

Parent Code of Conduct

As a parent of a child involved in a St. Gerard Parish and School athletic activity, I hereby pledge to adhere to the following code of conduct.

1. I (we) will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials involved with my child's activity.
2. If my child(ren) attends public school, I (we) will ensure that my (our) child(ren) is enrolled in St. Gerard Parish Religious Education Programs. I (we) understand that attendance and academics is monitored and reported for eligibility from the Director of Religious Education.
3. I (we) will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of all personal concerns, including, but not limited to, a personal desire to win.
4. I (we) will not attempt to instruct or direct play of child or team or criticize the playing efforts of child or team.
5. I (we) will not criticize or taunt opposing teams, players, coaches, fans, or officials and are expected to assist in controlling others in attendance in this regard.
6. I (we) will help the coaches by ensuring that our child is on time for practices and games and is picked up immediately afterwards.
7. I (we) will ensure the communication of our child's eligibility status to my coach(es) regarding illness, emergencies, or other school sponsored activities. Other absences are unexcused and apply to both games and practices.

Note: Unexcused absences will result in the following consequences:

The First **Unexcused absence** will result in the following consequence:

- For Basketball = 1 Unexcused = Suspension for 1st Quarter of next game. 1st Quarter player is ruled ineligible. Eligibility rules apply after the 1st Quarter.
- For Volleyball = 1 Unexcused = Suspension for the 1st Game of a Tri-Meet – 1st Game player is ruled ineligible. Eligibility rules apply after the 1st game.

The Second **Unexcused absence** result in the following consequence:

- For Basketball = Suspension for the 1st half of the next game. 1st half player is ruled ineligible. Eligibility rules apply after the 1st half.
- For Volleyball = Suspension for the next 2 games of a Tri-Meet. Player is ineligible for the first two games. Eligibility rules apply after the 2 games.

Three **Unexcused absences** result in:

- A meeting with the Athletic Director, St. Gerard Administrator, the coach and parents of the player, which may result in the player asked to resign from the team.

8. I (we) will arrange transportation for games and scrimmage to arrive at least 30 minutes in advance. Note: Coaches are generally not permitted to transport team players to events.
9. I (we) will support the athletic philosophy and eligibility standards for participation.
10. I (we) will ensure that all of my (our) children are supervised at all times while attending athletic functions, events, and games. This includes an understanding that children, which are not participating, should not be in the hallways or in the locker rooms, but in the gymnasium in either the concession or the seating areas only.

11. I (we) acknowledge the policy regarding students participating of “pay to play” which will require financial support of parents/guardians and additional participation and support of fundraising efforts at games (concessions) and throughout the activity calendar year.
12. I (we) acknowledge the policy regarding students participating in concurrent sports, and will ensure that my child recognizes that he/she is a member of a team and must display loyalty to that team.
13. I (we) assume responsibility for the return of all uniforms provided by the athletic program. I (we) further agree to reimburse the athletic program the replacement cost of any uniform not returned.
14. I (we) will allow 24 hours after a practice and/or game before approaching a coach about a problem or concern.
15. I (we) will ensure my child treats all players, coaches, fans and officials with respect.
16. I (we) will encourage improved performance rather than competitive ranking.
17. I (we) will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
18. I (we) will remember that the game is for youth – not adults.
19. If I am asked to leave an event due to my actions. I will do so without comment. If I am escorted out of the event, I understand I will not be allowed to attend CYCA events for one (1) year.

Signature of Parent or Guardian (1)

Signature of Parent or Guardian(2)

Child's Printed Name

Date