

2018-19 - Parent-Family Sportsmanship Contract

St. John Bosco high school recognizes the parents as the primary educators of their son. Therefore, parents will be asked to share in the athletic educational experience. We would like to "pursue victory with honor" together. We need the parents and family members to be solid role models at all athletic contests, practices and any related athletic activities. This is important for your son and the other student-athletes in the school to observe. Please join us in exhibiting proper sportsmanship keeping in mind the following expectations:

1. Accept ALL decisions of officials. No booing or heckling! Never confront an official at any time.
2. Adhere to all sportsmanship guidelines set forth in the St. John Bosco Student-Parent Guide, the Trinity League Constitution, the St. John Bosco Athletic Department Handbook and the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF SS) bluebook. These documents can be found on the Bosco website under Athletics at www.bosco.org
3. Applaud at the end of the contest for all performances of all participants, as they shake hands with each other, regardless of the contest outcome.
4. Applaud during the introduction of players, coaches and officials.
5. Assist cheerleaders by only giving positive school yells. Do not indulge in name-calling or use disrespectful, derogatory yells or chants. Support your son and our team.
6. Do not coach or give direction during any contest or practice. This undermines the objectives of the coaches and embarrasses your son. Furthermore, please continue to support your son's coaches when you are away from school as well.
7. Do not come to any athletic contest / practice under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Furthermore, do not ever consume alcohol and / or drugs on the campus premises. Note: this is a horrible example for your son and will only lead to embarrassment and frustration, as well as being ejected from the contest.
8. Do not make negative or critical comments towards other kids or their family members on the team at any time. Only positive comments and encouragement will be tolerated.
9. Do not use any sort of noisemakers at any time. Do not distract participants from either team by yelling out / making distracting noises, etc when they have the ball or when they are shooting free-throws.
10. Encourage people around you to display proper sportsmanlike conduct.
11. NEVER approach coaches with issues and / or complaints after contests or on days of contests, especially when you are upset. Call coach and make an appointment for another day.

This will always produce a better outcome. Remember, playing time, game scheme and player positioning are NOT valid points of contention.

12. NEVER approach other student-athletes and try to coach them up, tell them what they did wrong or tell them what they should be doing. This is the job of our coaches. Positive reinforcement and support is all that you should be giving your own son and other student-athletes on the team.

13. Refrain from making negative or critical remarks on all social media outlets when it comes to the student-athletes, their families, our opponents and all employees of St. John Bosco High School.

14. Respect and follow through on all financial obligations to the athletic program. This includes all program costs, including but not limited to travel costs, spirit pack fees, fundraising requirements and game admissions. Student-athletes that leave a team for any reason (quit, move, grades, etc) are still bound by all required financial obligations.

15. Refrain from blaming the loss of contest on officials, coaches, or participants. Leave with a positive attitude.

16. Refrain from displays of anger or use of profanity before, during or after games and practices.

17. Refrain from responding to opposing teams spectators' negative comments. "They started it by saying negative things towards us and our kids!" This will not help the situation. It will only elevate the animosity.

18. Show appreciation and encouragement for coaches, officials and student-athletes from both teams, especially after lost contests.

19. Show concern for injured players regardless of team affiliation.

20. Treat competition as a game, not a war. We all want to win, but not at the cost of negative behavior.

21. When approached by a faculty member and / or administrator, please listen to their needs and be cooperative. Do not become confrontational or non-cooperative.

***If any of these expectations are not met at any time, you may be banned from future athletic events and your son may jeopardize his status on his athletic team.