

Lutheran Athlete League - Code of Ethics

As a Lutheran school, we desire to teach and encourage Christian conduct and sportsmanship among our student-athletes, coaches and fans. To help us achieve that goal, we have developed the following guidelines to help emphasize what we feel to be proper conduct for our student-athletes, coaches and fans:

The Student-Athlete...

- ◆ accepts referees' decisions in a proper manner; does not argue or make non-verbal gestures that indicate disagreement with officials, opponents or fans.
- ◆ treats an opponent as a guest and a friend – as he/she wishes to be treated; appreciates his/her opponent's good play, encourages his/her opponent when he/she makes a mistake.
- ◆ does not use profanity or vulgarity at any time.
- ◆ realizes that he/she is representing the Lord – as well as his/her school and team – reflects this awareness in his/her conduct.
- ◆ win or lose, thanks the Lord for allowing him/her to take part in the contest and keeping him/her safe.

The Parent (Fan)...

- ◆ attends the game to encourage and support all participating student-athletes.
- ◆ shows respect for the judgment of the officials; does not question their calls.
- ◆ recognizes and appreciates outstanding play by either team.
- ◆ does not use profane or obscene language.
- ◆ does not verbally assault others or in any other way is generally obnoxious.
- ◆ is a positive example in setting the tone for those around him/her so that everyone may enjoy the game.
- ◆ shows respect for those who are hosting our school; respects the rules and expectations of the host school.

The Coach...

- ◆ treats each player, opposing coach, parent, and administrator with respect and dignity.
- ◆ uses the game as an avenue to minister to children, parents and fans.
- ◆ knows he/she is an ambassador for Christ, and as such, conducts himself/herself in a proper manner when dealing with student-athletes, parents and fans.
- ◆ maintains self-control at all times. The desire to win must not overcome rational behavior.
- ◆ helps players appreciate the opponent's good performance and encourages opponents who make mistakes.
- ◆ expects good sportsmanship from his/her players.
- ◆ removes players using profanity or showing any kind of disrespect from the game.
- ◆ does not "run up" the score or embarrass his/her opponent in any way.
- ◆ *has received, read and supports the Hope Lutheran Athletic Program handbook. ____ (initial)*

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Role: (Circle One) Student-Athlete Parent/Guardian (Fan) Coach

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