

HOLY TRINITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

The success and effectiveness of Holy Trinity School (HTS) athletic programs largely depends on the support they receive from parents. For this reason, parents must be committed to the responsibilities and Code of Conduct outlined below. By registering your child for a Holy Trinity sport you agree to the following:

1. While athletic programs are important to HTS students, athletics are designed to enhance academic achievement and should never interfere with opportunities for academic success. Most important, our athletic programs should always practice the Christian values taught at HTS. Please read, sign and discuss the Athletic Eligibility Policy with your child.
2. Parents are required to complete the appropriate registration/release forms and pay the appropriate fees in order for their child/children to be eligible for sports participation. Registration fees will not be refunded after team rosters are set and submitted to the diocese.
3. Parents must ensure their children have a physical in accordance with Diocesan policies. A physical examination form must be submitted prior to the first practice.
4. Athletes 10 and older are required to have a concussion baseline test. HTS will make testing available to all eligible athletes on certain dates and parents who wish to take advantage of the school provided test must schedule their child on one of those dates. If a child has had a baseline test outside of HTS, a copy of the test must be provided. An appropriate baseline test form must be submitted prior to the first practice.
5. A child's involvement in athletics requires parental commitment. Parents must fulfill volunteer requirements in order to ensure the successful continuation of our athletic program. Coaches will work with parents to ensure that all volunteer needs for each team are filled. If a parent is scheduled to handle a specific volunteer activity and cannot work as scheduled, it is the parent's responsibility to get a substitute.
6. Parents must attend the coach's parent meeting held prior to the first game of the season.
7. Parents are expected to be aware of and in compliance with all HTS policies and guidelines. Parents should also familiarize themselves with the rules applicable to their child's sport as well as the goals to be taught during the season found here <http://www.holytrinityelementary.org/athletics-policies>.
8. When involved with a HTS sports team or when present as a spectator, parents are expected to adopt a positive attitude and abide by the Christian values taught at our school and surrounding parishes. We demand that our children adhere to the principles of good sportsmanship and be respectful of all players, coaches, other parents, spectators, league officials, and game officials and no less is expected from parents. Confrontational, abusive and/or disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated.
9. Parents are asked to emphasize to their children the importance of the Diocesan athletic prayer that is recited before games and that the prayer be read with the proper reverence.
10. Parents are asked to communicate with the coach, during the season, any questions or

issues they have. However, approaching coaches before, during or immediately following practices or games is not desirable and is not an efficient use of the team's time. Parents and coaches should find an agreed time outside of games and practices to discuss any issues. (We call this the 24 hour rule. When an issue arises, please wait at least 24 hours before calmly approaching the coach about the issue).

11. Parents wishing to discuss any concerns or complaints regarding an athletic program or team should first raise those issues with the head coach. If the issue is not resolved by speaking with the coach, parents should bring the issue to the Athletic Association President (or athletic association member). If the issue is still unresolved, the matter will be escalated to the school principal.

12. Parents must review the Athlete's Code of Conduct with their children.

13. Parents are to provide transportation to all practices and games. Players need to arrive at the times designated by the coach and be picked up promptly afterwards. Parents are not to drop athletes off for practice and leave without verifying that the coach is present. Promptness in picking up athletes is expected.

14. Parents are financially responsible for the loss or misuse of uniforms issued to athletes. Loss or damage to a uniform will require reimbursement of the cost to replace that uniform. Fees charged for damaged or lost uniforms and/or failure to fulfill service requirements must be paid before child/children will be allowed to participate the following year.

15. Parents are responsible for supervising their children before and after all practices and games, and this includes any siblings of their athlete at athletic events (home and away). Children are not permitted to roam the school grounds unattended and no horseplay is permitted.