

Archdiocese of New Orleans Catholic School Athletic League Coach

The top priorities of those who coach in the Catholic School Athletic League include:

- Promoting Catholic values and Christian sportsmanship through friendly, athletic competition.
- Keeping all players safe and engaged during practices and games.
- Working with the athletic director to provide all student athletes an opportunity to grow in knowledge and love of the sport.

The coach is the first point of contact for the school during the game or competition. He or she represents that school and should always act to uphold the mission of that school. Expectations for all CSAL coaches are set higher than most other leagues. CSAL games are much more than just athletics; they are a ministry of the Catholic Church and coaches serve as leaders in this ministry. Inappropriate behavior and language will not be tolerated.

Appointed by the school Principal, under the direction of the Athletic Director, and in cooperation with the staff of the athletic department, only the most responsible men and women serve as coaches at the grammar school level in conformance with the _____ school handbook.

Coaches must be 21 years of age or older. Coaches who are not 21 years of age MUST have an adult (over 21 years of age) with them on the team bench. Absence of an adult supervisor will result in the team forfeiting.

Coaches must be safe environment certified through the Archdiocese of New Orleans in order to work with students at the Catholic schools. Coaches must work with the AD and school staff to ensure that this certification is complete before serving as a coach.

It is not necessary that a coach be a star athlete in his or her own right, but a coach should possess common sense, a basic knowledge of the sport, a grasp of values that sports can give a youngster, and knowledge of a commitment to the Christian values which are the “reason for being” of the program. It is his/her responsibility to use the sport activity to promote the Way, the Truth and the Life of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Some responsibilities of each Coach include:

- Assist the Athletic Director in assuring that the athletic program meets CSAL regulations.
- Study and be well versed on the Rules and Regulations as they apply to CSAL sports.
- Abide by professional ethics and standards as established by the CSAL.
- Assure that all players abide by the Code of Conduct as outlined in the CSAL Rules and Regulations guidelines. These sheets should be explained and signed at the beginning of each season.
- Stay up-to-date on the published dates for intended participation in athletic leagues.
- Attend athletic meetings including, but not limited to, CSAL (Catholic School Athletic League) as requested by the school Athletic Director.
- Serve as a liaison between the players, parents, and the Athletic Director.

- Attend try-outs in conjunction with the selection of teams.
- Meet with the Athletic Director and parents pre-season and post season.
- Perform other related duties as assigned by the Athletic Director and/or Principal.
- Assist Athletic Director by:
 - Coordinating the scheduling of athletic events in accordance with CSAL guidelines.
 - Providing availability dates BEFORE the scheduling meeting for that sport
 - Identify home site availability for competitions.
 - Identify any conflicting dates with the school calendar.
 - Verifying player eligibility as outlined in the CSAL Rules & Regulations guidelines.
 - Verify that all athletes are academically eligible to compete
 - Complete rosters, assuring all information is correct.
 - Assure that all forms are signed in compliance with the CSAL Rules & Regulations guidelines.
 - During the season, report game results to your Athletic Director.
 - Maintain an accurate inventory of athletic uniforms and equipment per sport, and file such inventory with the Athletic Director.
 - Assist in collecting athletic uniforms and equipment when the sport is completed.
- Coaches are responsible to bring with them to each athletic event:
 - Their team roster (a list of team players including jersey numbers)
 - A game line-up
 - A score book or score sheets
 - Someone to keep score

I have received a copy of the CSAL Coach's Responsibilities, have read them thoroughly, and agree to perform these duties as outlined.

Coach's Signature

Date