

# **PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT**

## **ST. THOMAS AQUINAS GRADE SCHOOL**

As a parent, I acknowledge that I am a role model. I will remember that school athletics are an extension of the classroom, offering learning experiences for the students. I will participate in cheers that support, encourage, and uplift the teams involved. I understand the spirit of fair play and the good sportsmanship expected by our school and the C.Y.A.A. (Catholic Youth Athletic Assoc.) I hereby accept my responsibility to be a model of good sportsmanship that comes with being the parent of a student-athlete.

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that kids participate to have fun and the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage good sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, school administrators, and spectators at every game, practice or event.
5. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
6. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
7. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard and will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
8. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
9. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
10. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.

11. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
12. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
13. I will help my child enjoy the experience by doing whatever I can in assisting the St. Thomas Aquinas sports program as a volunteer.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subjected to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

1. Verbal warning
2. Parental suspension for games
3. Parental season suspension

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Parent /Guardian Printed Name

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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