

Central City & South Bay Athletic League Code of Conduct 2009-2010

If athletics are an extension of the educational process and the Catholic philosophy we support, it is necessary for coaches, players, officials and spectators to make a concerted effort to maintain a decorum that is Christian. It is incumbent on all to act in a way that is reflective of this belief. The athletic field should be an extension of the classroom. I should teach. Primary to this purpose is the fact that learning is present in everything we do. Sportsmanlike behavior is a fundamental skill that must be learned and modeled by all.

A sportsmanlike person is defined as being "one who abides by the rules of the contest and accepts victory or defeat graciously". Athletes will perform as they are taught and expected to perform. Sportsmanlike behavior becomes a habit for all. Consistent instruction, attention and correction of behavior will result in a positive athletic experience. While sportsmanlike behavior is a complicated issue in itself, there are several qualities that educators, coaches, officials, players, and spectators should strive to accomplish:

1. All participants, coaches and spectators must be accountable for their actions; behavior that is not reflective of league philosophy must always be addressed.
2. The coach is always responsible for the behavior of his/her team and spectators.
3. Learning is a matter of experience and to this end the League is dedicated to participation. **Every member of a team has the right to experience the challenge of athletic competition each and every game.**
4. Actions by individuals that call attention to themselves are a distraction from the game and therefore are unacceptable.
5. Respect the privilege of using facilities that have been provided for our use by treating them as we would if they were ours. Be sure to clean the field and spectator areas prior to leaving.
6. **Playing areas are out of limits for spectators who rightfully belong in the stands or in viewing areas apart from the boundaries in and around the field or court.**
7. The young people who enjoy the game deserve our wholehearted commitment to their safety.
8. Abide by the rules of the game and the league in letter and spirit, regardless of what the outcome of the game may be.
9. Always exemplify the highest moral character, behavior, and leadership.
10. Respect the integrity and personality of the athlete – both your team and the opponents.
11. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
12. Always respect the integrity and judgment of the officials; **never bait or taunt an official in any way.**

I have read the League Code of Conduct and agree to its purpose. My signature affixed below is the indication of my acceptance and support. I understand that failure to comply with the 'Code of Conduct' may require game forfeiture and my / our suspension or withdrawal from current or future participation in the League.

Signature

Date

School