

# **CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BEAUMONT SPORTS LEAGUE**

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## **Policies and Regulations**

Diocese of Beaumont Sports League (DBSL)

### **Purpose**

To promote Christian values and qualities of good sportsmanship, leadership, and citizenship through the medium of organized sports and scholastic competition for both boys and girls.

### **Membership**

- Open to all Catholic schools in the Diocese of Beaumont
- Membership of other church related or non-public schools must be approved by the current membership
- Membership schools must provide directory information to the Diocesan Office of Catholic Schools. Should include Principal, Athletic Director, coaches, school name, address, and Athletic Director's phone numbers.
- School membership fee is decided upon annually and will be billed by the office of Finance, Diocese of Beaumont
- **All member schools shall agree to abide by all rules and guidelines**

### **Dues**

- The annual dues for each participating school is **\$100**
- Each school will be billed by the Diocese of Beaumont in September

### **Code of Participation for Players, Coaches, Parents and Spectators**

As members of the *Diocese of Beaumont Sports League*, we believe that every league activity must teach our players and spectators the following:



- Become a reasonable and contributing member of our school in the attainment of a common goal
  - Overcome all barriers in achieving full potential and excellence in performance
  - Earn the respect and appreciation of other teammates, opponents, officials, coaches, or spectators by the manner in which we participate
- Keep these competitive activities in proper perspective

Athletics are an integral part of our educational program. The purpose of competition is directly related to developing personal talents rather than degrading the talents of others.

We expect our parents and students to respect the campus of the opposing schools. Students guilty of vandalism, either during or after the athletic contest, are liable to expulsion.

Signs and posters used for athletic events must reflect good sportsmanship and must be approved by the school administration. Students are to refrain from booing a penalty or directing abusive remarks to individual players, teams, or officials. They are to remain quiet during basketball free throws and serving during volleyball and are to respect the name, colors, and insignia of the other team. Noisemakers are not permitted at basketball games or any other athletic events. This includes whistles, horns, etc.

We demand honest and truthful reporting for all individual athletic events (golf).

**Students are to use the following guidelines when attending athletic events:**

- Remember at all times that they represent \_\_\_\_\_ school as much as the team does; the reputation of the school depends on each student's behavior as well as on the behavior of the team and coaches
- Respond with enthusiasm to the efforts of the cheerleaders
- Student support is always a major factor in a team's desire to win
- Try to know the rules of the various athletic contests
- Be considerate of the injured on both sides. Express appreciation for exhibitions of fine play or sportsmanship by players from either team. Be respectful of individual talent and ability.
- Join in singing the school song



## School Eligibility Procedure

- **Written Consent:** Each student who wishes to participate in any sport must provide a complete statement of consent signed by a parent/guardian
- **Physical Examination:** Each student who wishes to participate in an interscholastic athletic competition **MUST** provide evidence of having been given a “yearly” physical examination by a physician
- **Athletic Insurance:** All students competing in interscholastic sports must provide evidence that they are covered by primary health insurance that covers accidents
- **Diocese of Beaumont has an accidental injury policy during school sponsored activities. It is a secondary policy.**
- **Age / Grade Eligibility:** Each student who wishes to participate in any sport must not exceed the age requirements:

\* 5<sup>th</sup> grade student cannot be the age of 12 before Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>

\* 6<sup>th</sup> grade student cannot be the age of 13 before Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>

\* 7<sup>th</sup> grade student cannot be the age of 14 before Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>

\* 8<sup>th</sup> grade student cannot be the age of 15 before Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>

## Academic Requirements for all Sports Programs: Boys and Girls

In an effort to increase motivation and maintain academic success, all students whose last semester average is **75** or above will be allowed to participate in tryouts. This is because sports programs often require a time commitment that, for some students, is needed to maintain satisfactory progress. The parent of a student participating in sports must be diligent about monitoring his/her child's progress. If it appears a student is at risk of losing eligibility, arrangements should be made for tutoring and/or a conference should be requested with the teacher and coach.

## Eligibility at Progress Report Time

**Grades will be checked at report card time.**

- Students may become eligible at progress report time if they were ineligible at report card time. (Students must have a **75** in all subjects)
- **Schools MUST provide a written policy for student conduct, which shows eligibility for athletes (Please submit to the President of the League by August 15<sup>th</sup> )**



- Progress reports serve as a warning that a student needs to work harder if he/she is to be eligible at report card time. Parents and coaches will closely monitor progress reports.

## **Eligibility at Report Card Time**

Students must have an average of 75 or better in each subject

- **Schools MUST provide a written policy for student conduct, which shows eligibility for athletes**

The student may practice but may not play a sport providing the student made the team with administration approval

- Students may not be allowed to dress out with the team or be on the sidelines
- Grades will be reassessed at progress report time. If the grade is a 75 or better at progress report time, then the student is eligible. If other grades drop below a 75 at this time, the student does not become eligible; however, again this progress report serves as a warning. At report card time, all grades in conduct and academics must be 75 or better to continue eligibility. If the student is ineligible a second time in that sport, he/she loses the privilege of participation.
- The student may resume participation once progress becomes satisfactory at the next progress report or nine-week report card
- Students who are identified for modifications may be allowed special provisions

## **Organization – Superintendent/Principal Board**

- Is the final authority within the league in matters of any and all protests
- Follows accepted protest procedures
- No principal may serve on a protest if his/her own school is involved
- Remaining members decide protest by simple majority of those present

## **Officers - League Coordinator (must be from a Diocese school)**

- Elected at spring general league meeting by majority of those member schools present; one vote per school.
- Calls and presides at all general league meetings
- Coordinates all general league activities. Sets schedules.



## Meetings - General

- Held **once** a year, alternating areas as needed; all are open meetings.
- Protest meetings are closed
- **Coordinator will submit any changes or updates to the Superintendent**

## Cheerleader Qualifications

- Set by each school.

## DIOCESAN SPORTS LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS

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**\*\*All schools must be in line with the League decision on gate/admission fees charged. If they are not in compliance, they will not be allowed to be a League member. (GATE / ADMISSION FEES: ADULTS - \$4.00 / STUDENTS - \$2.00)**

Prayer before game (attached) to be used at every event.

A copy of the schedule for each sport will be sent by the coordinator to each participating school and superintendent on an annual basis.

The coach of the **HOME** team is required to confirm the game by noon on the day the game is scheduled. Failure to cancel by noon will result in forfeiture, unless the cancellation was weather related or an emergency situation. If it is mutually agreeable to the coaches, the game may be rescheduled.

The home team must furnish qualified officials for each game. When the officials do not show up for the game, the game cannot be played. It may be rescheduled at the discretion of the principals of the two schools.

The DBSL track meet will be scheduled for a Friday afternoon in the spring. Schools in Beaumont may dismiss one hour before the track meet is scheduled to begin (1:00 p.m. has been the approved time) and out of town schools may dismiss one and one half hours before the meet is scheduled to begin. This is the only approved early dismissal for DBSL events and if track meet location allows an early start time.

Eighth grade students may only play on the A team.

Seventh grade students may play on A or B teams, but once they play on an A team, they can no longer play on the B team.

Fifth and Sixth grade students may go back and forth from A to B, etc.

**Students that are home schooled, are NOT allowed to participate in any athletic events**

**\*\*If a current school does not offer a sport, a student may not play at another school**

#### **EXCEPTIONS:**

**\*\*Football is not considered a league sport (St. Anthony, St. Catherine and St. Mary schools are allowed to play with St. Anne Football)**

**\*\*St. Mary and Community Christian can merge together to form a team if those schools do not have enough players to form a team**

All schools are to display the DBSL Code of Conduct at league games and enforce the rules with their school community.

Fast pitch softball teams may be sponsored by League schools. The same players may participate on both slow and fast pitch teams.

### **Attendance**

Students who are home ill may not participate in after school programs or practice. Written permission from the principal must be obtained by an athlete who, having been absent for part of the school day, wishes to participate in a sport that afternoon or evening.

### **Discipline**

Any athlete found to be smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, or using any substance classified as an illegal drug on or off campus will be subject to serious disciplinary action which may include expulsion from school.

### **Sports Competitions**

The following sports will be under the guidance of the Diocese of Beaumont Sports League:

#### **First Semester:**

Diocesan Cross Country Team (open to all schools)  
Girls and Boys Soccer (Co-Ed) , Girls Basketball, Girls Volleyball

#### **Second Semester:**

Boys Basketball, Softball  
Boys and Girls Golf (Co-Ed) and Tennis  
Spring Track Meet (Boys and Girls 7<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

**One Division for Girls Basketball (A Team, B Team)**

**One Divisions for Boys Basketball (A Team, B Team)**