

Montini Catholic High School



**Athletic Code of Conduct
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MONTINI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Athletic Department Philosophy

Interscholastic activities are an important aspect of Montini Catholic High School. A sound athletic program is an extension of the classroom. The purpose of the “Bronco” athletic program is to stimulate and guide student-athletes in their spiritual, intellectual, moral, emotional, social and physical development through their experiences in the athletic arena. Montini Catholic High School regards participation in sports as a privilege, not a right. Becoming a “Bronco” athlete brings added responsibilities to the participant; responsibilities to the school, to the student body, to the community, to the team, to the family, and most important, to the participant. Thus, there is a higher level of expectation for our athletes.

Fall Athletics

Boys: Cross Country	Mr. Eric Brechtel (ebrechtel@montini.org)
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Girls: Cheerleading	Mr. Patrick Donlan (pdonlan@montini.org)
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Dance/Poms	Ms. Eugena Scavone (escavone@sbcglobal.net)
Golf	Ms. Colleen Marks (cmarks@montini.org)
Tennis	Mr. Don Krystof (dkrystof@montini.org)
Volleyball	Mrs. Patricia Linnig (ptlinnig@yahoo.com)

Winter Athletics

Boys: Basketball	Mr. Adam DeMong (adamdemong@yahoo.com)
Hockey	Ms. Jen McCann (mccannjj@yahoo.com)
Wrestling	Mike Benefiel (mbenefiel174@gmail.com)
Girls: Basketball	Mrs. Shannon Spanos (sherold23@hotmail.com)
Cheerleading	Mr. Patrick Donlan (pdonlan@montini.org)
Dance/Poms	Ms. Eugena Scavone (escavone@sbcglobal.net)
Hockey	Ms. Jen McCann (mccannjj@yahoo.com)

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Boys: Baseball	Mr. Rich Janor (rich@usabaseballntis.com)
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Tennis	Mr. Don Krystof (dkrystof@montini.org)
Track & Field	Mr. Eric Brechtel (ebrechtel@montini.org)
Volleyball	Mr. Brian Opoka (bopoka@montini.org)
Girls: Lacrosse	Ms. Fran Meyer (franmeyer@gmail.com)
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Softball	Ms. Erin Bradarich (ebradarich@gmail.com)
Track & Field	Mr. Alex Zasso (azasso@montini.org)

ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

Student-athletes are governed by the Athletic Code from their first day of involvement in interscholastic athletics through graduation. It is important to emphasize that all athletes are covered by the “code” the entire “calendar year”, not just when they are in season.

All athletes who represent Montini Catholic High School at any grade level must adhere to the Athletic Code. For purposes of the rules, athletes are defined as members of all interscholastic teams, managers, and other students who act as support personnel to any of the athletic teams.

Introduction

It is the purpose of the Montini Catholic High School Athletic Department to provide and promote interscholastic athletics for young men and women. The Athletic Department is responsible to the Montini Catholic Administration, Board of Directors and the Illinois High School Athletic Association.

The Athletic Department offers a wide variety of activities for the students of Montini Catholic High School. Through athletics, the young men and women are provided an opportunity to grow and mature spiritually, intellectually, morally, emotionally, socially and physically.

In order to have an efficient program, certain policies and procedures are established. Student-athletes will be responsible for following school policies (Student Parent Handbook), athletic policies (Athletic Code of Conduct) and any team policies presented by the Head Coach.

Responsibilities of the Athlete

There are responsibilities that the student-athlete must impose upon oneself in order for successful and competitive athletic traditions to become reality. You alone must decide if you want to live up to the responsibilities and training rules to become a champion. In the simplest of terms, each and every student-athlete must make a commitment for a championship athletic program.

Responsibility to Yourself - The student-athlete must broaden and develop strong character. Your studies, participation in other extra-curricular activities, as well as athletics, assist you in getting the greatest possible gain from your high school experiences, while at the same time preparing you for life.

Responsibility to Your School - Montini Catholic High School will maintain a position as an outstanding high school when you do your best. By participating in athletics to the maximum of your ability, you are contributing to the reputation of our school. You automatically assume a leadership role when you are on an athletic team. The student body and community know you, and the spotlight will be focused on you. Make your school proud.

Responsibility to Your Team - “A house divided cannot stand.” The same is true with your team. It takes only one of the squad members not willing to work to his/her fullest ability for the squad to weaken in spirit and performance.

Academic Eligibility Policy

All extracurricular participants are reminded that academics are their first priority while students at Montini Catholic High School. All participants must be academically eligible in order to complete in any extracurricular activities (Athletics, Clubs, Social Events, etc.)

Montini Catholic Academic Eligibility

- A. Eligibility status is determined on a weekly basis. Students failing two or more courses in a given week are ineligible for extracurricular participation for the following week. Students are given a warning the first time they qualify for the ineligibility list with only two (2) failures. If a student receives three (3) or more failures in a given week, they are automatically ineligible and forfeit the warning week. Students who receive only a warning but are not deemed ineligible in the first semester are permitted a warning again in the second semester.
- B. On the first day of each school week teachers will submit to the Main Office, the names of students who are failing, based on their cumulative grade for that course. Students who have two more more failures will then be declared ineligible. A list of ineligible students will be distributed to teachers, moderators and coaches, and will be posted by 11:00am on that same day.
- C. The ineligibility list will be posted by Student I.D. number throughout the building. Students declared ineligible may not practice or participate in their activity from the posting day until the following Monday.
- D. At the end of the first semester, final grades for Semester 1 are due at 8:00am on the first day of the third quarter. Teachers will submit to the Main Office a list of ineligible students who are declared ineligible from that day to the following Monday.
- E. Counselors and teachers will call the parents of the ineligible students on the day the ineligibility list is posted.
- F. Eligibility at the end of the Second Semester: Students must make up credits in summer school to regain eligibility for the fall semester.
- G. Tryouts: Students who are academically ineligible may try out for a team, but are not allowed to participate in extracurricular activities until they are ruled eligible.

If a student is ruled ineligible, they forfeit their participation in all School Sponsored Extracurricular Activities. Academic eligibility applies to participants of all Athletic Teams, Club Sport Teams, Student Government/Student Activities and any School Sponsored Clubs.

Student-Athlete Conduct Expectations

Student-athletes and extra-curricular participants are expected to represent Montini Catholic High School in a positive manner. All school rules and regulations are expected to be followed on campus, at school sponsored events and in the community.

Use, Possession or Distribution of Alcohol, Tobacco, Vape or Drug Substances

Excellent physical and mental condition is necessary for performance in athletics and other activities as well as for the protection of the personal health and safety of the participant.

Students participating in the athletic program and school sponsored activities are prohibited from the use, possession or transmittal of alcohol, tobacco, vape devices, illegal drugs, unauthorized drugs including steroids, or misuse of any drug, either in or off-season. Students in violation of this expectation will face the following consequences:

First Offense:

1. The student will be suspended from 33% of the scheduled seasons competitions or organizations activities. Suspensions from games or activities could impact two sports seasons or two semesters.
2. The student will lose captaincy, leadership positions or leadership role for the current school year.

Second Offense:

1. The student will be suspended from all athletic and extracurricular activities for one calendar year from the violation.

Third Offense:

1. The student will lose eligibility for athletic and extracurricular participation for the remainder of his/her high school career.

Failure to Comply - Major School Violations

The Montini Catholic High School Athletic Code of Conduct includes the student-athlete's behavior in the school building and during the school day. Violations of the Student-Parent Handbook due to violent or disrespectful behavior, vandalism, theft or insubordination that result in any type of suspension will result in the following:

- a. 1st Offense - Student will serve a 1 game suspension immediately following return to school.
- b. 2nd Offense - Student will sit out the remaining 20% of the games for that season immediately following return to school.
- c. 3rd Offense - Student is removed from the team.

The Montini Catholic High School Administration reserves the right to dismiss any athlete for conduct unbecoming of a student-athlete.

General Information

1. School Attendance

All students must be in attendance in the classroom for the full school day in order to dress and participate in an athletic practice or contest that day, unless excused by a pre-arranged special excuse (doctors appointment, funeral, court appearance, etc.). Any student who misses first period (or zero hour if scheduled) will be considered half-day unexcused and will not be permitted in after school participation for the day.

2. Uniforms & Equipment

All equipment and uniforms issued to the student-athletes are property of Montini Catholic High School. It is the responsibility of the student-athlete to return to the coach all clothing and equipment issued. Failure to do so will result in the student-athlete paying for the missing items. If payment is not made, students will forfeit the right to receive any further equipment from the school, and be ineligible to sit for semester or final exams.

Each student-athlete is required to check his/her equipment daily and report any problems to their coach. Failure to comply may result in injury. Student-athletes will be issued an athletic locker. Student-athletes are required to keep their locker locked at all times.

3. Team Size / Tryouts

Montini Catholic High School encourages as many students to participate in each sport as possible. Situations such as facilities, number of coaches, available playing time, level of competition, etc. may dictate that in certain situations a team may need to make “cuts” down to a practical, manageable size. When those situations arise, there will be a minimum of one (1) tryout day and a maximum of three (3) tryout days before a “cut” is made.

4. Participation

Students may compete in only one sport at a time during the same athletic season. Exceptions may be granted with permission from parents, coaches and the Athletic Director.

A student who quits a sport must receive approval from the Athletic Director to participate on another athletic team during the same sports season.

5. Practices

Contrary to a great number of youth athletic programs, practice at the high school level is not optional. Attendance at practice sessions are necessary to prepare athletes physically and mentally for contests. This includes on weekends and during vacation periods. There are situations when it is impossible for a student-athlete to attend due to illness, injury, religious observance or special family commitment. Excused or unexcused absences from practice may affect a student-athletes playing time. It is the responsibility of the student-athlete to make communication with the coach PRIOR to the practice/contest if there will be an absence.

Practices are not cancelled due to inclement weather. Student-athletes should bring a dry set of clothes and a pair of gym shoes to practice on days that inclement weather is in the forecast.

6. Transportation

Student-athletes will be transported to and from all away athletic events by school authorized vehicles. Parents who find it necessary to transport their student-athlete home after a contest must notify the coach in person. Any other arrangements for transportation must be approved by the Athletic Director in advance.

7. Sportsmanship

Sportsmanship encompasses the practice of playing fair, taking defeat without complaint and victory without gloating, all while treating teammates and opponents with respect and dignity. In accordance with the school's philosophy and goals, the promotion of sportsmanship is of utmost importance. Sportsmanship demonstrated by all individuals involved in athletics is perhaps the clearest sign of the LaSallian mission of our school. Everyone associated with an athletic event (coaches, athletes, students, parents and spectators) has a responsibility to uphold the highest standards of sportsmanship before, during and after a contest. Sportsmanship includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Showing respect for teammates, opponents and officials.
- Maintaining self-control.
- Showing respect for the facility in which the contest is taking place.
- Refraining from heckling, jeering, or using profane language.
- Being positive in words and actions in general.

In addition, the Illinois High School Association mandates a one game suspension for any athlete or coach who is ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct. That suspension may be extended by the Montini Catholic High School Athletic Department.

8. Hazing

Montini Catholic High School affirms the dignity of every student. Hazing is unacceptable conduct, as well as illegal, and will never be tolerated.

Additional Information

1. NCAA (College) Eligibility Center

All student-athletes who wish to play a college sport at either the Division I or Division II levels must apply with the NCAA Eligibility Center in order to determine their eligibility status. Information about the collegiate application process and the NCAA Eligibility Center, may be obtained from the Guidance Office. Upon completion of the electronic application process, student-athletes should obtain an official transcript and send both along with the application fee made payable to the NCAA Eligibility Center. Ideally, the NCAA Eligibility Center encourages student-athletes to complete this application process during the junior year. The NCAA standards and information about the NCAA Clearinghouse are available in the Guidance Office or online at www.eligibilitycenter.org.

Parent Information

Parent/Coach Relationship

We are very pleased that your student-athlete has chosen to participate in the Montini Catholic High School athletic program. We will do all we can to provide a positive experience for him/her. Possibly the most important ingredient to achieve this outcome is to ensure that lines of communication are developed to allow for free and easy resolution of questions before they become issues. As a parent, you have the right to know what expectations are placed on your student-athlete.

Communication Coaches Should Give Parents

- Philosophy of the Coach
- Expectations of the Coach has for your child.
- Locations and times of all practice and contests.
- Team requirements.
- Procedure should your child be injured during participation.

Communication Coaches Should Expect from Parents

- Concerns expressed directly to the coach first.
- Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.
- Specific concern in regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations.

As your student-athlete becomes involved in the various programs at Montini Catholic High School, he/she will experience some of the most rewarding moments in his/her life. It is important to understand that there also may be times when things do not go the way your student-athlete wishes. At these times, discussion with the coach may be desirable to clear up an issue and avoid any misunderstanding.

Appropriate Concerns to Discuss with Coaches

- The treatment of your child - mentally and physically.
- Ways to help your student-athlete improve.
- Concerns about your student-athletes behavior.

It is very difficult to accept your child's lack of playing time. Coaches are professionals. They make judgement decisions based on what they believe to be the best for all athletes involved. As you have seen from the list above, certain things can and should be discussed with your student-athlete's coach. We ask that other things be left to the discretion of the coach.

Coaches' Decisions

- Playing time.
- Team strategy.
- Play calling.
- Matters concerning other student-athletes.

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other person's position. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedure should be followed to help promote a resolution of the issue of concern.

If you have a concern to discuss with a coach, please follow the procedure below:

- Your student-athlete should first talk with the coach about his/her concerns.
- The parent should call to set up an appointment.
- If the coach cannot be reached after a reasonable amount of time, call Mr. Tom Lentine, Athletic Director (630-627-6930 x.163). He will arrange an appointment for you.
- Please do not approach a coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parent and coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolutions.
- If the meeting with the coach does not provide a satisfactory resolution, call the Athletic Director to discuss the situation.

Whether or not this step is ever reached, please keep in mind the protocol below when you elect to pursue a concern you may have regarding your student-athlete's experience on one of Montini Catholic High School's athletic teams. Please make contact as follows:

- Head Coach
 - Athletic Director
 - Principal
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Sportsmanship

We expect our coaches, student-athletes and fans to exhibit good sportsmanship at all times. Montini Catholic High School also answers to the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) for any fan who is ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct. Our parents and fans are expected to follow all directions given at home or away contests by persons in charge of the contests. Montini Catholic High School does have the right to ban attendance to fans who have exhibited unsportsmanlike conduct, at both home and away events.

Let the coaches' coach, the players play and referees' ref.
