

# *Marquette Catholic High School*

## Athletic Code

Welcome! We are happy that you have chosen to be a part of Marquette Catholic High School Athletics. We hope this will help you understand and answer any questions concerning the rules and expectations of our athletes. Participation in athletics is a privilege, not a right, at Marquette Catholic and we believe that it helps create a sense of school pride and responsibility that comes with wearing a Blazer uniform.

### Sportsmanship

Sportsmanship shown by everyone involved in athletics is perhaps the greatest sign of the Christian mission of Marquette Catholic. We believe that it is the responsibility of all of our coaches, athletes, student body, parents and fans to uphold the highest of standards of sportsmanship before, during and after an athletic contest. We need to show respect for our teammates, opponents and officials at all times. Maintaining self-control in respect to our emotions and our language is of the utmost importance to the image of our Christian faith. Supporting our school by cheering for the “Blazers”, not against our opponents and trying to be positive in our words and actions is a direct reflection of Marquette Catholic. As parents of our athletes and students, you are the role model that children will follow. We ask your help in making us all proud of Marquette Catholic both on the field of play and in the stands.

### Eligibility

We must all understand that the main objective of our school is to give our children a solid Catholic Education. To participate in sports at Marquette Catholic High School you must be passing all of your classes. If you are failing one class, you will be allowed to practice, but not be allowed to play in any of the contests that are scheduled until the next grading period or progress report. Also, a tutor will be assigned by the National Honor Society to help the student raise their grade up to a passing mark. This tutor is required and not an option for the athlete. If the student/athlete is failing more than one class, they will be assigned a tutor, but will not be allowed to play or practice until the marks are passing at the next grading period or progress report.

Daily attendance at school is expected. Athletes must have attended class all day on the day of the contests in order to participate in the event. Approved field trips or school activities constitute attending school. Any exemptions (funeral, dental, doctor) must be approved by the Athletic Director or Principal. If the exception is not approved the student/athlete WILL NOT PLAY. Remember, athletics is always secondary to the education of your son or daughter.

The Athletic Director, Coaches and School Administration can also suspend an athlete if it is determined that they have not behaved up to the standards that are expected of everyone attending Marquette Catholic. This can be for various discipline related activities that go on both in and out of school.

The IHSAA and Marquette Catholic both require that a Pre-Participation Physical Examination be completed before being allowed to practice for their sport. Also required is completion of the final page of the physical form, which is the Consent and Release form. If both of these forms are not on file with the Athletic Director your child can not practice or play.

Drugs and alcohol are a growing problem among teens in the schools all across the country. We at Marquette Catholic expect our athletes to be of sound mind and body. Substance abuse on the “Blazer” teams will not be tolerated. A violation is deemed to have occurred when an employee of the school, a law enforcement agency, or the athlete themselves confirms possession or consumption of tobacco, alcohol, steroids, or other illegal drugs. If there is a just cause for an investigation, the school will follow up and solve any violation reports in a quick and timely fashion.

## Violation Penalties

We must all remember why are students are enrolled at Marquette Catholic High School. It is to become a well rounded Christian with a solid education. We must make sure that our children are held responsible for their actions. Our children will be held responsible for their actions and suffer the penalties that come along with it. When an infraction has occurred, a meeting with the athlete, parents, and Athletic Director will be arranged in a timely manner to discuss the infraction. After the meeting, school administration will make the final ruling on the infraction.

First Offense for a major violation will result in a two week suspension from participating in all contests. The suspension begins from the day of the meeting, not the infraction. He/she is expected to practice with the team during the time frame of the suspension. Following the two weeks, a follow up meeting with the parents, coach and Athletic Director will be held to deem if the athlete has earned their place back on the team.

The Second Offense will result in the same meeting as the previous Offense. The Athlete will be suspended for four weeks and must enroll and complete an appropriate school recognized substance abuse program approve by the Guidance Office at Marquette Catholic before eligibility is considered. Another meeting will take place to consider if the athlete can become part of the team again.

The Third Offense in the same academic year will result in suspension from any athletic program at Marquette Catholic for a period of one calendar year.

## Parent/Coach Communication

We are very pleased that your student has chosen to become part of the Marquette Catholic Athletic Family. As in all families, there are things that we do not always agree on. The line of communication between everyone involved is the key to a successful relationship. Do not allow a small problem to become a large problem because we fail to talk about it. We all need to work together to solve our problems. Coaches are put in a tough position because everyone has eyes for their children, while the coach has eyes for the team. Our coaches will listen and discuss any of the problems you or your child feel need to be addressed. Remember that communication is a two-way street and everyone must listen and hear both sides.

Coaches should let the players and family members know what is expected from the athlete and the parent. They will also inform your child of the time, place and length of all practices and contests. Also, each coach will have a parent meeting to discuss their specific rules and regulations. There are situations that may require a conference between parent and coach. It is imperative that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the others position. Parents and athletes need to follow the correct chain of command when a problem arises. The first step is to talk with the coach directly and try to solve the problem. Please do not approach a coach before or after a contest. These can be emotional times for both parents and coaches. Meetings need to be set so a calm and reasonable discussion can occur. If this does not meet a satisfactory conclusion, the Athletic Director should be contacted. As a final step, the Principal should only be contacted after talking with the first two mentioned above.

## *Marquette Catholic High School* Parent/Student Agreement

I, (parent), \_\_\_\_\_ have read and agree with the Marquette Catholic High School Athletic Code. We understand that a high level of accountability is required to be a member of the Marquette Catholic High School athletic department and are willing to accept the responsibility of the athletic code.

Sign Name (Parent) \_\_\_\_\_

I, (student), \_\_\_\_\_ have read and agree with the Marquette catholic athletic code. We understand that a high level of accountability is required to be a member of the Marquette Catholic High School Athletic Department and are willing to accept the responsibility of the athletic code.

Sign Name (Student) \_\_\_\_\_

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