

CHRIST THE KING SPORTS HANDBOOK 2009/10

CTK athletic competition is a means of training our young parishioners to enjoy healthy sports, but in the end that, win or lose, they learn to respect themselves, coaches, opponents, officials and spectators.

Our sports program is an outlet for the student's skills with its basis being a means of enjoyable leisure time pursuits. We believe winning or losing is only incidental in the training for adult life ahead.

We are a Catholic parish, therein lies our Catholic sport program. We teach and encourage Catholic-Christian values and ideals. The program is open to any child who is registered in either our school or school of religion (CCD). As such, they represent the Parish of Christ the King, either here or away at other schools.

With this in mind, we set the following policies:

1. To run a successful program, we need the support and help of the parents. Each parent is required to volunteer some time helping with the home games. You will serve either in the kitchen, at the door collecting money, stage or hall monitoring, or doing the clock or the scorebook.
2. The utmost principle of the program is the teaching of the fundamentals of the game.
3. The players are a part of a larger team: we are trying to develop a "team mentality". There are no stars on our teams. All participants are treated fairly.
4. The players are students first. Players are taught: God, Family, School, Basketball... athletics always being the last priority. Report cards are reviewed by the school in collaboration with the principal and the teacher. If the student is not fulfilling his/her role as a student to the *best of their ability*, not only in academics but in attitude as well, the student will be suspended from three games and practices for a period of not less than 2 weeks.
5. If a student receives a grade below B in the conduct portion of their report card, the above penalties apply.
6. We are in recognized leagues that are very competitive. There is no guarantee of equal playing time in a game. We have entered the leagues hoping that the competition is healthy and will bring out the best in our players not only in sports, but more importantly, in sportsmanship.
7. Practices are more important than games. The practices dictate to the coach how much the player pays attention, understands and performs. Their attitude, conduct, being on time and effort at the practices determines playing time in a game.
8. If the student is absent from school or leaves early for illness, they are not allowed to attend practice or participate in a game/event that day.
9. We have full confidence in our coaches: they are very dedicated people who know what they are doing. They spend a lot of time and energy with our students and away from their own families. The season begins in October and goes through March, with an average of 3-4 hours weekly of practice times, not to mention the games and the traveling involved. Their coaching styles may differ, but they always have the best interest of our children in mind. Remember, **our coaches volunteer** and are not paid.

10. The players are told in the first practice that they are the ones who should speak to the coach if there is a problem or difficulty, why they missed practice, etc. It is **their** responsibility to communicate with the coaches, not their parents. Just as coaches should communicate to players changes to schedules or practice times, players should also inform coaches when they'll be absent from games or practices.
11. If a parent needs to talk to a coach, please do so before/after practices or arrange a meeting with a coach individually. Coaches should not be "confronted" by a parent before, during or after games. If, after discussing a concern with a coach, the concern continues to exist, it should be brought to the attention of the Sports Committee.
12. There is not enough available gym time to field more teams. We presently utilize other gyms (e.g. Ps16 & Riverside) in addition to our own. Also our gym is small (only 2 baskets) and practice can at times, be limited to the drills in which all the players can participate.
13. Since our space is limited and we have many spectators at games, the gym is chaotic at times. To help reduce this situation, **spectators should not bring basketballs to games.**
14. Leagues rules state that no spectator is allowed to touch or even talk to an official during games. Any misconduct, disrespect to an official, another coach, spectator, misuse or damage to the property, or any unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated or excused; violators will be requested to leave the property. **If an adult is asked to leave, their child must go with them.**
15. Parents are fully responsible for the safety and well being of their own children during the time spent at all games. Children are not permitted on the stage or in the hallway unsupervised. Also, any student in the 5th grade or under must be accompanied by a parent at all games.
16. Do not use the driveway between the rectory and the school, use NBWAY and the big parking lot to park. Please come into the gym to make sure 2 coaches/adults are there, do not assume.
17. Parents cannot attend practices. We may need parents to stay as monitors if there is only one coach so we can comply with the safety environment rules, we ask that the parent stay in the hallway and assist the coach if needed. We cannot hold practice unless we have this so you may be called upon to do your share when necessary.
18. Please help out during the setup and breakdown of the gym. When you come into the gym and chair/tables need to be setup, please help out as much as possible, do not leave it just to those who are scheduled. If everyone pitches in it takes 10 minutes.
19. Kitchen/Door Duty- a schedule is created in the beginning of the year. If you cannot make your scheduled time, it is your responsibility to get a replacement. Your child will be in jeopardy of his playing time if there is no parent cooperation.

LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT SEASON! GO CTK ROYALS.