

GESU CATHOLIC SCHOOL ATHLETES, COACHES AND PARENTS

RESPONSIBILITIES / CODE OF CONDUCT

ATHLETES MUST

- Remember that school work must remain the highest priority.
- Attend all practices and events for the duration of the season unless otherwise excused by the coaches.
- Understand and abide by the rules and philosophy of CYO and the Gesu Athletic Program as directed by the Parish Athletic Director.
- Show respect at all times for the opposing players, coaches, fans, officials, property and equipment involved in the athletic program.
- Commit oneself to their team's practice and game schedule. Players on "A" teams in grades 6, 7 and 8, are expected to give 100% commitment to their Gesu team by making it a priority over any other outside team they may also be playing on. For example, a boy/girl playing travel soccer during the basketball season must make Gesu the priority if a conflict arises between the two sports.

PARENTS MUST

- Ensure that academics remain the focus of the child's life.
- Understand and abide by the rules and philosophy of CYO and the Gesu Athletic Program as directed by the Parish Athletic Director.
- Arrange transportation to and from all practices and events for their child.
- Accept responsibility for the timely fee payment and completion of all registration and health forms associated with the Athletic Program.
- Consider a child's commitment to team practices and games when planning and scheduling personal and family calendars.
- Properly maintain and promptly return issued uniforms at the end of the season.
- Attend all parents meetings as requested by the coaches or the Parish Athletic Director.
- Understand that the coach reserves the right to not play an athlete based on unexcused absences from team activities.
- Understand that the coach reserves the right to not play an athlete based on poor conduct.
- Understand that inappropriate conduct or disrespect toward coaches, athletes, officials, site personnel, and others involved in CYO/intramural athletics will not be tolerated and may result in suspension/dismissal from Gesu teams.

COACHES MUST

- Ensure that teaching the students their particular sport and life lessons remains the focus, not winning.
- Understand and abide by the rules and philosophy of CYO and the Gesu Athletic Program as directed by the Parish Athletic Director.
- Consider a child's commitment to team practices and games when playing time dilemmas occur.
- Properly maintain and promptly return issued equipment such as cones, med kits, balls etc at the end of the season.
- Attend all coaches meetings as requested by CYO, intramural leagues and the Parish Athletic Director.
- Understand that the Parish Athletic Director reserves the right to choose who the head and assistant coaches are for each team.
- Understand that inappropriate conduct or disrespect toward the Parish Athletic Director, parents, athletes, officials, site personnel and others involved in CYO/intramural athletics will not be tolerated and may result in suspension/dismissal from coaching at Gesu.

GRIEVANCE POLICY

- It is the policy of the Gesu Athletic Program as directed by the Parish Athletic Director, that in the event of a sports related dispute or disagreement, parents should first attempt to resolve the issue with the applicable team coach. If the grievance cannot be resolved at this level, parents should bring the problem to the attention of the Parish Athletic Director. As policy administrator, it is the responsibility of the A.D. to investigate the grievance and determine the resolution, consulting with the Pastor if necessary.

UNIFORM RETURN POLICY

- All uniforms given to players by the Athletic Director must be returned within three weeks from the end of the season. If uniforms are not returned parents may be billed for the cost of the uniform.