



# Hospitality Code of Conduct

Belen Jesuit encourages participation and support of our athletic teams. We expect those who represent Belen to promote a healthy, competitive atmosphere while displaying appropriate sportsmanship, respect and the Ignatian values of our Catholic Jesuit Faith. Parents, coaches, spectators, student-athletes, and guests of the members of the Belen Jesuit community are expected to maintain a respectful demeanor at all athletic events.

In an effort to develop parental support and positive role models for our athletics program we ask that the parents of each of our student-athletes support the athletic and personal development of all student-athletes by maintaining the following values and expectations.

## Recommended Parenting Guidelines for Student-Athletes

1. Be positive with your son. Let him know that he is accomplishing something by just being part of the team. Help your child learn that success is measured by the development of skills, learning and improvement, not winning or losing.
2. Don't offer excuses for him if he is not playing. There is usually a reason for it. Encourage him to work hard and to do his best.
3. Encourage your son to follow team rules. Whether he is a first stringer, or seventh stringer. Players must follow the rules set by the coach and the school.
4. Insist on good grades. Check the number of hours your son spends on homework. It is the duty of the parents to see that their son is working in the classroom. (No matter how good an athlete he is, if he doesn't have good grades he does not get into college.) Monitor the use of the car, phone, television, etc. This cuts in on study time.
5. Don't try to live your life vicariously through your son.
6. No animosity or jealousy to your son's teammates should be displayed. Respect and support should be given to all of your son's teammates.
7. Don't compare your son with former family members who played previously. Every individual is different.
8. Insist on your son's respect for officials and good sportsmanship. Don't let him embarrass your family, school or team by some unnecessary, unsportsmanlike conduct or incident whereby he will bring shame.
9. Encourage your son to believe in himself. A good beginning would be to encourage him to live a good, Catholic, Jesuit life and to be a man for others.
10. Encourage your son to play for the love of the sport; not for any selfish reason. Encourage them not to play for a scholarship, this alleviates a lot of pressure off your son. Scholarships are in the hands of college recruiters. Usually good things happen to unselfish, hard working athletes.





### **Recommended Parenting Guidelines When Dealing with Coaches**

1. Meetings can be requested with coaches via email or telephone call.
2. Parents are never to confront a coach immediately after a practice or game. Parents should wait till the next day to request a meeting, if desired. This will help to avoid conflict at a potentially emotional time.
3. Do not criticize the coaches in front of your son. Remember the coach represents the parent, the teacher, the school, etc. and is responsible for taking each individual athlete to work together for the good of the team. If you are constantly bad mouthing your son's coaches, then how can you expect him to listen respectfully and play under the coaches' tutelage?

### **Recommended Parenting Guidelines for Events**

1. In athletic events, as a parent of an athlete that represents Belen Jesuit, you should act accordingly. Be respectful of other teams, officials, coaches and fans. In this day and age, sportsmanship is more important than ever. Make a point of it.
2. Drug, alcohol and tobacco use rules under FHSAA and Belen Jesuit policies must be followed. This includes no drugs, alcohol or tobacco use onsite; before or during athletic contests. This includes games that are played at other schools or venues.
3. Admission to school athletic events provide you with the privilege of supporting Belen Jesuit athletics. Refrain from berating officials, coaches, players and visitors. Parents and spectators shall not curse, make derogatory comments about players, coaches, officials or other spectators. No threatening gestures or statements must be made at any time.

Parents and spectators who fail to follow these recommended guidelines will risk sanctions by the school including but not limited to the following:

1. Removal from the athletic contest or premises.
2. Suspended from attending future athletic events for a short period of time or permanently.
3. Parents who repeatedly fail to follow the guidelines will be required to meet with the administration and may result in additional consequences.

In conclusion, we commend parents who exhibit exemplary behavior and who serve as positive role models for our student-athletes.

We sincerely want to strive to make sportsmanship at Belen Jesuit an expectation. Where we let players play, coaches coach, officials officiate and let the spectators be positive.

