaining control. All players, parents, and attendees are required to follow a coach's, Gym/Field Manager, or AD's request to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times, especially after a warning has been issued by an official.
2. Common sense will be used when considering what is inappropriate behavior and in determining any disciplinary action deemed necessary.
3. Disciplinary action for unsportsmanlike behavior could range from a verbal warning to suspension from one or more future Catalyst Catholic activities.
4. Any player who is deemed to have threatened and/or physically or verbally abused a coach, player, official, and/or spectator will be suspended immediately for a period of at least one game.
5. If a player is in violation of the Code of Conduct during a game, a game official will issue a warning to the player. This is an official's initial effort to let the player know that he/she is not displaying appropriate behavior.
6. At the discretion of the official, a player may receive an unsportsmanlike penalty prior to a warning if their behavior is deemed highly inappropriate.
7. If the player continues to display inappropriate behavior following the warning, the official will administer the appropriate unsportsmanlike penalty for that sport.
8. A second unsportsmanlike penalty administered by an official on a player will result in that player being ejected from the game.
9. Any player who engages in a fight before, during, or after a Catalyst Catholic game will be suspended for the remainder of that game, and will be suspended for the next game as well.
10. The Catalyst Catholic Athletic Director will be contacted and disciplinary action will be taken.