



Catholic Athletic League Parents' Code of Ethics and Conduct Agreement



The following is a list of policies concerning conduct and behavior expected of all parents and guardians 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 my role as a parent/guardian in programs sponsored by the Catholic Church, always setting an example of high ethical and moral conduct in accord with Catholic Teaching in all personal contact with youth, opposing coaches, fans, and officials.

I understand that in my role as a parent/guardian, I represent my parish/school, my child's team, CAL, and the charitable, educational, and religious entities within the Diocese of Providence.

I will promote and be a positive role model of good sportsmanship, showing respect and courtesy to all players, coaches, officials, and spectators, and demonstrating positive support for everyone involved.

I will applaud good play by all teams and players, recognizing and applauding a good effort in both victory and defeat.

I will teach my child that good sportsmanship is essential to CAL athletics, and that teammates, coaches, and officials are human and sometimes make mistakes which are part of the game, emphasizing that no single person "makes or breaks" the outcome.

I will teach my child responsibility, ensuring they make every effort to attend practices and games on time and are picked up promptly at their conclusions. If my child cannot attend a practice or game, I will make sure they call the Coach and advise him/her.

I will encourage my child to practice on his/her own to build his/her skills.

I will respect the Coach's authority and game plan, allowing them to coach without interference, comments regarding officials, or shouted instructions from the sidelines.

I will not engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct, nor will I condone the use of foul or inappropriate language. This includes, but is not limited to, booing, taunting, using profane language or gestures, making negative exclamatory remarks during athletic events, or engaging in any aggressive actions or language towards officials, coaches, players, or parents.

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