



GENESEE COUNTY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Mission Statement

The Genesee County Catholic Schools Athletic Program is an integral part of the teaching ministry of the Church for students in grades 5-8. Athletics within the Catholic school system are provided for all students of varying abilities and backgrounds. Through participation in athletics it should become apparent that students are growing in the virtues of prudence (good judgment), justice (fairness), temperance (self-control) and fortitude (courage). Student athletes, coaches, and parents work together to build up the Body of Christ at all moments.

Philosophy Statement

The purpose of the GCCS athletic program is to provide an authentic opportunity for students to apply the Gospel of Jesus Christ through competition that emphasizes the development of God given talents and respect for the worth of all of God's creations. The success of GCCS athletic programs will be assessed by virtue that is demonstrated by players, coaches and parents.

- We believe that winning and losing is always secondary formation in the Faith, and should never distract from the formative benefit for all parties engaged in competition.
- We believe that meaningful participation is a matter of respecting the dignity of every student-athlete.
- We believe that every student-athlete deserves an opportunity to learn and improve.
- We believe that parents are always the first and most important teachers of their children and that coaches should lead and instruct as if they were forming and coaching their own children.
- We believe it is a privilege to participate in the GCCS athletic program.
- We believe that when necessary, problem-solving relating to GCCS athletics should be consistent with the Gospel teachings and progressive, beginning with coaches, then AD's, then Principals, Pastors, the Executive Director of the GCCS, and Bishop's delegate.



The GCCS Athletic Release and Hold Harmless Agreement

(Enter your child's name in all blanks below)

As lawful parent or guardian of _____, a minor under Michigan law, I hereby authorize _____, to participate in the Genesee County Catholic Schools Athletic League ("Program"). I, on behalf of said minor, accept full responsibility for any and all injuries, both mental and physical, that may occur to _____ due to such participation and, in connection therewith, I furthermore hold harmless all coaches, officials, person and/or entities associated with the program, and or schools, both volunteer and hired, and the members of the Genesee County Catholic Schools Athletic League ("Program") from any and all liability due to _____'s participation in or association with the program, including, but not limited to, injury, harm, damage, loss or other impediments which may be in any way be connected with or arise from practices, games, travel to and from said events, or any other activity associated with _____'s participation in the Program.

I, on behalf of _____ specifically release all claims for damages, personal injury, wrongful death or injury, including all tort claims, civil claims and statutory claims including claims arising under the Persons with Disabilities Act, state and federal civil rights acts or any other claim that might arise, either known or unknown, from said minor's participation in the program. I specifically understand that this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement is intended to preclude all lawsuits, appeals and claims as described above and I acknowledge that neither I, nor anyone acting on my behalf, will institute such claims on _____'s behalf.

I understand athletic competition can be dangerous and sometimes results in injury and even death. I warrant that I am fully aware of the risks associated with athletics and have reviewed them with _____, and consent to my child undertaking such risks.

_____ Dated: _____
Signature of Parent or Guardian

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian

_____ Dated: _____
Signature of Student



**Genesee County Elementary Schools Athletic Code of Conduct and Expectations
Informed Consent Agreement**

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Sport(s): _____

AS A STUDENT-ATHLETE:

- I have read the mission and philosophy.
- I agree to abide by the athletic mission, philosophy and principles.
- I understand and agree that participation in athletic activities is a privilege and any violations may result in my removal from further participation on any team(s).

Student-Athlete's Pledge: As a student athlete, I know I am a role model. I understand the spirit of fair play while playing hard. I will refrain from engaging in all types of disrespectful behavior, including inappropriate language, taunting, hazing, trash talking, and unnecessary physical contact. I know the behavior expectations of my school. I hereby accept the responsibility and privilege of representing this school and community as a student athlete.

Student-Athlete Signature: _____ Date: _____

AS A COACH/ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:

- I have read the mission and philosophy.
- I agree to abide by the athletic mission, philosophy and principles.
- I understand and agree that participation in athletic activities is a privilege and any violations may result in my removal from further participation.

Coach/AD Pledge: As a coach/AD, I acknowledge that I am a role model. I will remember that school athletics is an extension of the classroom, offering learning experiences for the students. I will show respect for all players, coaches, administrators, spectators, and support groups. This respect includes all communication whether it is verbal, written or email. I will participate in cheers that support, encourage, and uplift the teams involved. I understand the spirit of fair play and that good sportsmanship is expected by our school. I hereby accept my responsibility to be a model of good sportsmanship that comes with being the coach/AD.

Coach Signature: _____ Date: _____ AD signature: _____ Date: _____

AS A PARENT/GUARDIAN:

- I have read the mission and philosophy.
- I agree to abide by the athletic mission, philosophy and principles.
- I understand and agree that participation in athletic activities is a privilege and any violations may result in my child and/or myself to be removed from further participation or involvement on any team(s) or any sport related activities.

Parent's Pledge: As a parent, I acknowledge that I am a role model. I will remember that school athletics is an extension of the classroom, offering learning experiences for the students. I will show respect for all players, coaches, administrators, spectators, and support groups. This respect includes all communication whether it is verbal, written or email. I will participate in cheers that support, encourage, and uplift the teams involved. I understand the spirit of fair play and that good sportsmanship is expected by our school. I hereby accept my responsibility to be a model of good sportsmanship that comes with being the parent of a student athlete.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____