



DePaul Catholic High School 2026 – Code of Conduct

Student Athlete

This document sets forth the expectations of DePaul Catholic's administration, coaches, alumni, and school supporters regarding the conduct and behavior of its student athletes both on and off the field or court of play. Setting clear expectations of what is considered appropriate and inappropriate behavior benefits and strengthens our athletic programs and improves the experience for everyone involved.

When reviewing these guidelines and statements, please keep in mind that it is an honor and privilege to be a member of a DePaul Catholic Athletic team. This privilege carries with it certain responsibilities that must be fulfilled and certain traditions that must be respected. Your actions reflect not only on those with whom you are currently associated, but also on those who have contributed so much to our DePaul Catholic High School community in the past and on those who are to follow. DePaul Catholic High School's rich tradition of athletic excellence establishes a challenge for you to work hard and to make sure that your actions and words reflect the standards set by DePaul Catholic's administration and the expectations of the community past, present, and future.

This Code of Conduct will be enforced in a fair and consistent manner. Please read this document carefully and return a signed copy to your coach when you believe you are ready to meet the expectations of behavior outlined below. Those who disregard and violate this Code of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary action by the Head Coach, the Athletic Director, and/or the School's Administration.

Commitment

Your commitment and dedication to the team affects you, your team, and the DePaul Catholic Community as a whole.

DePaul Catholic Student Athletes will:

- Abide by the schedules set by the coaches.
- Be fully prepared and on time for practices and games.
- Not schedule conflicting appointments during practice or game time.
- Exercise good sportsmanship and abide by this code of conduct at all times.
- Use free time in school responsibly (receive academic assistance from teachers and completion of homework).
- Support their team-mates in upholding and abiding by this code of conduct as well as the rules of the school.



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DePaul Catholic Student Athletes will:

- Refrain from using inappropriate or foul language or making inappropriate gestures within the school building, on its playing fields, or gymnasium before, during and after practice or games.
- Refrain from the use of derogatory terms regarding race, religion, or sexual orientation.
- Refrain from making any disrespectful, negative, harmful, or disparaging comments to the coaches or officials.
- Refrain from any activity that could be considered bullying, harassment, hazing, and/or intimidation towards a team-mate.
- Refrain from physically harming another student or team-mate.
- Refrain from making any negative, harmful, or disparaging comments, actions, and/or posts on all forms of social media towards or about teammates, coaches, teachers or opposing teams.
- Refrain from the use of drugs or the drinking of alcohol.
- Be courteous guests at opposing team's campuses – theft, vandalism, rude behavior, and inappropriate language are grounds for disciplinary measures.

Consequences

Commitment violations

- A coach will be permitted to suspend an athlete from the team for one (1) game for two (2) unexcused tardy appearances or (1) one unexcused missed practice.
- Any unexcused tardy appearance beyond two or unexcused absences beyond one will result in an automatic one game suspension.
- After the fourth tardy appearance or third unexcused absence, the student athlete may be subject to further disciplinary action including dismissal from the team, subject to Athletic Director/Administration review and approval.

Conduct violations

- If an athlete exhibits poor sportsmanship by way of the use of poor language/attitude towards an opponent, exhibits any form of harassment, hazing or intimidation toward one of their own team-mates, or curses at or is disrespectful to one of the team's coaches, a coach will be permitted to suspend an athlete from the team for one (1) game or limit an athlete's playing or practice time. A conduct violation of this nature, depending on the severity of the behavior, may be grounds for dismissal from the team.
- If an athlete exhibits misconduct through the means of misusing social media, a coach will be permitted to suspend an athlete from the team for one (1) game or limit an athlete's playing or practice time. A conduct violation of this nature, depending on the severity, may be grounds for dismissal from the team.



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- Any drug and alcohol violation, at any time during the athletic season, whether in or out of school, will result in an automatic 5-day suspension from the team as well as a one (1) game suspension. Any subsequent infraction of this type will result in dismissal from the team.

Playing Time

Participation on a DePaul Catholic athletic team does not guarantee a student athlete playing time. Playing time is earned by the student athlete based on, but not limited to, practice performance, effort, attitude, off-season skill development, the athlete's commitment, conduct, and adherence to team rules, as well as academic performance. Playing time decisions are at the sole discretion of the Head Coach.

Student athletes are expected to respect these decisions made by their Head Coach as an integral part of their athletic educational experience and the character development process of participation in high school athletics. All requests for a discussion about playing time must come directly from the student athlete and be directed to the Head Coach via email with the Athletic Director copied on the email. Student athletes are not permitted to speak with the Head Coach about playing time immediately after a game and must wait at least 24 hours before requesting a meeting to discuss playing time. If asked by a student athlete to meet, the Head Coach is required to meet with the student athlete, accompanied by at least one (1) Assistant Coach, to discuss and explain the rationale for the playing time allotment to the student athlete in question. If the results of this discussion are unsatisfactory for the student athlete, then the student athlete may request a meeting with the Head Coach, the Athletic Director and the student athlete's parent(s).

Signing this document affirms your commitment to the ideals presented herein.

Date:

Student Athlete's Printed Name:

Student Athlete's Signature:

Parent's Signature:

Coach's Signature: