



Bishop Neumann Catholic High School

Sportsmanship Overview

As the Bishop Neumann family moves into another exciting year of Cavalier sports, we wanted to give everyone a reminder of how important it is for our parents, fans and students to exemplify good sportsmanship and to be good and supportive role models for our young athletes.

Good sportsmanship, whether a by student, fan or a parent, is identified by living our Catholic faith before, during and after sporting events. This includes:

- + Encouraging our students to perform their best in athletics, just as we would urge them on with their classwork, knowing that others will always turn in better or lesser performances;
- + Participating in positive cheers that encourage our athletes; and discouraging any cheer that is negative;
- + Respecting the rules of the contest and the officials who administer them and their decisions;
- + Respecting the task our coaches face as teachers; and supporting them as they strive to educate our youth;
- + Respecting our opponents as students and young athletes, and acknowledging them for striving to do their best;
- + Developing a sense of dignity under all circumstances.

We can have a positive influence on our young athlete's attitudes about athletics and sportsmanship. The leadership role you take in sportsmanship will help influence our students and our community, for years to come.

Please join the staff and faculty at Bishop Neumann High School in committing to being great Catholic role models for our young athletes by encouraging them to do their best, to enjoy their sport and to live their Catholic faith, on and off the athletic field, the court and the mat.

Go Cavs!



Bishop Neumann High School Athletics Parent Meeting Overview

PARENT/COACH RELATIONSHIP

1. Coaching and parenting are both very exciting and challenging.
2. It is important for parents to know the main concern of the coach is the entire team and the coach needs to recognize the main concern of the parents is their son/daughter.
3. Coaches may make mistakes throughout the year, but they are never to act in a way that is meant to intentionally hurt your son/daughter.

COMMUNICATION YOU SHOULD EXPECT FROM THE COACH

1. Philosophy of the program.
2. Communication of practice times, game times, lifting schedules and team functions.
3. Special requirements for participation – additional fee's, special equipment, extra conditioning.
4. Procedure should your son/daughter become injured.
5. Discipline policies that may result in suspension from contest(s) or dismissal from the team.
6. Lettering requirements.

COMMUNICATION THE COACH EXPECTS FROM PARENTS

1. Go the coach if you have any questions or concerns.
2. Notify the coach of any schedule conflicts with games or practices well in advance.
3. Concerns you may have about the program's philosophy and expectations.

APPROPRIATE ISSUES TO DISCUSS WITH THE COACH

1. Ways for son/daughter to improve their skills.
2. The treatment of your son/daughter.
3. Concerns about your son/daughter's behavior.

ISSUES LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE COACH

1. Son/daughter's playing time.
2. The position your son/daughter plays.
3. What level they will compete on – Varsity, JV, Freshmen
4. Who the starters are and why they start.
5. Confidentiality issues about other players.
6. Game strategies and play calling.

PROCEDURE TO TALK TO THE COACH

1. Call or email the coach and set up an appointment.
2. Do not confront a coach immediately after a game or practice.
3. Talk face to face with the coach rather than over the phone or by email when discussing the problem.
4. Do not get your son/daughter in the middle of the problem.
5. If you feel the issue is not resolved contact the Athletic Director for a meeting with all parties.
6. The final step if needed is to include the Administration.