

Cathedral Athletic Handbook

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Article 1. Philosophy

Section 1 The Cathedral athletic philosophy is based on the following principles:

Develop character

Develop team spirit, good sportsmanship and fair play

Develop a sense of respect for oneself, others and authority

Develop a good attitude towards a competitive spirit and the desire to win

Develop each child's God given talent

Children, especially in sports, need understanding, acceptance and continual praise. As children grow, they need to be nurtured and encouraged by their parents, coaches and fellow peers. While encouraging sports participation at Cathedral, we must be aware that moral and ethical behavior be at the forefront when emphasizing the value of sportsmanship. Parents, coaches and volunteers must provide the best example of sportsmanship to help our children fully understand what it means.

Article 2. Purpose and Powers

Section 1 The Athletic Director will listen to recommendations which will improve the overall athletic program of the school and is responsible for determining when the implementation of a new program or the cessation of a current program is in order.

Section 2 The Athletic Director is responsible for assuring the Cathedral Athletic Philosophy is at the core of all athletic programs and for mentoring each program's adherence to that philosophy.

Section 3 The Athletic Director shall plan, coordinate, promote, develop, support, and supervise the execution of all the athletic programs to achieve success and sustainability.

Section 4 The Athletic Director is responsible for assuring that all the sports programs are in compliance with Archdiocesan and school policies.

Section 5 The Athletic Director shall be accountable to the School Administration.

Section 6 The Athletic Director will be in charge of all the athletic programs. The Athletic Director shall set disciplinary policies and rule on any action to be taken for violations to these policies.

Section 7 The Athletic director shall handle all budgets and financial disbursements in accordance with each program's individual requirements and according to the Archdiocese of Baltimore fiscal procedures.

Article 3 Athletic Director Duties

Section 1 The Athletic Director Shall

- A. Oversee all sports programs; thus ensuring that they are being effectively and efficiently managed while adhering to the Cathedral athletic Philosophy, Archdiocesan policy and school policy.
- B. Provide for consistency in operation among individual sports programs where applicable.
- C. Preside over budget matters pertaining to all Cathedral sports teams.
- D. Be responsible for proper receipt and accounting of all sports.

- E. Collect and record all registration fees and forward those monies to the finance department.
- F. Be collectively responsible for the overall management of the sports programs supported by the school in accordance with the Cathedral Athletic Philosophy, Archdiocesan policy and school policy.
- G. Develop a budget for each individual sport based on the amount generated from registration fees.
- H. Supervise the registration of players for the various levels of sport participation.
- I. Devise, implement and supervise fair and equitable methods for dividing players into teams.
- J. Provide a list of prospective coaches to the STAND coordinator for STAND compliance verification before coaches are appointed.
- K. Schedule and lead a meeting with coaches at the beginning of the season and schedule additional meetings as necessary.
- L. Secure all necessary Facility Use Permits and coordinate practice time availability for all teams.
- M. Register teams for the appropriate level of league play.
- N. Serve as a liaison between the league and team by reporting scores in a timely manner.
- O. Purchase items necessary to recognize player participation or achievement (trophies, medals or certificates).
- P. Resolve issues or complaints that cannot be handled by coaches.
- Q. Purchase necessary equipment, uniforms and supplies to maintain the standards, safety and integrity of the program.
- R. Maintain the lining of the fields.
- S. Secure a private school schedule for the sports teams.

- T. Hand out and collect uniforms in a timely manner.
- U. Provide referees for all home Cathedral basketball and lacrosse games.

Article 4. Athletics

Section 1 The purpose of Cathedral athletics is to provide and promote recreational activity that will lead to the development of Christian ideals and conduct in the children of our school who participate in our sports.

Section 2 Athletics are defined as any sport in which Cathedral elects to participate on a competitive or non-competitive basis.

Section 3 Children who attend Cathedral School shall be eligible to participate in the sports programs provided they meet the eligibility requirements set forth by the Athletic Director and the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Section 4 Coaches at Cathedral must enjoy working with children, in which the individual child and his/her welfare comes before victory or defeat.

Section 5 Coaches, Assistant Coaches and parent volunteers must complete the STAND certification process required by the Archdiocese of Baltimore before becoming actively involved in the athletic program.

Section 6 Supporters and Spectator Responsibilities: Supporters and spectators of players shall maintain an acceptable standard of behavior

at all athletic events. These individuals are expected to be a positive example of good sportsmanship and source of support for players, coaches and teams; representing Christian values. They shall respect the coach's authority regarding player substitutions, strategy and should refrain from "coaching" from the sidelines. They should be respectful to the officials and other administration at the game. A positive attitude is a must from the beginning of the game to the end of the game.

Section 7 Player Responsibilities: Players shall maintain an acceptable standard of behavior at all athletic events. Players shall play in a positive manner, both physically and verbally, reflecting Christian values, as a representative of the Cathedral Athletic Program. Players shall demonstrate good sportsmanship and show respect for teammates, coaches and opponents; which includes shaking hands after the game. Players will respect all decisions and rulings by the officials. Players shall attend all practices except in the case of illness or family emergency. Known conflicts must be communicated to the head coach as early as possible.

Players are expected to maintain acceptable grades and remain in good disciplinary standing in order to be a participant in any school sports programs. Players who are absent from school may not participate in any after school practices or games. A student who is suspended from school, may not participate in any after school sports until a meeting with the Athletic Director to determine the appropriate consequence.

Section 8 Care and Maintenance of Uniforms and Equipment: All Cathedral teams shall use the school colors and mascot. Cathedral athletic uniforms shall be worn proudly and neatly as a sign of respect

for the school. Coaches and players shall care for all the equipment and uniforms by keeping them in good condition for safe practice and game participation. The Athletic Director will provide uniforms to the students prior to the start of the season.

Cathedral athletic equipment and uniforms are the property of the Cathedral Athletic Program. Coaches and players are responsible for returning the equipment and uniforms issued to them in acceptable condition and in a timely manner after the completion of the season. Any player having outstanding equipment and/or uniform can be denied registration in any subsequent sport until such equipment and/or uniform is returned to the Athletic Director.

Section 9 Registration fees are required at the time of registration for all Cathedral Sports Programs. There will be no refunds once the season has started.

