



PRESENTATION BVM CYO

CODE OF CONDUCT

Presentation BVM

ATHLETICS

2007-08

The Presentation CYO program exists for the purpose of providing an opportunity for the youth of Presentation to experience a high quality program of sports. All activities in which our children become involved, enable our youth to experience many important lessons, which will help form their character as they grow into adulthood. The adults involved, whether as volunteers, spectators or coaches, play a critical role in assuring that these experiences are positive and appropriate for our youth.

To this end, the Presentation BVM CYO Board believes that the following standards of behavior for players, parents and coaches are essential to our goals.

Players: Presentation will not tolerate behavior that brings the School, team or game into disrepute. To this end, players must abide by the following minimum standards at all times.

- Participation in any sport involves a commitment to both team and self. When a player is selected for a team, the spot taken is a limited one that is now unavailable to another player. You should not accept a spot on the team unless able to fulfill the commitment for the season. Uniforms are the property of the school and should be returned at the conclusion of the player's participation.
- Regular attendance at practice and matches is critical to both individual and team growth and by accepting a position on a team, the player promises to participate fully in all team activities.
- The player is respectful towards teammates, opponents, coaches, and referees and will conduct himself/herself with honor, dignity, and self-control.
- Players participate for the fun of the game, the challenge, and the chance to show your best. Be gracious when you lose, and generous when you win.
- Accept decisions of coaches and referees with class and dignity.
- All players must maintain a passing average, eligibility will be monitored. Any child under suspension from Presentation BVM school will not be permitted to play until the suspension is removed.

Parents: Presentation believes that the attitude shown by parents toward the coach, the referees, the opposing players and the importance of winning vs. losing are of paramount importance. Inappropriate comments or actions by adults bent on short-term success rather than the long range benefits undermines the essence of competition and introduces stresses which are inappropriate for children.

- Help your player to be at matches and practice on time, properly dressed and ready to play. In large measure, your player's ability to meet his or her commitment to self and team depends on you, and is your commitment as well.
- Encourage your player by word and example. The player is counting on you as his primary teacher in sports and in life!
- Accept the decisions of referees and coaches with style and dignity. Never criticize a referee's integrity, honesty or judgment. They are there to do an honest job, which few others are willing to undertake.
- Applaud good play by all players. Opponents are friends, for without them, your child could not play.
- During the matches, leave the coaching to the coach. Do not shout instructions to your player.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted on the sidelines during CYO activities.

Coaches: Presentation has high standards for the conduct of its coaches. They must be the standard bearers of good sportsmanship and ethical behavior at all times. The School believes that the coach must set and maintain an example for all players and spectators to follow.

- The spirit of the game and its laws are not negotiable. Coaches need to work to create success for the development of players and team by following the rules and their intent.
- Respect towards officials, opponents and players is absolutely required. Coaches must expect to be treated with respect, honor and dignity and must demonstrate the same at all times.
- The conduct of the players is a reflection of the coach. The coach is expected to uphold high standards of sportsmanship for all players, at all times, and remember that the reputation of the School is formed by the behavior of all of its representatives.
- No coach will use profanity in interactions with a player, referee or other person, strike, push or have other similar contact with any player, coach, official or spectator.

<p>Coaches who fail to abide by these expectations will face disciplinary action by game officials and the Board of Directors of the CYO.</p>
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Procedure to Address Complaints:

The CYO has a standing committee to address violations of our Code of Conduct. The link between parent and the Committee is the Sports Coordinator, Pat Donnelly. In the event an issue arises, the following procedure should apply:

- Address the issue with the person directly, either verbally or in writing, within one week of the incident or issue at hand.
- If there is no satisfactory resolution, then the complainant must, within one week and in written form, notify the Board of Directors
- All matters that are directed to the Board will be responded to within one week of the receipt of the complaint.
- Decisions and actions by the Board to address the complaint are final.

BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW, I ACKNOWLEDGE:

I HAVE READ THE 2007-08 PRESENTATION CYO CODE OF CONDUCT,

AND

I AGREE TO CONDUCT MYSELF IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

Player Print Name: _____

Player Signature: _____

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Player Signature: _____

Player Print Name: _____

Player Signature: _____

Parent Print Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Print Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

eMail address: _____