

# **Our Lady of Grace Sports Program**

## **2014-2015 Athletics Code of Conduct**

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The purpose of the following Student Athlete Code of Conduct is to help define appropriate actions and behaviors that support the mission of *Our Lady of Grace's Sports Program*. All participating student athletes and parents should read, understand, and sign these form prior to participation in our sports program.

Remember, sport team participation is a privilege, not a right, and this privilege will be routinely reviewed against the athlete's academic standing.

### **Student Athletes**

- Attendance is very important; not attending practices jeopardizes your play time during the games.
- Once you've reached three (3) un-excused absences, the coach reserves the right to remove you from the team.
- If you're not going to attend practice, you are required to contact your coaches to inform them.
- You must have a passing grade to maintain your status on the team. A failing grade will get you suspended from team play.
- If you get one detention in school you cannot practice or play if game is that day.
- Two detentions you cannot play in the following game.
- Three detentions you are suspended from team play until determined by school officials.
- Late to practices (without previous communication) will result in being sent home. Being sent home will count as a missed practice.
- Behavior in the classroom will affect your participation on the team.
- Act in a Christian way exhibiting good sportsmanship both on and off the court/field. Respect opponents, officials, coaches, teammates, and spectators at all times.
- Welcome your opponents when they arrive and congratulate them sincerely at the end of a competition win or lose.
- Accept both victory and defeat with pride and honor—never be boastful or bitter.
- Maintain good behavior in school and at school events. Remember you represent your school in all you do.
- Use self control.
- Listen and learn from the coach. Work hard to improve skills and help the team.
- Follow all the rules and regulations set by the school, coach and sport.
- Respect the judgment of the officials. Never argue or show disrespect to the officials.

*Please note:* If you've made a commitment to play on the team, you have made a commitment to your school, your teammates and your coach.

### **Parents**

- No Parent or Guardian is permitted in the gym while practice is underway. You may wait in the foyer or return for prompt pick up.
- Encourage good sportsmanship, effort, and teamwork from student athletes, coaches, and spectators.
- Model Christian behavior for all students, spectators, and coaches. Remember you represent your school and your child in the community.
- Respect the judgment of the officials and efforts and strategies of the coaches.
- Remember the athletic experiences are learning opportunities for the players. It is supposed to be fun for the student. Encourage, but don't pressure participation in sports. Make sports part of your child's life, not everything in his life.
- Keep winning in perspective; help your child do the same.
- Help your child meet the responsibilities to the team and coach.
- Place academics as first priority...schoolwork is still the primary task!
- Let the coach guide and instruct your child during competitions and practices.
- Cheer for your team. Acknowledge the efforts and successes of the opponents.

### **Violation of the Code of Conduct**

Failure to exhibit good sportsmanship in keeping with the behavior outlined above may, at the discretion of a coach, referee, official or school administrator, result in ejection from a sporting event and the requirement to leave the immediate area. Any coach, player, parent or spectator ejected from an event will receive a one-game suspension and may not attend the next event. Two ejections of a coach, player, parent or spectator will result in an automatic suspension for the remainder of the school year for ALL athletic activities.

INITIAL HERE: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and agree to OLG's Athletic Code of Conduct

Player \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

REC'D BY: _____
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**PARENT PERMISSION FOR SPORTS PARTICIPATION**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

<p>_____ has my permission to participate in <i>(Player's Name)</i></p> <p>_____ during the school year <b><u>2014/2015</u></b>. He/she <i>(Sport)</i></p> <p>will be expected to attend all scheduled practices and games and abide by OLG's Athletic Code of Conduct.</p>
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In case of an emergency and I cannot be reached, call:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_