

**DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH
DEPARTMENT FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

**Catholic Schools Sports
Parent Participation Pledge**

I hereby pledge to provide a positive Christian role model for my children participating in Catholic school sports.

I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every practice or game.

I will be a respectful fan by not coaching from the stands, or ridiculing the other teams or my own players.

I will abide by the Code of Conduct in the Guidelines for Catholic Elementary Schools Sports Programs and I realize that there are penalties for violations.

Father's Signature

Date

Mother's Signature

Date

CODE OF CONDUCT

Coaches and Players

1. Offensive Actions

No coach or player is to:

- (a) Refuse to abide by official's decision or use profane language or gestures.**
- (b) Exhibit objectionable behavior, e.g. throwing equipment or any other forceful action.**
- (c) Verbally abuse an official for any real or imagined unjust decision or judgment, or verbally abuse a player, opposing coach, diocesan representative or spectator.**
- (d) Physically attack any person.**
- (e) Use alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs.**

2. Penalty

- (a) Violation of Article "a-c" – one to five-game suspensions for first offense. Second offense – ten game suspension. Third offense – suspension for one year.**
- (b) Violation of Article "d" immediate suspension until determination by Diocesan Athletic Director.**
- (c) Violation of Article "e" –immediate termination of all activities related to sports.**
- (e) Any program that has repeated penalties or offenses is subject to probation or suspension by the Diocesan Athletic Director.**

Ejection

Anyone ejected from the game must leave the premises.