

Parent/Athlete Contract

Bishop Moore Catholic High School seeks to create an environment of character building and healthy competition on the courts and fields of this institution. Utilizing the code of Catholic faith, a teaching environment and our collective cooperation BMCHS will continue to lead the way as a model for high school athletics and its mission.

The undersigned parent and athlete have elected to participate in the Bishop Moore Catholic High School Athletic Program. The parent and the athlete understand and agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth below, as well as specific team rules. It is understood that there are consequences for not following the rules (Choices!), including suspension from competition and/or removal from the team.

General

1. Physicals and consent forms (FHSAA Forms EL2, EL3) must be on file prior to participation in any BMCHS activity including sports performance.
2. All transfer students (grades 10, 11, 12) must have a GA-4S form on file and official transcripts from their prior school before participating in athletic activities.
3. All student athletes will participate in the COGSTATE Baseline **Concussion program** sponsored and paid for by the school prior to the first practice after teams are finalized. For athletes in multiple sports, the initial test is only required one time. The baseline test **MUST** be taken annually.
4. Once a student-athlete begins a sport they must complete that sport season **before** participating in a second sport. Students may participate in limited try-out formats for an upcoming sport – provided they have cleared it with their in-season coach **AND** the athletic department.
5. There are instances when student-athletes do participate in concurrent seasons or overlapping seasons. These scenarios might involve a combination of individual sports and team sports. These cases are interpreted and guided through the discretion of the coaches and Athletic Director/Department. Note: In concurrent sport seasons the student must claim, up front, in which state series they will compete - **IF** there is indeed a conflict. *Please note – our goal is to have student-athletes have the very best experience. We will work with any conflicting scenario to insure the best possible outcome for the student-athlete and all teams involved.*
6. If an athlete *quits* before the end of the season in which they are participating, **they cannot** participate in another sport; until their current team's season ends.
7. Bishop Moore does not allow, nor does it encourage, its coaches to 'tutor' ('privates') or athletically develop its student-athletes outside the normal training cycle once the school year begins. We **DO NOT** want families paying extra for skill and player development during the academic year. The administration understands you may choose to play club in the off season and/or you may do development throughout the year. These are beyond the reach of BMCHS. We believe it is the coach's duty to develop each participant fully once the academic year has begun.

Injury

1. Parents understand that the risk of injury to their child from activities involved in any athletic program is significant, and while rules, safety equipment and personal discipline may reduce the risk, the risk of injury does exist.
2. All injuries must be reported to the coach at the time of the accident. For home events and practices, the current BMCHS trainer will complete the accident form. For away activities, the head coach is required to complete the form and turn it in to the athletic office and advise the athlete to see the trainer the next day.
3. If the athlete suffers an injury and is unable to practice, the athlete will be required to attend practice, games and activities UNLESS a doctor's orders prevent such attendance.
4. The coach will develop and enforce safety rules and instructions for all practices and will document and report all accidents to the athletic office and the parents.

Behavior

1. Parent and athlete agree to engage in and encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all teammates and coaches at every practice, game and team event.
2. Parent and athlete are expected to stand respectfully during invocations and the National Anthem.
3. Parents and athlete understand and agree that foul and inappropriate language, verbal or physical fighting, horseplay or other disruptive activities will NOT be tolerated.
4. Any fines levied by the FHSAA for poor conduct and ejection from a contest will result in that individual being responsible for paying said fine.
5. Parent and athlete understand that at all times they are in attendance at a practice, game, or school event they are representing Bishop Moore Catholic High School.
6. Parent and athlete are committed to school policies regarding **Hazing**. Hazing will not be tolerated. Any 'initiation' process of younger or new athletes on a team will not be tolerated.
7. Parents and athlete understand their responsibilities with regard to social media. Twitter, SnapChat and facebook require consent for cyber participation. Parents and athlete understand negative and inappropriate commentary will NOT be tolerated. Parents and athlete realize they represent BMCHS and their shared commentary is instantaneous and worldwide.
8. Athletics are an extension of the classroom and a privilege. Therefore athletes are committed to their educational opportunities at Bishop Moore.
9. Decisions regarding athletes are at the discretion of the coach. Therefore, parents and athlete agree to respect said decisions and agree to discuss any concerns or issues with the coach in private and at an appropriate place and time.
10. Parents agree to avoid open discussions with other parents regarding concerns with coaching and the team. Further, parents will utilize the chain of command to see the coach, the assistant AD, the AD and then the Principal in seeking resolution to any issue.

Attendance - School

1. **Athletes are to be in class all eight periods of a school day (or the Friday prior to a Saturday contest) to participate in practice, games/matches or any other team activity.**
2. Athletes are expected to be in class for all eight periods **the day after games/matches**, practices or any other team activity.
3. Athletes will not be allowed to participate in their practices, games/matches or any other team activity unless pre-approved excused notification is made with the athletic and deans office at least one day prior to the day in question.
4. Parents and athlete understand and agree that all practices and games are mandatory unless otherwise stated by the coach.
5. Athletes are to arrive prepared at scheduled times to practices and games as stated by the coaches.
6. Attendance to all activities will be documented with excessive tardiness resulting in disciplinary action.
7. Coaches will communicate practice locations and times in advance.

Attendance – Sport

1. From time to time an athlete may have a conflict between their BMCHS in-season sport and a ‘non-school’ sport. Or, they may have a personal conflict; for example, family vacations, concerts, etc. In order to maintain the integrity of the team concept and personal commitment, Bishop Moore has an ‘Attendance’ rule for in-season contests. If a Student-Athlete misses a contest they must sit out the next contest. A student has a maximum of three such misses. A fourth miss will mean removal from the team.
2. The Athletic Department and BMCHS recognizes that certain reasons do arise that require a student to miss a contest. The rare occasion when a student is injured or sick and misses a full day of school, or if a death in the family should require them to miss, said student would not be penalized

Appearance

1. No earrings (male athletes)...NO visible tattoos (pen markings or temporary tattoos)...Athletes are required to wear appropriate athletic attire (no jeans) and athletic shoes (as needed).
2. Team warm-ups or casual dress are required for all travel, including overnight. (Per school guidelines)
3. BMCHS rules prohibit facial hair; require hair to be off the collar and off the ears, and sideburns at mid-ear. All school guidelines are applicable for athletes during breaks, holidays or other off time.

Transportation

1. Bus transportation will be provided for games.
2. All athletes, at all levels, **MUST** ride the bus to and from games. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

3. Junior Varsity and freshman team athletes may be signed out – only by their parents, from a venue when **traveling with the Varsity (freshman team members when traveling with the Junior Varsity)**. Siblings, other family members, neighbors, or friends **MAY NOT** sign out athletes from a venue. They may transport them home from Bishop Moore.

Athletes you have been selected to be a leader and good teammate at Bishop Moore Catholic High School. It is your responsibility to uphold all school policies and represent Bishop Moore in a positive and responsible manner. You will abide by all rules stated in the Bishop Moore Student Handbook and athletic department policies and procedures. Failure to abide by these guidelines can result in removal from the team.

Return to BMCHS Coaches

Sport - _____

Student Athlete's Name _____

Parent Name(s) _____

We have read, understand, and agree to abide by the BMCHS Athletic Dept Rules and Policies.

Student Signature _____ Date

Parent Signature _____ Date
