

Sts. Bruno & Richard Sports Program 2024-2025

Student/Athlete Rules

Students who choose to participate in the athletic program at Sts. Bruno & Richard School are representing the school and parish at all times and are expected to act in a manner that reflects favorably upon the school and upon themselves. This expectation is not limited to the sports field or court, but should be evident at school, in the community and at other schools, as well as before, during, and after the game.

1. Every student/athlete, whether they attend Sts. Bruno & Richard School or our Religious Education program, will have to abide by the **Sts. Bruno & Richard School Academic eligibility policy**. This policy has been set by the principal and is as follows:

A) At the first grading period, each student/athlete must have obtained a cumulative average of 75% for all of his/her classes. If a student/athlete's cumulative average is below this 75% mark, the principal will inform the student and the coach that this student/athlete is ineligible to participate in practices or games.

B) A student/athlete who has met the first grading period academic policy cannot be ineligible until the second grading period.

C) A student/athlete who has not met the first grading period academic policy is ineligible to participate in the sports program. The student/athlete's progress report will be periodically reviewed by the principal, at which time if a student/athlete's grades have improved enough in his/her studies then he/she may resume playing in games. The principal will inform the student and the coach if the student/athlete remains ineligible or regains eligibility to participate in games.

D) The academic policy will follow throughout the school year especially if a student/athlete participates in both fall/winter and spring sports. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE, AS THE ATHLETE'S ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER THE STUDENT'S ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE.**

2. If a Religious Education Program student joins a sports team, the coach for that team will be required to notify the Director of Religious Education that the student is playing on the team and verify that the student/athlete is in attendance. The Director of Religious Education will monitor the grade average of these students. A student/athlete who has not met the first grading period academic policy is ineligible to participate in the sports program. The student/athlete's progress report will be periodically reviewed by the Director of Religious Education, at which time if a student/athlete's grades have improved enough in his/her studies then he/she may resume playing in games. The Director of Religious Education, will inform the student and the coach if the student/athlete remains ineligible or regains eligibility to participate in games.

3. Each student/athlete is to attend all practice and games scheduled by the coaches. Exceptions include illness, injury, family commitments, etc. **If a student is absent from school, they are not able to play in the game or practice.** If one of these exceptions is met the student/athlete will be required to call a coach from his/her team to inform him/her that

he/she is going to miss a practice or a game. If the student/athlete fails to contact a coach before or on the day of a practice or game, he/she will automatically be marked absent from a practice or game without an excuse. **Missing a practice or game without an excuse will automatically make the student/athlete ineligible to play in the next scheduled game.** There will not be any exception to this rule. Homework will not be an exception to this rule because the student/athlete has to be responsible for budgeting his/her time as to be able to make practices and games.

3. Each student/athlete is to give his/her 100% attention and respect to his/her coaches during all practice and games. There will be no toleration of disruptive behavior, physical gestures, arriving late to practice, or the use of vulgar language during any practice or game.

4. If a student/athlete is disrupting practice to an uncontrollable extent the coach may dismiss him/her from practice. A dismissal from practice will be counted as a missed practice and the student/athlete will miss the next game

5. A student/athlete is to respect his/her teammates by showing positive reinforcement towards each other. There will be no negative behavior shown toward coaches and teammates. REMEMBER, WE AS INDIVIDUALS FORM A TEAM TO ACCOMPLISH THE SAME GOALS - TO APPLY OUR ABILITIES AND EFFORTS TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE.

6. Any student who makes the decision to quit a sport or is dismissed will be ineligible to receive the award for that sport.

7. All student/athletes are to show sportsmanship and respect towards our opponents, opponent's coaches, opponent's fans, and the officials of a game. If a student/athlete provokes a fight against an opponent, gets a technical foul from an official, or is disqualified for disciplinary reasons, he/she will be suspended from participating in the remainder of the game, and the next game. REMEMBER! HAVING FUN AND PRACTICING SPORTSMANSHIP MAKES US WINNERS. WE ALL MUST LEARN TO WIN AND LOSE GRACIOUSLY.

8. All student/athletes must have on file an up to date and complete medical questionnaire. It is the responsibility of the student/athlete to provide this information prior to the beginning of the season. Any student/athlete who does not provide this **completed and signed** form will not be allowed to participate in any practices or games.

9. Any student/athlete who knowingly and willfully damages any property or equipment will be immediately suspended from any and all participation in the Sts. Bruno & Richard Sports Program. The student/athlete and his/her parents must appear before the Sports Board to arrange for restitution and/or sanctions before any consideration for reinstatement will be entertained.

10. Proper gym attire is required at all times. Inappropriate dress will not be allowed. Sts. Bruno & Richard Sports Program reserves the right to set and enforce a dress code. Student/athletes are required to wear their full, authorized uniform when participating in any sanctioned games. **For all activities, Sts. Bruno & Richard Parish student/athletes must bring with them gym shoes that they can change into before they begin their activities.**

11. St. Richard Parish/Sports Program reserves the right to ask anyone to leave the premises for any reason. Those who refuse to leave will be turned over to the police.
12. Any student/athlete who has not paid their required fees and/or met their fundraising requirements, will not be allowed to participate in any Sports Program activities until those fees and/or requirements are met,
13. **Students will not be allowed to participate in any Sts. Bruno & Richard athletic programs if their family has an outstanding tuition balance more than 30 days past due.**
14. Any student/athlete who is found in possession of drugs, alcohol or weapons will be immediately removed from the Sports Program and will be turned over to the proper authorities.
15. Any student-athlete who threatens or inflicts bodily harm to others, or physical damage to property, defacing property with inappropriate images or gang symbols, gang affiliations, or any other behavior and actions in complete disregard of student-athlete conduct and rules, will be removed from the team and may face disciplinary actions that may affect his/her enrollment in our school.

Sts. Bruno & Richard Sports Program 2024-2025

Parent and Guardian Rules

1. Parents play an important role in the success of the student/athlete as well as the success of the team. Parents are expected to make themselves familiar with all Sports Program rules, regulations, and requirements, and the expectations of their child's participation in the Sports Program.
2. Parents understand that enrolling a child in a sports program means a commitment that the child plays according to all rules and all locations at which their team is scheduled to play. Full participation in all aspects of the program, e.g. driving student/athletes to "away games" or tournaments that are a good distance from the school, tournament participation during the holidays, etc. is expected. If parents cannot make such a commitment, they should be encouraged not to enroll their children in the sports program.
3. Parents are expected to support and encourage the efforts of their student/athlete. Attending games and cheering for the team is a wonderful show of support, however parents are always reminded to act in a responsible manner and show good Christian sportsmanship. Parents should not attempt to instruct or direct the play of an athlete or of the team. Questioning, criticizing or berating the coach, referees or any other official is inappropriate behavior.
4. A parent unable to maintain a standard of acceptable behavior during practice, a game or tournament can and will be asked to leave.
5. Parents are also expected to contribute their time and service in support of the team and the athletic program. Because the Sports Program is a volunteer program, it is dependent upon everyone's help and support to maintain a high level of quality and success. Parent's may be asked to assist as scorekeepers, time keepers, ticket takers, help with set up and/or clean up etc. They are also required to help with and support all fundraising activities of the Sports Program and Parish.
6. Parents are responsible for the transportation of their children to and from all games and practices. All volunteer drivers must have on file with the Sports Program a Volunteer Drivers Statement. The Sts. Bruno & Richard Sports Program is not responsible for driving the student/athlete to and from the games and practices.
7. Parents are responsible for assisting the student/athlete with the maintenance of his/her uniform and sports equipment.

8. Parents are responsible for communicating with the coach and/or a representative of the Sports Board on matters of concern. This must be done at an appropriate time - not immediately before, during or after a game or practice.
9. If a parent/guardian has a complaint with a coach from their son's/daughter's sport, we ask that you try and resolve it among the parties involved. Hopefully, we can resolve a problem with civil obedience and bring harmony to the teams. If a problem is reoccurring and severe enough to be brought up over and over again, we will then bring it up to the Sports Board, so that the matter can be resolved as soon as possible.
10. Sts. Bruno & Richard Sports Program reserves the right to ask anyone to leave the premises for any reason. Those who refuse to leave will be turned over to the police.
11. Any parent who is found in possession of drugs, alcohol or weapons will be turned over to the proper authorities.
12. Parents are responsible for the behavior of their student-athlete and will be held liable in the event of damage to school and parish property, violence and/or physical harm to others, the use or possession of weapons on school grounds and/or other facilities used by the athlete, and threats or affiliations to gang and gang activity.

RESPONSIBILITIES & EXPECTATIONS FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Parental support is valued and encouraged. Parents/guardians and spectators must conduct themselves in an appropriate manner and act as positive role models for all participants. The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when parents reflect these 'six pillars of character.' Therefore, it is critical for parents/guardians to display the following behaviors:

- » Trust in their child's ability to have fun as well as to perform and achieve excellence on their own
- » Help their child to learn the right lessons from winning and losing and from individual accomplishments and mistakes
- » Respect their child's coaches, teammates and fellow parents as well as the players, parents, and coaches from opposing teams
- » Give only encouragement and applaud positive accomplishments, whether for their child, his/her teammates, their opponents or the officials » Show respect towards all officials and their decisions
- » Never coach their child or other players during games and practices, unless they are one of the official coaches of the team

These six pillars of character should be thoroughly explained to every parent/guardian in the program. In addition, the mission/philosophy statements of the athletic program should be communicated to the parents as well as all expectations of their child's participation in the program. It is reasonable to expect parents/guardians to attend a mandatory pre-season orientation session as a means of fostering continuity and consistency between parents, administrators, coaches, and student-athletes. Below is a detailed list of major responsibilities and behaviors that all parents/guardians MUST adhere to:

Commit to the Demands of the Sport: It is important for parents/guardians to understand that participation in an interscholastic athletic program is a significant commitment. This commitment includes adhering to all school and league policies, attending every game at all locations at which their team is scheduled to play, driving student athletes to "away games" or tournaments that are a good distance from the school, and participating in tournaments during the holidays. If parents/guardians cannot make such a commitment, they should be encouraged to not enroll their child in the sports program.

Act in Accordance with Catholic Values: Parents/guardians are expected to support and encourage their child's efforts. All comments from the stands should be supportive of the team's efforts. No negative comments and criticisms should ever be directed towards student-athletes. In addition, public criticisms directed towards the coaches, the athletic director, and the school administration are absolutely unacceptable. In addition, it is expected that parents/guardians act as role models for their children by putting wins and losses in their proper perspective. Let the Coaches Coach and the Referees Ref Parents/guardians should make no attempt to instruct players or the team from the stands. In addition, questioning, criticizing, or berating the coach and/or the referees does not set a good example for the young athletes involved in the contest. It is up to the Athletic Director and/or the School Administration to help parents/guardians realize that they will be asked to leave a game if they are not able to maintain a standard of acceptable behavior.

Volunteer their Time: Parents/guardians may be expected to contribute their time and service in support of the team and the interscholastic athletic program. A viable volunteer program is dependent upon everyone's willingness to maintain a high level of quality and success. Parents/guardians may be asked to assist as scorekeepers, timekeepers, ticket or money takers, refreshment sellers, crowd control monitors, or to help with set-up or clean-up. When appropriate, parents/guardians may be asked to serve as team liaisons and assist with phone calls or provide a schedule to see that all tasks are filled and rotated in an equitable manner. In addition, parents/guardians may also be asked to help with and support fund-raising. Any expectation that is mandatory must be clearly stated before the season begins.

Provide Transportation to and from Games: In most cases, parents/guardians are expected to provide transportation for their children to and from games and practices. Coaches are not covered with liability insurance for chauffeur service. Therefore, they are not allowed to transport athletes at any time.

Engage in Respectful Communication: Parents/guardians should communicate directly with the coach, athletic director, and/or the athletic board/committee on matters of concern. They must do so at appropriate times, and not immediately before, during, or after a game. While it is a given that parents/guardians act as advocates for their own child, it is important for parents/guardians to understand that coaches, athletic directors, and school administrators make decisions that benefit the group, not the individual. Sometimes decisions that benefit the group conflict with individual needs and desires, but such is the reality of being a member of a team. Under no circumstances should parents/guardians be verbally abusive towards coaches, athletic directors, and school administrators. Parents/guardians must be respectful with their tones of voice, as well as thoughtful with the words they choose to use.

Support the Program: Under no circumstances may parents of student-athletes publically criticize school coaches, the athletic director and/or the athletic board. All matters of concern regarding any aspect of the athletic program must be expressed directly to the coach and/or athletic director/athletic committee.

Pay all Necessary Fees and be in Good Financial Standing with the School: Parents/guardians may be asked to make the school fees and tuition account current as a condition of student participation in the athletic program. It is important for parents/guardians to realize the amount of time and effort it takes to run effective and efficient interscholastic athletic programs. The level of commitment that coaches, athletic directors, and school administrators put forth demands the respect of all parents involved. Parents/guardians who cannot adhere to a reasonable level of respectful behavior and expectations should have their privileges of attending games revoked. In addition, under no circumstance should parents/guardians sit in and around the bench area or speak with their child during games. Parents/guardians do not have these rights and privileges unless they are asked to serve as an official volunteer coach.

SPORTS PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

School Name: **Sts. Bruno & Richard School**

School Year: 2024-2025

The purpose of the following Sports Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct is to help define appropriate parental/guardian actions that support the mission of the athletic program. Parents/guardians should read, understand, and sign this form prior to participation.

Any parent/guardian who does not follow the guidelines below will be asked to leave the sports facility and be suspended from the privilege of attending games.

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these pillars of character.

As a parent/guardian, I therefore agree to the following:

- 1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.**
- 2. I will remember that the game is for the youth, not adults.**
- 3. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.**
- 4. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy towards all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at all games and practices.**
- 5. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct -booing, taunting, profane language or gestures or any other form of harassment towards any official, coach, player or parent.**
- 6. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.**
- 7. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.**
- 8. I will teach my child to treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect and to respect the officials and their authority during games.**
- 9. I will teach my child the importance of hustle, playing fairly, and doing one's best and I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.**
- 10. I will emphasize the importance of skill development over winning and losing.**
- 11. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my own child.**
- 12. I will respect the coaches for the time they donate, and I will never publicly confront, question, or criticize them.**
- 13. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.**
- 14. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches for the team.**

Athlete's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

CATHOLIC BISHOP OF CHICAGO, A CORPORATION SOLE

Child/Minor Acknowledgement Form

Child/Minor/Ward Name:	Parents/Guardian Name:
Address:	
Home Telephone: ()	Work Telephone: ()

Program:_(ex.Varsity Basketball)_____Program's Date(s):2024-2025 season

The Catholic Bishop of Chicago (CBC) and Sts. Bruno & Richard School and Parish are committed to conducting programs and activities in the safer manner possible and holds the safety of participants in the highest regard. Participants and parents registering their child in these programs must recognize there is an inherent risk of injury when choosing to participate in these activities including athletics. The CBC and Parish insist participants follow safety rules and instructions designed to protect the safety of the participants and attendees.

Please recognize the CBC and the School does not carry medical accident insurance for injuries sustained in its programs. The cost would make program fees prohibitive. Each person registering themselves or a family member for a recreation program/activity should review their own health insurance policy for coverage. The absence of health insurance coverage does not make CBC or the Parish responsible for the payment of medical expenses.

I recognize and acknowledge there are risks of physical injury and I agree to assume the full risk of any injuries, (including death), damages, or loss which o or my minor child/ward may sustain as a result of participating in activities connected with this program. I am responsible for the transportation of my child/ward to and from the event(s). The use of my personal automobile to transport participants or attendees is not sanctioned by the CBC and Parish and is my voluntary undertaking. While using my personal vehicle to and from parish/school activities, I acknowledge my automobile insurance is primary; I understand and will comply with the rules and regulations of the Illinois Motor Vehicle Code; I understand and will comply with other Federal, State and local laws; during the vent(s) and to and from event(s) I will not engage in any inappropriate behavior or activity and doing so will be my personal responsibility.

On behalf of myself or child/ward, I will indemnify the Catholic Bishop of Chicago, a Corporation Sole and the parish from claims resulting from injuries, (including death), damages and losses sustained by me or my minor/ward or arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with the activities of the program.

In the event of any emergency, I authorize the CBC or parish officials to secure from any hospital, physician, and/or medical personnel any treatment deemed necessary for my minor child's immediate care and agree I will be responsible for payment of any and all medical services rendered. I have read and fully understand the above program details.

Athlete's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date:_____

STUDENT ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

The purpose of the following Student Athlete Code of Conduct is to help define appropriate actions and behaviors that support the mission of the athletic program. All participating student athletes should read, understand, and sign this form prior to participation.

Any student athlete who does not follow the guidelines below may be suspended or expelled from the athletic program.

As a student-athlete, I therefore agree to the following:

1. I will play the game and abide by the rules.
2. I will be generous in winning and graceful in losing.
3. I will display good sportsmanship and respect towards all opponents.
4. I will work for the good of the team.
5. I will accept the decisions of the officials gracefully.
6. I will conduct myself at all times with honor and dignity. This includes during and after school, games, practices, and trips to other schools and facilities.
7. I will recognize, applaud, and encourage the efforts of my teammates and opponents.
8. I will show respect for my coaches.
9. I will show respect towards fans and personnel from other schools.

Athlete's Name _____ Grade: _____

Athlete's Signature _____ Date _____

School Name: **Sts. Bruno & Richard School** Academic Year: 2024-2025