



DePaul Catholic High School 2026 – Code of Conduct

Parent

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' parents/guardians. Setting clear expectations of what is considered appropriate and inappropriate behavior benefits and strengthens our athletic programs.

When reviewing these guidelines, please keep in mind that it is an honor and privilege for a student to be a member of a DePaul Catholic Athletic team. This privilege carries with it certain responsibilities that must be fulfilled and 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 the DePaul Catholic High School community in the past and present.

Parental Support is critical to the success of DePaul Catholic High School's athletic programs. It is expected that all parents/guardians will provide positive encouragement to their student athlete, demonstrate good sportsmanship, and respect all coaches, players, officials, and other parents at all times.

Please read this document carefully and return a signed copy to DePaul Catholic's Athletic Director when you believe you are ready to meet the expectations of behavior as outlined below. Those who disregard and violate this Code will be subject to disciplinary action by the Athletic Director and/or the School's Administration.

Conduct

DePaul Catholic Student Athlete Parents/Guardians will:

- Refrain from using inappropriate or foul language or making inappropriate gestures in the stands, before, during or after the games.
- Refrain from making any disrespectful, negative, harmful, or disparaging comments to any of the coaches or officials.
- Refrain from making any negative, harmful, or disparaging comments, actions, and/or posts on all forms of social media towards DePaul Catholic High School, its coaches, teachers, administrators, opposing teams or opposing team members.
- Refrain from the use of drugs or the drinking of alcohol on school grounds or at school events (home or away).
- Be courteous guests at opposing team's campuses and abide by all rules and regulations set forth by the venue/school hosting the event.



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Consequences

Conduct violations

- If a parent/guardian exhibits poor sportsmanship by way of the use of poor language towards another student athlete, another student athlete's parent, an opponent, or curses at or is disrespectful to one of the team's coaches, DePaul Catholic High School will be permitted to suspend a parent from attending one (1) or more games or for the remainder season.
- If a parent exhibits misconduct through the means of misusing social media, DePaul Catholic High School will be permitted to suspend a parent from attending one or more games or for the remainder season.
- Any drug and alcohol use violation, at any time during the athletic season, DePaul Catholic High School will be permitted to suspend a parent from attending one or more games or for the remainder of season.

Communication between Parents and Head Coach

Communication expected from the Head Coach:

- Location and time of all practices and events.
- Team rules and requirements.
- Injury procedures and protocols.
- Philosophy of the coaching staff.
- Expectations the coaching staff has for your student athlete.
- Disciplinary actions resulting from violations of Code of Conduct and team rules.

Communication expected from the parents:

- Notification of any schedule conflicts.
- Notification of any concerns about the student athlete's mental well-being.
- Notification of all physical injury and medical treatments.

Appropriate topics to be discussed with the Head Coach:

- Ways for your student athlete to improve athletically and academically.
- College athletic preparatory strategies.

Inappropriate topics to be discussed with the Head Coach:

- Playing time.
- Other student athletes
- Team Strategy
- Other Parents.



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Playing Time

It is difficult to accept when your student athlete may not be playing as much as you may think appropriate or deserved. DePaul Catholic High School's coaches are professionals, and they make judgements and decisions based on what they believe is in the best interests of the team and all the student athletes involved. Playing time discussions must always be initiated by the student athlete and be directed to the Head Coach.

Student athletes and parents are not permitted to speak with the Head Coach about playing time immediately after a game. A student athlete must wait at least 24 hours after a game before requesting a meeting to discuss playing time. If the student athlete and parents are dissatisfied with the result of the conversation between the student athlete and the Head Coach regarding playing time, then the student athlete can request a meeting with the Head Coach, the Athletic Director, the student athlete, and the parents of the student athlete to allow further discussion. At no time should a parent reach out to DePaul Catholic's Principal or President to discuss playing time. All requests to meet with the Principal and President must come through the Athletic Director. Student athlete parents are expected to respect and support the playing time decisions of the Head Coach, with the understanding that these decisions are being made in the best interests of the team.

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

Date:

Parent's Printed Name:

Parent's Signature:

Coach's Signature:

Athletic Director's Signature: