

Decatur Catholic Athletics
Codes of Conduct for Student-Athletes, Coaches, Parents/Spectators, and Officials
Modified from: [IESA Sportsmanship Center](#)

For the Student-Athlete

Decatur Catholic Athletics believes that sportsmanship is a core value and its promotion and practice are essential. Student-athletes have a duty to ensure that their team promotes the development of good character. This code of conduct applies to all student participants involved in interscholastic activities. Student-athletes are expected to adhere to the IESA expectations, as well as the expectations established in the Decatur Catholic Athletic Handbook

1. Student participants will support the value of academics and the educational process.
2. Student participants will advocate, model and promote the development of good sportsmanship and character to include: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.
3. Student participants will respect peers, officials, opponents, parents and all others associated with the event.
4. Student participants will promote fair play and uphold the spirit of the rules in the activity.
5. Student participants will model appropriate behavior at all times.

For Coaches

Decatur Catholic Athletics believes that sportsmanship is a core value and its promotion and practice are essential. Coaches have a duty to assure that their team promotes the development of good character. This code of conduct applies to all coaches involved in interscholastic activities.

1. The coach will promote academics and the educational process.
2. The coach will teach, enforce, advocate, model and promote the development of good sportsmanship and character to include: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.
3. The coach will respect participants, officials, opponents, parents and all others involved.
4. The coach will promote fair play and uphold the spirit of the rules in the activity.
5. The coach will model appropriate behavior at all times.

For Parents/Spectators

Decatur Catholic Athletics believes that sportsmanship is a core value and its promotion and practice are essential. This code of conduct applies to all parents/spectators involved in interscholastic activities.

1. Parents/Spectators will promote academics, and the emotional, physical and moral well-being of the student participants above the desires and pressures to win.
2. Parents/Spectators will teach, enforce, advocate, model and promote the development of good sportsmanship and character to include: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.
3. Parents/Spectators will respect participants, officials, opponents and all others associated with

the event.

4. Parents/Spectators will promote fair play and uphold the spirit of the rules in the activity.
5. Parents/Spectators will model appropriate behavior at all times.

For Officials

The IESA and the IHSA believe that sportsmanship is a core value and its promotion and practice are essential. This code of conduct applies to all officials involved in interscholastic activities.

1. Officials will demonstrate respect towards players, coaches, spectators and all involved.
2. Officials will be knowledgeable.
3. Officials will perform at their best regardless of the level of participants.
4. Officials will promote fair play.
5. Officials will model appropriate behavior.
6. Officials will take control in an unassuming manner.

Consequences for Unruly Behavior

It is expected that all student-athletes will conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on themselves, their school, and community. Individuals who fail to adhere to the provisions listed above will be disciplined appropriately. For student athletes, actions/behaviors found in violation will be subjected to the disciplinary processes noted in the Decatur Catholic Athletic Handbook. Unruly behavior from coaches, parents/spectators, or officials will be reviewed by the Decatur Athletic Board and subjected to consequences as deemed appropriate and in accordance with diocesan policy (found in the Decatur Catholic Athletic Handbook). A Disciplinary Report Form will be completed for the violation and kept on file.

Per IESA section 5.100, additional consequences for a player, coach, or fan ejection are as followed:

5.101 Any player ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible:

- First offense: For the next two (2) interscholastic contests at that level of competition (and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim). In addition, the player must complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course online prior to regaining eligibility. Receipt of course completion must be acknowledged by the IESA Office prior to the player regaining eligibility.
- Second Offense: For the next five (5) interscholastic contests at the level at which the ejection occurred (and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim), in addition to a \$100.00 fine.
- Player may also be subject to other penalties the IESA or the school may assess.

5.102 Any coach ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible:

- First offense: For the next two (2) interscholastic contests at that level of competition (and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim). In addition, the coach must complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course online and pay a \$100.00 fine prior to regaining eligibility. Receipt of course completion must be acknowledged by the IESA Office prior to the coach regaining eligibility.

- Second Offense: For the next five (5) interscholastic contests at the level at which the ejection occurred (and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim), in addition to a \$250.00 fine
- Coach may also be subject to other penalties the IESA or the school may assess.

5.103 Once the first contest of regional play has begun for a school, any player or coach ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible for the next two (2) IESA postseason contests at that level of competition (and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim).

5.104 Any fan ejected from a contest shall not be allowed to return to future contests until he/she has completed the NFHS Sportsmanship course online and has presented proof of completion to the school administration. Any fan ejected from an IESA state finals tournament may not return to the tournament if there are games remaining to be played in that tournament.

5.105 Any player or coach ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct who fails to sit out the remaining interscholastic contest(s) as required in By-Laws 5.101 and 5.102 shall cause the team(s) to forfeit that contest and possibly receive other penalties as determined by the Executive Director.

5.106 Any school that receives two ejections in a school year (which includes players, coaches, and fans) shall be required to communicate in writing through the school's administration with the Sportsmanship Review Panel on the steps the school is taking to address the issue. The panel may recommend additional sanctions to the Board of Directors if they deem necessary. The Sportsmanship Review Panel shall consist of an IESA administrative staff member,