



Catholic Athletic League Coaches' Code of Ethics and Conduct Agreement



The following is a list of policies concerning conduct and behavior expected of all coaches in the Catholic Athletic League (CAL), a mission of the Office of Family, Youth, and Young Adult Evangelization of the Diocese of Providence.

I will uphold the integrity and honor of being a coach in programs sponsored by the Catholic Church, setting an example of high ethical and moral conduct in accord with Catholic teaching in all personal contact with the youth, opposing coaches, fans, and officials.

I understand that in my role as coach, I am held to a high standard of conduct and represent my parish/school, my team, CAL, and the charitable, educational, and religious entities within the Diocese of Providence.

I will attend any and all necessary meetings and training set forward by CAL.

I will promote and be a model of good sportsmanship towards officials, players, coaches, and parents, always maintaining a calm composure and serving as a strong, positive role model for our athletes.

I accept primary responsibility for the conduct of my players during sporting events and am expected to regulate their behavior, prohibiting actions such as taunting, excessive celebration, and any form of poor sportsmanship.

I am responsible to know and adhere to league and contest rules, and for their communication to my team members. I will cooperate with the CAL Board and representatives in the enforcement of CAL Rules and regulations, and I will, in a timely manner, report any irregularities that violate said rules, sound competitive practices, and Christian ideals of sportsmanship.

I will respect all officials and am strictly prohibited from any aggressive actions or language towards them. If I have a question or concern regarding a ruling, I will approach the official calmly during a timeout or break to discuss it.

I understand that prayer is a cornerstone of the Catholic Athletic League, and I am expected to lead my team in prayer, fostering an atmosphere of faith by leading them in prayer at the beginning and end of each practice.

I understand the conduct expected of me as a coach as outlined in this Code and the CAL Handbook. My failure to conduct myself in accordance with this Code and the CAL Handbook may result in my removal from the contest, temporary or permanent suspension from attending games, or participation in the league, and/ or other sanctions as deemed appropriate by CAL.

I have read the above and agree to abide by these policies of the Catholic Athletic League.

Name _____

Parish/School _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Be diligent with unceasing prayer. Ask for greater understanding than you have. Be on the alert, possessing an always active spirit. Speak to each individually with agreement in God's convictions. Bear the sicknesses of all like the perfect athlete. Where the trouble is greater, the gain is great.
—Saint Polycarp