

Carondelet Catholic School



Athletic Policy Handbook

2010-2011

School's Mission Statement

Carondelet Catholic School, sponsored by the Catholic parishes of Christ the King and St. Thomas the Apostle, is dedicated to providing a strong program that teaches Christian values, supports the education of the whole child and promotes preparing students for a life of continuous learning and service.

Athletic Program Philosophy

As stated in our mission statement, it is our philosophy to educate the whole child. Athletics exist to complement our overall educational program. To that end, our athletic program has been designed to offer learning and growth experiences that extend beyond the classroom.

Athletic Program Goals

Our athletic program provides opportunities for learning experiences outside of the classroom for those students in Grades 5-8. Our primary goals are

- To nurture each student-athlete's personal growth and development so that they can achieve their full potential.
- To promote friendships, school spirit, and team unity.
- To help student-athletes develop self-discipline, self-confidence, responsible team play and cooperation, and, above all, to learn and model good sportsmanship.

Athletic Activities Offered

Girls 5-8

Fall: Volleyball (August 23 - October 30)

Winter: Basketball (~November 1 - March 31)

Spring: Softball (~April 1 - June 1)

Boys 5-8

Fall: Soccer (August 23 - October 30)

Winter: Basketball (~November 1 - March 31)

Spring: Baseball (~April 1 - June 1)

Being Considered for 2011-2012

Girls Volleyball grade 4/Intramural opportunities throughout the year

Sportsmanship Policy

Participation in CCS athletics is a privilege, and requires that student-athletes conduct themselves in a positive, appropriate and Christian manner while representing our school. As responsible adults, coaches, volunteers and spectators are expected to set a good example for our students. Student-athletes, coaches, volunteers or spectators who violate this policy are subject to removal from the activity at the sole discretion of the Principal or Athletic Director. Establishing and practicing the values of sportsmanship, ethical behavior, integrity, good citizenship and high behavioral standards should permeate all of the activities in which our student-athletes compete.

Participation

With over 200 students in grades 5-8, the number of teams in any sport can vary based on the number of athletes interested in participating and facility accommodations. Each participant will be given opportunities to improve and develop skills, as well as preparing to handle competitive situations. Student-athletes will inherently move from a learning (Grades 5/6) to an increasingly competitive environment (Grades 7/8). While we want our teams to be successful, a winning record does not always measure success. At CCS, our overriding priority is to provide student-athletes the opportunity to participate. The amount of playing time will be determined by a student-athlete's attendance, actions, effort, attitude, and conduct. The athlete must understand that game time is directly related to practice experiences, and that performance in practice will be rewarded by game playing time. Each coach should communicate to all athletes what each player's individual abilities are, so as to adequately address measures to improve. While every effort will be made to provide a reasonable amount of playing time, it will not necessarily be equal.

Code of Ethics for Student Athletes

School Work

Rule: All players/students are required to maintain a minimum of a C- average in a combination of all classes. Students, parents, and the athletic director will be notified at the middle and end of each quarter if a student athlete falls below a C- average.

Consequence: Any student falling below a C- average will be suspended immediately from the team or activity for one week until the time of re-evaluation (re-evaluation will take place every week). Students must have a C- average or a signed plan from their teacher/teachers before they are allowed to regain their athletic participation status.

Rule: No student will receive a failing grade in any class at a mid-quarter or quarter grading period.

Consequence: Any student-athlete receiving a failing grade in any subject will be suspended from the team for a minimum of two weeks and cannot rejoin the team until he/she has brought their grade to at least a C-. For a player to be reinstated, he/she must complete and sign a sports eligibility form and return it to the Athletic Director. If, after the two week suspension the grade is not improved to at least a C-, or have a signed working plan with the teacher, the student will be out for the rest of the quarter.

Note: Any student with numerous missing assignments may be held out of athletic competition until the work is made up. An adequate warning will precede any action in this area.

School Behavior

Rule: All students/players are expected to abide by all school rules.

Consequence: Any student/player receiving two detentions (academic or behavioral) in one quarter or season will be suspended from participating in sports for the next two games. Any player receiving a third detention during a quarter/season will be removed from the school team they are involved in.

Expectations of Coaches

- Coaches will set a good example for student-athletes and the school community.
- Coaches will assist each student-athlete toward developing his or her potential.
- Coaches will do their best to ensure that each athlete understands his or her role on the team and has a good experience during the season.
- Coaches will treat their own student-athletes, opponents and officials with respect.
- Coaches will abide by all rules set forth by the SSYO league.
- Make sure all athletes are out of the building at the end of practice or games. Be sure all equipment is properly put away and secure the building (the doors you unlock).
- Plan for practices – Ask for help with drills and skills if needed.

Expectations of Parents

- Parents will be supportive of their student-athletes and other team members.
- Parents will respect the judgment and strategy of the coaches. Coach surveys will be distributed to all participants at the end of the season.
- Parents will respect the judgment and interpretations of the officials.
- Parents will follow the grievance procedure outlined in this handbook if conflicts arise.
- Parents will abide by all rules set forth by the SSYO league.

Concessions

Parents are also expected to help out with concessions. The profits from concessions sales is put back into the athletic program.

Negative Behavior

In addition to expectations related to sportsmanship, the misbehavior by any team member that in any way reflects negatively on the school, team, parish, or community will not be tolerated and may result in his or her suspension from the team, at the sole discretion of the Athletic Director and Principal.

Specific to basketball - Any player who receives a technical foul during a game or tournament game (for negative behavior) will be disqualified from playing the remainder of that game, and may be suspended from participating in the next game.

School Attendance Policy

All student-athletes participating in an athletic activity must attend a full day of school the day of the activity in order to be eligible to participate in that activity. This rule applies to practices, scrimmages, games, tournaments and all other extracurricular activities. Students who participate in a school-sponsored event (retreat, field trip, testing) will not be considered absent. If there are extenuating circumstances (family emergency, funeral, doctor's appointment), a note from the student's parent explaining the absence will allow them to participate.

Forming Multiple Teams

Frequently, student participation will require that more than one team, per gender per grade, be formed in a given sport. It is our philosophy that in doing so, participants should be divided as equally as possible when forming multiple teams. ***The only exceptions will be at the Varsity level (Grades 7/8).*** The selection of players for the varsity teams will be based on ability, attitude, and commitment level. In all other situations, the final number of teams and how they are formed will ultimately be determined by the number of coaches and participants who sign up by the registration deadline. The Athletic Director will have final authority and sole discretion in all matters related to team formation.

Practice and Game Attendance

Attendance and participation at games and practices is mandatory. Unexcused absences may result in reduced playing time. If there are extenuating circumstances (family emergency, funeral, doctor's appointment), a note from the student's parent will excuse the absence.

Registration Process

CCS families will be notified of sports registration well in advance of deadlines. The SSYO league requires that we register our teams months in advance of each season's start in order to accommodate scheduling and facilities use. To meet those league deadlines, it is imperative that participants register by the required deadline dates. For soccer and volleyball, the registration deadline is late April. For basketball, the deadline is mid-September. For spring sports, registration happens in mid-January. A late fee will automatically be charged for any registration that does not meet the deadline. In those cases, it will be at the sole discretion of the Athletic Director to determine if the late registration can or cannot be accommodated based on existing roster size. Roster spots will not be guaranteed for registrations turned in after the deadline.

Conflict Grievance Procedure

In order to allow for an expression of differences that sometimes occurs in athletics, the following standardized and widely accepted grievance procedure will be used to address conflicts:

1. The athlete should request a meeting with the coach. This meeting should be at a time other than immediately before or after practice. This meeting is strictly between the athlete and coach.
2. If the conflict is not resolved in the first step, the athlete and parents together should request a conference with the coach at a time outside of practice or game.
3. If the conflict is not resolved in Step 2, the parent, student-athlete and coach should then meet with the Athletic Director.
4. If the conflict is still not resolved, the parents may then request a meeting with the Principal or Assistant Principal.

These steps must be followed in this specific sequence.

Agreement to be governed by handbook policies

After reading the Carondelet Catholic School Athletic Handbook (found in parent handbook and on the athletic webpage online), please sign below and return this form to your coach or the Athletic Director before your first game. Student-athletes must have this copy on file in order to participate during the academic year.

We have received and read the CCS Athletic Handbook and agree to be governed by the policies contained herein.

Student's Name

Grade

Student's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date