

CJB Athletic Team Coach/Player/Parent Agreement

Grade 6, 7 and 8

In order for the student-athlete to participate in the upcoming season, this form must be read and signed by said student-athlete's parent/guardian.

Any coach for said team must also read and sign below.

Please reference the CJB Athletic Handbook (<http://cjbschool.org/wp-content/uploads/CJB-Athletic-Handbook.pdf>) for a complete overview of the CJB athletic program.

Mission and Goals

Mission of the Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School (CJB) Athletic Program:

- Provide an opportunity for all children to develop their physical talents
- Increase self-confidence and self-esteem
- Promote the values of sportsmanship and teamwork in a manner that is grounded in our love of Christ and Catholic faith

Goals of the CJB Athletic Program

- Promote and encourage the development of Christian values and character such as fairness, cooperation, leadership, and respect for opponents and coaches
- Provide all students the opportunity to develop strong, healthy, disciplined minds and bodies
- Encourage positive attitudes and maximize potential
- Develop sportsmanship by teaching the proper attitude toward winning, losing and competing with dignity
- Teach all students the fundamentals of each sport
- Develop school spirit and teamwork
- Provide a good experience and lifelong memories

Coaches

- Coaches have a great opportunity and responsibility to guide and influence the student-athletes
- Coaches must be organized and possess strong communication skills
- Coaches must have a good understanding of the sport they are coaching
- Coaches assume the role of a teacher, mentor, and minister to the young people in their charge.
- A Coach's positive attitude and behavior are critical to modeling good Catholic sportsmanship, both in word and deed.
- Conduct by a coach that is inconsistent with the Mission of the CJB sports program with regard to behavior and/or playing time will not be tolerated and will be subject to an athletic board review.

Student-Athletes and Playing Time

Playing time for 6th, 7th and 8th grade should be a cumulative goal of at least 50% of total competition time for all team members throughout the season. Each player will play a minimum of 1 quarter of each game or match during regular season, playoffs and tournament games.

- The focus at this level is on development and competition.
- The emphasis is on continued learning and preparing players ready to compete in high school.

The playing time standard in 6th, 7th and 8th grade assumes that each student-athlete has

- Maintained academic eligibility requirements.
- Attended and participated in practices regularly.
- Demonstrated a positive and respectful attitude toward fellow teammates and coaches, members and coaches of opposing teams, and the officials.
- Committed themselves to effort, dedication and the principals of teamwork.

Any student-athlete that has not met these requirements shall not be entitled to the above playing time presumption. The coach must notify the student-athlete and his/her parent of the decision, and the rationale for the decision, **prior** to reducing the playing time.

Participation in the CJB athletic program is a privilege, not a right.

Parents/Guardians

A parent's positive attitude and behavior are critical to modeling good Catholic sportsmanship, both in word and deed. Parents are expected to demonstrate good Catholic sportsmanship in any communication whether it is verbal or written, including in email and on social media. Parents should never publicly communicate any message that might be viewed as disparaging to the school, the coaches or the students.

- Parents and spectators are to remember that they are representatives of CJB and must properly conduct themselves according to the Christian ideals we proclaim as a faith-filled community.
- Anyone who cannot conduct him/herself in this manner will be excluded from extra-curricular sports events sponsored by CJB.

In the event of a grievance, parents should follow the procedure outlined in the CJB Athletic Handbook:

1. Address the coach at an appropriate time (ie not during a game) and keep communication open using the cooling off period of 24 hours following an incident as a guideline.
2. If there is no resolution within 48 hours, the Athletic Director should be contacted to assist in mediating communication between coach(es) and parent(s).
3. Further concerns should be addressed to the President of the Athletic Board for confidential review by the Athletic Board Officers.

We strive to win, but we let it come as a result of the developmental process. Our student-athletes ARE winning when they are becoming better human beings through participation in their sport.

Player Name _____ Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Coach Name _____

Coach Signature _____