

St. Brendan Parish CYO Code of Conduct For Players, Coaches and Parents

Mission Statement:

As an extension of St. Brendan Parish, a Roman Catholic community, St. Brendan CYO exists to supplement the Christian values being taught to the children of St. Brendan parish through participation in sports. Through the giving of our time and talent, we strive to make quality instruction and resources available to every child in the parish. We will strive to provide participants a safe environment so they can learn sportsmanship, build self-confidence and develop respect for themselves, their teammates, opponents, coaches, parents and officials.

I understand that, in order to participate in St. Brendan CYO athletics, I must act in accord with the following guidelines and principles:

Players:

1. I will have fun and accept winning or losing graciously.
2. I will support and encourage my teammates.
3. I will not cast blame on my teammates: we will win or lose together as a team.
4. I will stand up for all my teammates and never allow them to be picked on or bullied.
5. I will treat my opponents with respect, graciously shake their hands after competition and congratulate them on their performance
6. I will respect the judgment of the officials.
7. I will remember at all times that I am a member of a team. I will not place my own self-interest above the interest of the team.
8. I will understand and abide by the rules of the game.

Parents:

1. I will do my best to make CYO sports fun for my child.
2. I will ask my child to treat all teammates with respect. I will **insist** that my child always give positive support to his/her teammates at practice and during games.
3. I will remember that the game is for the children, not the adults.
4. I will respect the judgement of the officials.
5. I will not shout instructions or criticism to the players, coaches or officials. **I will not coach from the stands.**
6. I will make the coach aware of any situation that I feel is dangerous to a child, either physically or emotionally.

Coaches:

1. I will lead my team in prayer before all games.
2. I will endeavor to make practices and games fun for all my players.
3. I will make myself approachable to both players and parents.
4. I will conduct myself in a Christian and professional manner at practice and games.
5. I will give equal playing time to my players and provide them with an equal opportunity to succeed.
6. I will promote good sportsmanship and team unity above winning.
7. I will ensure all players give positive encouragement to each other. I will not allow players to be singled out for blame, or be picked on or bullied for any reason.

Student-Athlete signature / date

Parent signature / date

Coach signature / date

"Sport, because of the wholesome elements it gives value to and exalts, may become more and more a vital instrument for the moral and spiritual elevation of the human person and therefore contribute to the construction of an orderly, peaceful and hardworking society."-- Pope John Paul II