



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL ATHLETIC POLICY VOLLEYBALL

Athletic programs at Holy Cross Catholic School are meant to be a fun experience with an emphasis on respect and faith throughout the programs. This policy has been developed by the Holy Cross school board to insure there is a consistent policy in place for all of Holy Cross's athletic programs.

Please read the policy with your child and complete the electronic signature.

### Participation Requirements and Expectations:

No student will be allowed to play in a game or tournament until this form is signed along with all applicable fees and tuition is up to date.

The athletic fee for volleyball is \$100 per student (\$150 per out of school student) and will be billed through TADS online. Please be sure to pay this fee promptly so we have the funds to pay our referees, coaches, and tournament fees.

This year we are not asking for a uniform deposit. Although if your uniform is not returned to Holy Cross Catholic School in the condition received or if it was lost, you will be billed the replacement value.

If the student is sick, they must be in school by 11:00 a.m. in order to participate in practice or a game that day. For weekend games or tournaments, the student must follow the school policy of being 24 hours symptom free to participate in the tournament.

The student must maintain an acceptable academic level to participate in athletics at Holy Cross. The student must have at least a C- or above in every class to participate. If the student is below this level, they will not be allowed to participate in an athletic activity until the Holy Cross Administrator and/or the Athletic Director allows them to based on improved grades and/or through an assessment and forming an improvement plan by the Holy Cross Staff and the parent(s).

Participation in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade level athletic programs at Holy Cross is meant to teach the fundamentals of a particular game to all the students who choose to participate and for all to have fun. To that end, in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades, every attempt will be made by the coaching staff to have equal amounts of playing time for every student, regardless of ability. This includes tournaments.

Participation at the 7<sup>th</sup> grade level will be a transition from playing for fun to more of a team emphasis. The expectation is that there will be equal playing time at the beginning of the season through mid-season. At mid-season, there may be assigned starters, at the coaches discretion, who may have more playing time for the remaining games, however, all players should see at least some playing time in each game in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. If a game is one sided (either for or against), the coach is encouraged to play the non-starters as much as possible to maintain other players interest in the game. The exception to this rule is in tournament situations where the playing time will be left to the coach's discretion.



At the 8<sup>th</sup> grade level there may be a team structure in place with starters identified in an effort to win more games throughout the season at the coach's discretion. If there is a shortage of 8<sup>th</sup> grade players, younger players may be asked to play on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team. At this level, all athletes should understand a non-starter player might not get to play in every game. However, the coaching staff is still encouraged to play every player in every game, if possible, particularly in a one sided game. The starting team structure includes tournament situations.

### **Conduct Expectations:**

Holy Cross is a Catholic school and our athletes represent not only our school, but our community and faith values as well. We expect each athlete to conduct him or herself to a high standard of respect for self and others along with good sportsmanship at all times when participating in athletic programs. This expectation is both on and off the playing field.

Inappropriate behavior and/or talking back to referees, coaches, parents, or opposing team members will not be tolerated at any grade level. If a student is observed in such activities, they will be:

1. First offense - benched for the remainder of that game or tournament.
2. Second offense – benched remainder of game and next two (2) games or tournaments.
3. Third offense – will not participate in that sport for the remainder of the year.

There will not be a refund of fees should this occur.

If a parent is observed berating the referees, coaches, other parents, or the opposing team, they will be asked to leave.

If the athlete has an unexcused absence from practice, they will not participate in the following game or tournament. Three unexcused absences and the student will not participate for the remainder of the year in that sport.

If the athlete uses any kind of illegal substance, he/she will be suspended for the entire season.