PHILADELPHIA CATHOLIC LEAGUE

COACHING CODE OF CONDUCT

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ARTICLE I

ATHLETIC COURTESY

Athletics should foster sportsmanship. It is the privilege of each one of us associated with athletics to bear witness to our principles in our own actions.

1. Visiting teams and spectators are guests of the home team and should be treated as we would like to be treated.

2. The rules of the game are to be regarded as mutual agreements, the spirit or the letter of which no honorable person would break.

3. No action is to be taken, or course of conduct pursued which would seem unsportsmanlike or dishonorable if known to one's opponent or the public.

4. All coaches should refrain from making contact with their respective assignors for at least 24 hours after the conclusion of their contest. All questions and issues should be communicated through their respective Athletic Director before contacting the assignor.

ARTICLE II

ETHICS PERTAINING TO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

This Code of Ethics is to be regarded not simply as a compilation of recommendations, but as a set of rules governing the conduct of student spectators, student-athletes, coaches and Athletic Directors.

SECTION I: Student-spectators must adhere to the following Code of Ethics:

1. Student-spectators must realize that they represent their school just as athletes do.

2. Student-spectators must appreciate and give suitable recognition to the good in others.

3. Only positive cheering is permitted by spectators for a PCL event. Spectators must avoid "booing", abusive language or vulgarity as they are clearly a lack of charity that breeds the same in opponents.

4. All signs and posters must be pre-approved by the Assistant Principal for Student Affairs of the local school.

5. Inappropriate dress or conduct will not be permitted during a PCL event.

6. Student-spectators must refrain from using musical instruments and noise-makers, as these are annoying to some and inflammatory to others.

7. Student-spectators must regard officials and opponents as honest; officials' decisions should be abided by, even when they seem unfair.

8. Student-spectators must be aware that if they continually evidence poor sportsmanship, they will be requested not to attend future contests.

9. If any of the above-mentioned violations are encountered during a PCL event, the officials have the authority to penalize the individual team and the school's administration has the authority to stop the game and remove all spectators from the event if the spectators do not comply with the administrations' request.

10. Student-spectators must realize that a contest ends with the final whistle or other signal; post-game injury to others or damage to property is un-Christian behavior.

POLICY FOR COACHES INTERACTION WITH THE MEDIA

The PCL, through the principles outlined in the Code of Conduct, demands that all members of the league, administrators, coaches, players, and fans, should in all circumstances demonstrate their Catholic identity through sportsmanship and spirituality.

Problems that arise in the course of competition must be addressed by the adults in charge. They must show leadership and maturity to defuse the situation and allow a sensible and honorable solution to occur. Where the adults in charge are unable to resolve the situation, and the controversy lingers, the matter must be presented before the Board of Directors.

It is important to understand that all parties involved, especially coaches, at all times represent their team, school, and the league. At all times, coaches are to refrain from making derogatory, damaging, and offensive remarks to the media. The Principal and Athletic Director of the school are to be informed of any emotional or potentially scandalous media situations. Coaches are not allowed to inflame a situation by giving such emotional or personal remarks to the media. Coaches are also prohibited from addressing personal comments to the media regarding league-wide policies and procedures.

Penalties for such behavior will result in censure, suspension, or dismissal of the coach.

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STUDENT-ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

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Student participation in any athletic activity is a privilege, which may be revoked or suspended when the established rules or regulations are violated. Students who desire to participate in athletic activities are expected to properly conduct themselves at all times. Each program may establish additional rules, which apply specifically to that program. The rules and regulations in this code shall apply to any on and off school premises violation. The following misconduct shall constitute grounds for immediate suspension and potential expulsion from participation in interscholastic practices and competition, and or participation in activities.

Threats, Bullying, Intimidation, Hazing and/or Initiation Ceremonies

The Office of Catholic Education, the Board of Governors and the Board of Directors intensely believe that students must be protected from threats, bullying, intimidation, hazing and | or initiation ceremonies. All verbal, written, and physical conduct that harasses, humiliates, or persecutes students, or disrupts or interferes with any student's curricular or extracurricular experiences will not be tolerated.

No coach, sponsor, volunteer or diocesan employee shall plan, permit, direct, assist or engage, condone or tolerate any of the above stated activities.

Any student found, after investigation, to have engaged in any forms of this misconduct would be subject to disciplinary actions as defined by the member schools.

Any coach and/or student who witnesses or has knowledge of such misconduct activities and fails to report such actions will also be subject to appropriate disciplinary actions as defined by the member schools.