

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT (Expectations for Parents of Student- Athletes)

The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board supports a philosophy of athletic competition that is guided by the highest standards of good sportsmanship and fair play set in a Catholic atmosphere. To this end, all parties (Catholic teacher-coaches, supervisors, athletes, parents and spectators) must recognize that our students' participation in sports and extracurricular activities are an "*EXTENSION OF THE CLASSROOM*". For this reason, the parents/guardians of student-athletes (and their guests) must demonstrate behaviours that support this atmosphere. Therefore, we expect the parents/guardians of the student-athletes (and their guests) to adhere the following:

- Remember that student-athletes participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- Be a positive role model through their own actions to make sure that the student-athlete has the best experience possible.
- Praise student-athletes in their attempt to improve themselves as students, athletes and people.
- Recognize and show appreciation for outstanding play by either team.
- Show respect for opposing players, coaches, spectators and support groups.
- Gain an understanding of, and appreciation of the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
- Demonstrate positive support for officials and be respectful of all officials' decisions
- Support student-athletes in their efforts to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Discourage any language or behaviour that would incite violence or would endanger the health or well being of student-athletes.
- Refrain from unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, student-athlete or parent such as booing and taunting, or using profane language or gestures.
- Refrain from ridiculing or yelling at a student-athlete for making a mistake or bad decision.
- Emphasize skill development and practices (and how they benefit the student-athlete over winning)
- Refrain from coaching student-athletes before, during or after games and practices unless you are one of the official coaches of the team
- Respect the authority of the coach during games and refrain from questioning, challenging or confronting coaches at the game site. Take time to talk with the coaches in an appropriate manner, including proper time and place (eg. 24 hour "cooling period")
- When there is a concern, follow the designated chain of authority (Coach, Co-Instructional Head, Principal, and Superintendent)
- Reinforce the Board's alcohol, tobacco and other drug-free policies as outlined in the student handbook

Parents/Guardians (and their guests) who engage in behaviour that violates the Code of Conduct may be subject to sanctions or removal from competitions that involve student-athletes associated with the Hamilton- Wentworth Catholic District School Board.

Any inquires regarding this Parent Code of Conduct should be directed to the School Co-Instructional Head, and for issues not easily resolved, to the Principal.

I have read and understand the above statement and as the parent/guardian, agree to conduct myself in a manner that demonstrates the standards of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board and the spirit of the “*Extension of the Classroom*” initiative.

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