

THE PHILADELPHIA CATHOLIC LEAGUE'S CODE OF CONDUCT

These are the rules established by the Philadelphia Catholic League regarding behavior at sporting events.

The student-spectator should:

- realize that he represents his school just as an athlete does;
- appreciate and give suitable recognition to the good in others;
- cheer positively and avoid "booing," not to mention abusive language or vulgarity as being clearly a lack of charity that breeds the same in opponents;
- avoid the use of musical instruments, noisemakers, signs and streamers as these are annoying to some and inflammatory to others;
- regard officials and opponents as honest; officials' decisions should be abided by, even when they seem unfair;
- be aware that if he continually evidences poor sportsmanship, he will be requested not to attend future contests;
- realize that a contest ends with the final whistle or other signal; post-game injury to others or damage to property is un-Christian and irrational behavior.

The student-athlete should:

- develop a deeply ingrained conviction that he represents a long tradition of fairness in competition;
- develop the self-control necessary for best performances in competition and life; losing his temper and consequent fighting or abusive language are failures in this regard;
- the student-athlete who flagrantly abuses these rules, even once, shall be dropped by his school from the team as he is unworthy to represent this League or his school.