DIOCESE OF BUFFALO DEPARTMENT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

A-3 Sports Code of Ethics

PARENTS

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for all children participating in youth sports by following this Parents' Code of Ethics.

I will remember my behavior, and that of my child, represents my school and reflect its philosophy.

I will practice and encourage good sportsmanship, effort, and teamwork from players, coaches, officials, and other parents at every game and practice.

I will not place a burden on my child to win games. The purpose of youth sports is to develop physical, mental, and social skills,

I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.

I will never argue with or complain about a referee's call or decision.

I will support efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth sports activities.

I will refrain from being a sideline coach or referee. I will attend games to provide positive support for all players on all teams.

I will support efforts to provide and environment for my child that is free from drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. I will personally refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

I will remember the game is for the players and not for the parents.

I will ask my child to treat ALL players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, gender, creed, or ability.

PLAYERS

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for all children participating in youth sports by following this Players' Code of Ethics.

I will remember to start each game with a prayer and model Christian values throughout any game or practice.

I will remember my behavior, and that of my players, represent my school and reflect its philosophy.

I will practice and encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials, and parents at every game and practice.

I will remember that sports participation is an opportunity to learn and have FUN, not just to please my parents or coach.

I will be on time for every practice and game that I can, and will notify my coach in advance if I cannot.

I will do my very best to listen and learn from my coaches.

I will try to do my best at every practice and game, working hard to improve my skills and self-discipline, and to help my team.

I will never argue with or complain about a referee's call or decision.

I will control my temper and resist the temptation to retaliate if I feel I've been wronged.

I will treat my coaches, other players, officials, and fans with respect regardless of race, gender, creed, or abilities, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.

I will do my very best in school.

I will play using the Laws of the Game.

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I have read and will follow the Sports Code of Ethics.	
Player	Date
Parent/Guardian	Date
Parent/Guardian	Date

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