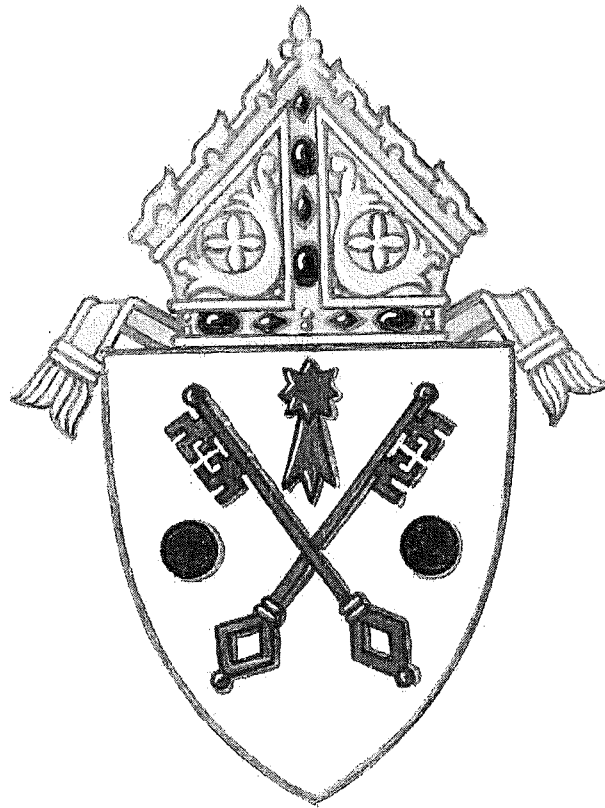


DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
STUDENT/PARENT  
ATHLETIC HANDBOOK



2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

**2024/2025 STUDENT/PARENT ATHLETIC HANDBOOK  
SIGNATURE PAGE**

**MUST SIGN EACH YEAR & RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE**

*Please read the Student Parent Athletic Handbook, which can be accessed electronically on the school's FACTS SIS homepage,*

**PLEASE PRINT AND SIGN THIS RELEASE FOR EACH STUDENT PARTICIPATING IN DIOCESE OF SCRANTON CATHOLIC SCHOOL CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION ATHLETIC TEAM**

**ACKNOWLEDGING:**

- **YOU HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND WILL ABIDE BY THE CONTENTS OF THIS ATHLETIC HANDBOOK.**
- **YOU UNDERSTAND THAT PARTICIPATION ON AN ATHLETIC TEAM AT A DIOCESAN SCHOOL IS A PRIVILEGE AND AS SUCH, THIS PRIVILEGE CAN BE TAKEN AWAY EITHER TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY IF ANY OF THE POLICIES STATED WITHIN ARE NOT FOLLOWED.**
- **YOU GRANT PERMISSION FOR YOUR STUDENT-ATHLETE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SPORT OR SPORTS FOR WHICH HE/SHE IS REGISTERED.**

The Diocese of Scranton Catholic Schools CYO developed rules, regulations, and procedures in conjunction with policies stated in the Diocese of Scranton Elementary School Athletic Guidelines Policy Handbook.

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Student Name

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Student Signature

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Parent(s)/Guardian Name

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Parent(s)/Guardian Signature

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Date

**This Form must be completed and turned into the Athletic Director in order for the student to be eligible to participate.**

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*“They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one’s need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.” Acts 2:42-47*

## Diocese of Scranton Mission Statement

“We the Catholic faithful of the Diocese of Scranton, in union with our Holy Father, the Pope, are called through baptism to share in the mission which Jesus Christ has entrusted to the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. Priests, deacons, religious and laity, under the leadership of our Bishop, cooperate to proclaim the Gospel in accordance with the teaching of the Church, to celebrate the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, for the salvation of all, and to witness by grace to the Kingdom of God so as to promote a culture of life, justice and peace.”

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.  
*Bishop of Scranton*

Mrs. Kristen Donohue  
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# **ATHLETIC GUIDELINES FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The welfare of our Catholic youth is the ultimate responsibility of the parent(s) together with the Bishop of the Diocese of Scranton. Currently, Ms. Kristen Donohue Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, is responsible for the development and the implementation of youth programs.

Athletics are a vital part of the diocesan youth program. Each athletic event offers competition on various levels in multiple sports. Athletic competition extends to participation at the diocesan and state championship levels.

These guidelines will assist schools in preparing their youth to participate in athletic activities in a Christian manner, while developing their God-given talents. All Catholic school students should be given the opportunity to participate in an athletic activity and should be treated fairly.

Parental involvement is critical to the success of any youth program. Adult support is essential to assist and encourage student athletics. Adults should participate in a Christian manner, whether as game coaches, league or team officers, or as spectators enjoying athletic competition displayed by the young people of the Diocese.

The priests, religious and lay people assigned to Catholic school teams are an invaluable resource for offering direction and guidance to young people in the Diocese. This handbook was designed to assist in providing for the direct participation by families and parents, clergy, religious, school principals, together with the lay members of the athletic associations and the school faculty.

It is the expectation that the implementation of the guidelines presented in this handbook will increase the quality of the athletic programs on a local, league, and diocesan level, as well as assist in inculcating ideals of good sportsmanship, Christian charity, and service.

All teams representing Diocesan schools are subject to the directives of the Diocesan Student-Parent Athletic Handbook.

## **Philosophy**

The philosophy behind athletic competition for the teams representing Diocesan schools combines the principles of Catholic education and the practice of Christian virtue.

Thousands of young people have learned teamwork, sportsmanship, service, loyalty, and patience while developing their academic talents as members of Diocesan teams. Good sports' programs bring out the best in young people and help them understand healthy competition.

Athletic programs can create opportunities that allow young people to perform service for their school, church, and community. Diocesan athletic teams also afford adults the opportunity to render service and thus to repay others for the opportunities given to them as youth. The success of these athletic programs contributes to building a better spirit in the church and in the school.

## **Organization of Programs**

The authority for decision-making for all individual teams will rest with the Catholic school principal. The Athletic Director works with the Catholic school principal to supervise the entire school athletic program.

Coaches for each sport will be named by the Catholic school principal. All coaches must comply with all Diocesan requirements as outlined by the Office for Safe Environment and can be found: <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/child-protection-victim-assistance/school-volunteer/>.

## **Parent and Player Commitment**

As a participant on a Catholic school sponsored athletic team, both the player and players' parents or legal guardians accept the commitment of **TEAM** membership and therefore assume the responsibilities set forth in this Athletic policy.

Students are expected to fully participate in any athletic team they join. In fairness to those students who do commit time and effort to the team, limited participation on the student's part can limit the playing time a student receives in a game.

Players should only join the team if they are committed to the team as a whole. Development and growth as a team is a priority for our programs! Players are expected to attend ALL practices unless church events, sickness, family situations, funerals, transportation issues or any other emergencies that prevent the player from doing so. When any of these situations arise the parent/guardian/player should immediately communicate the situation to the Coach and/or Athletic director.

## **Eligibility Rules**

### **Basic Eligibility for Participation:**

All participants must be enrolled in the school which the team represents. Therefore, all students enrolled as full-time students are permitted to participate provided a sports program is offered for their respective grade and/or age. The Diocesan Athletic program supports a no-cut policy for all student-athletes.

Before any student begins to participate in any Diocesan athletic program on the junior varsity or varsity level, he/she must present to the school principal with:

1. Written certification of a physical examination administered by a doctor and proof of adequate accident and hospitalization insurance. The PIAA form will suffice for a seventh or eighth grader participating in a junior high sport with the Diocesan high school.
2. Signed Student-Parent Athletic Handbook Signature Page
3. Payment for Athletic Fee

Students who have reached the age of 15 by September 1 of the school year are ineligible to participate in athletics. All students who have been promoted beyond the eighth grade are ineligible to participate, no matter what age they have reached.

### **Eligibility Based on Attendance, Academics, and Behavior:**

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Scranton recognize that athletics and extracurricular activities are important parts of the educational experience. Every student has the right to try out for activities and sports and to be evaluated fairly. While as many as possible will be allowed to participate, there is no absolute right to participate in extracurricular activities or play sports. All students who wish to participate in activities, including athletics, must meet the following eligibility requirements.

#### **Attendance:**

If a student is absent and excused from school on the day of a practice or game, that student's absence from practice/game will be excused. Excused absences include: sickness, a Catholic school event or a church event. If the absence from school is unexcused, the absence from practice/game is also unexcused. Parents/guardians are required to notify the head coach via email at least 60 minutes prior to the start of a practice or game if a student cannot attend.

Students must be present in school more than 4.5 hours in order to participate in after school activities or athletic contests. Students may not participate in an athletic practice or contest if they are not present in school for at least 4.5 hours of the school day.

Any student-athlete that leaves school, at any time during the day due to illness, will not be able to participate in any athletic event or practice that day.

**Academics:**

All student-athletes must maintain a minimum average of “75%” in all major subjects during the course of the entire season. Student-athletes will be made aware of the eligibility expectations and the frequency of monitoring grades. Once the season begins, bi-weekly reports for eligibility will be conducted.

Student-athletes who do not maintain the minimum “75%” average will be ineligible to participate in any practice/games/competitive events/tournaments for two weeks.

Students and parents/guardians will receive a letter of ineligibility sent home and a phone call from the Athletic Director.

Please note, it is not permissible for a student to try to make up a grade once assigned. During the time of ineligibility, the student’s priority is to focus on studies and completing assignments. The student-athlete’s grades will be reevaluated every two weeks. If upon the reevaluation of grades after the two-week’s of ineligibility the grade is 75% or above, the student will once again be eligible to participate.

Violation of this policy can make a student-athlete ineligible to participate in athletic events.

**Behavior:**

If a student-athlete is involved in any negative behavior or assessed disciplinary consequences at school, practice or a game, the student-athlete may miss a minimum of 1 practice and the possibility of a 1 game suspension. All cases will be reviewed by the Catholic school principal, and a decision will be made within 24 hours.

## Communication Policy

**Parent Communication Policy:**

Communication is vital for the success of our athletic program. If there is a need for a parent/guardian to communicate a matter with the coach, athletic director, or principal regarding an athletic program, the parent/guardian is advised to email the school issued email address or call the school phone number to discuss the matter. Coaches, Athletic Directors, and Principals are not permitted to use their personal devices to text/call parents/guardians for school related matters. Any school athletic policy questions should be directed to the Athletic Director. Please be aware that Coaches will not discuss issues or playing time before or after practices/games.

If an issue arises that needs a resolution, the following steps should be followed for proper communication:

- \* First communication on any issue must be addressed with the head coach of the team by email and the athletic director should be copied on the email. Parents are not permitted to confront the coach during practice/game/tournament regarding player or team issues. All



issues must be first addressed with the head coach, not assistant coach, as the head coach has full responsibility for the team.

If the results of the first communication with the head coach are unsatisfactory to the parent/guardian, then the parent may contact the Athletic Director to schedule a meeting. The Athletic Director will schedule a meeting with the head coach, and parent/guardian to discuss and resolve the issue.

If the results from the meeting with the Athletic Director are unsatisfactory to the parent/guardian, the Athletic Director may contact the school principal, who will schedule a meeting with the Athletic Director, the head coach and parent to discuss and resolve the issue.

### **Coach Communication Policy:**

In order to provide clear and timely communication regarding the athletic program, the head coach of the team will:

Provide contact information prior to the start of the season.

Inform all student-athletes of practice schedules a minimum of 1 week in advance.

Notify parents of any game schedule changes or cancellations as quickly as possible from initial notification. When possible, announcements will be made in school, and in addition, parents/guardians will be notified.

Notify the Athletic Director if a student has an unexcused absence at a practice or game or if the student-athlete becomes a discipline problem at a practice or game.

Use a school issued phone, email or text app (such as Remind, GroupMe, or SPOND) for communication of game and practice schedules and updates.

Coaches and Athletic Directors are not permitted to use personal devices to communicate athletic information pertaining to the school.

Occasionally send home any information on a handout regarding upcoming athletic events with the student from his/her practice/game.

## **Expectations for Attendance at Conditioning, Practices, and Games**

### **Conditioning:**

Non-mandatory conditioning will be made available in the off-season to afford our student-athletes the opportunity to increase strength and to prepare their bodies for more intense training. Although encouraged, these sessions are not required. Any player who chooses not to attend will not be penalized and will be equally evaluated at the beginning of the official season.

### **In-Season Practice:**

Once in-season (October 1), practices will increase in frequency and intensity. These sessions are mandatory for all student-athletes. The schedule is provided by the Diocesan Athletic Director.

**Players must be on time for practice and games.**

### **Playing Time for JV and Varsity:**

Playing Time is earned and not equal. Some players will play more than others depending on the evaluation of each player's skill set by the coach. Players may play more minutes in one game and less the next game, starters will change, etc. All decisions are determined by the coach. If there are any questions a player/parent can set up a meeting with the coach (see *Parent Communication Policy*). During the scheduled meeting, the Coach will thoroughly explain his/her decisions for the child's playing time, which could include, but not limited to, the child's skill, attitude, maturity, deficiencies, weaknesses etc.

If a student in 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade is participating in the JV/Varsity program, the priority for practices and games should be given to the grade level team. In other words, if a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student is playing on both the 6<sup>th</sup> grade team and JV team, he/she will prioritize the 6<sup>th</sup> grade league games and practices over the JV games and practices.

### **Absences From Practice/Games:**

If a student is absent and excused from school on the day of a practice or game, that student's absence from practice/game will be excused. Excused absences include: sickness, a Catholic school event or a church event. If the absence from school is unexcused, the absence from practice/game is also unexcused. Parents/guardians are required to notify the head coach via email at least 60 minutes prior to the start of a practice or game if a student cannot attend.

Students who are absent from school may not participate in any athletic practice, contest, or other co-curricular, and extracurricular activities on that day. If an absence occurs on a Friday, the student may not participate in any school activities, including school sponsored events that occur over the weekend, until he/she returns to school on Monday.

## **Unexcused Absences from Practice or Games**

Any unexcused absence from mandatory practice may result in a loss of up to 1 quarter of playing time based on the coach's discretion.

Any unexcused absence from games may result in a loss of up to 2 quarters of playing time in the next game based on the coach's discretion.

## **Student-Athlete Uniform Policy and Dress Code**

### **Athletic Uniform Policy**

Athletic Uniforms are required to participate in the Catholic School athletic programs. Students failing to meet the dress code will not be permitted to participate in the athletic event attending.

Uniforms will only be issued to the student-athlete when the Athletic Director receives:

- Signed Athletic Handbook Policy (signed by parent and student)
- Fully paid Athletic Fee
- Completed Health Information signed by medical professional (attached to this policy or PIAA Form)

Once the student-athlete is eligible to receive a uniform, the Athletic Director will register his/her uniform number with the school.

The student-athlete is required to:

- Return the uniform in the same condition it was issued.
- Ensure the uniform is kept in the same condition it was issued.
- Keep the uniform clean at all times.
- Replace the cost for damaged or lost uniforms.

Please note: UNIFORMS MUST NOT BE ALTERED IN ANY WAY.

### **Dress Code for Basketball**

#### **Basketball Players: Grades 4 - 5**

Gym shorts. Gym shirts. Numbered Pinnies will be provided by the school for games.  
Clean sneakers - (suggest students DO NOT wear sneakers they will wear while playing the game)

#### **Basketball Players: Grades 6 – 8**

Pregame attire will be determined by the Catholic school principal. Players need to arrive 30 minutes prior to the start of the game.

JV and Varsity basketball players are required to wear school provided basketball uniform. Basketball sneakers must be worn for every game and purchased separately. Basketball players who choose to wear a plain T-shirt under the uniform must abide by the school colors as determined by the head coach. No tears, rips, etc. are allowed on any T-shirt.

### **Dress Code for Cheer**

#### **Cheerleading: Grades 6-8**

Pregame attire will be determined by the Catholic school principal. Cheerleaders need to arrive 30 minutes prior to the start of the game.

Cheerleaders will be advised by the cheer coach of the team sneaker, socks, top, and lollipop colors prior to the beginning of the season. Arrangements with a local vendor will be made for purchase.

### **Dress Code for Cross Country**

#### **Cross Country: Grades 4-8**

All Cross-Country runners must wear the school's team t-shirt, which will be provided. Cross-Country runners will need to wear shorts/pants, socks, and sneakers, which will not be provided by the school. Student-athletes may wear winter hats, gloves, and long-sleeved shirts under the school uniform XC t-shirt, according to the weather. Only the school gym uniform sweatshirt may be worn over the official cross-country team t-shirt if the weather requires additional layers.

## **Code of Conduct**

### **Student-Athlete Code of Conduct**

All student-athletes are required to maintain a respect for the school, coaches, faculty and administration, fellow students, other schools, and the general public when representing the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Scranton at athletic events. The following are the policies pertaining to disciplinary issues.

At the discretion of the School Principal, any student who is disciplined in the school may not participate in athletic activities.

Coaches have the responsibility to correct behavior of the student-athlete and at times may need to assign disciplinary consequences to a student-athlete who is uncooperative, disrespectful, uses foul/inappropriate language, or who initiates trouble within the team or against any other team. The following outline of consequences may be used for first, second and third offenses. Student-athletes are prohibited from making derogatory comments toward other student-athletes or spectators.

If there is FIRST offense for a student-athlete, the student will be ineligible to participate in the next competitive event and will be ineligible to participate for one week.

If there is a SECOND offense for the same student-athlete, the student will be ineligible to participate in the next competitive event and will be ineligible to participate for two weeks.

If there is a THIRD offense, the student-athlete will not be eligible to participate for the remainder of the season.

Each Catholic league is to provide game officials with forms for notification of situations in which a coach or player was ejected from the game or in which spectator misconduct has caused a game to be delayed, suspended, or forfeited. Forms are to be sent to the league director.

### **Technical Fouls**

Student-athletes who receive a “technical foul” for any “unsportsmanlike conduct” or official ruling (Taunting, verbal or physical with other players, fans, coaches, or referee, is considered part of this action) will be assigned the following consequence:

The student-athlete will be immediately removed from the game by the coach and will remain on the bench for the rest of the game.

The student-athlete will not be permitted to participate in the next scheduled game. However, the student-athlete will be required to dress in school uniform (not athletic uniform) and remain on the team bench as an ineligible player.

This consequence will affect any team this student-athlete belongs to.

A second violation of this policy may result in the student-athlete to be dismissed from the team.

### **Physical Altercations**

Any student-athlete who is involved in a physical altercation with another student or student-athlete will be immediately removed from the game by the coach and remain on the bench for the rest of the game. The student-athlete will be suspended for 3 games including practices. A second violation of this policy will result in the student-athlete being dismissed from the team.

In addition to this athletic policy, diocesan and league policies apply.

### **Parent Code of Conduct**

Athletic competitions can be exciting for spectators, but in a special way for parents. There may be times when spectators or parents disagree with a play, an official’s call, or the outcome of a game. While these situations may arise, it is never appropriate or acceptable for anyone to use

foul language or exhibit rude/threatening behavior at a Catholic School athletic event. All parents and guardians are expected to cheer on their teams in a positive way.

Any parent/guardian who exhibits behavior that is detrimental to the positive athletic environment, such as but not limited to: using foul/threatening language, approaching a referee about a call, or approaching a coach with confrontation, making derogatory comments to a player/spectator will be asked to leave the event and will be suspended from attending the next athletic event.

Parents are encouraged to act as role models and always support their children and their team despite different outcomes. Parents are also encouraged to stay in control of their attitudes and feelings during stressful, high-energy athletic events.

Each Catholic league is to provide game officials with forms for notification of situations in which a coach or player was ejected from the game or in which spectator misconduct has caused a game to be delayed, suspended, or forfeited. Forms are to be sent to the league director.

## **Awards**

The Catholic School is encouraged to recognize student-athletes in a culminating assembly or event during which recognition for good sportsmanship can be celebrated. Student-athletes who participate in the full season will be recognized at such an assembly or event. A student-athlete who quits any sport will not be eligible for an award in that sport.

## **Electronic Devices and Cell Phones**

It is highly recommended that students do not bring electronic devices or cell phones to practice or games. If this occurs, the electronic device or cell phone must be turned off and kept in the student-athlete's backpack/sports bag or locker, including during breaks. The student-athlete may not use his/her electronic device or cell phone during the practice or games unless given authorized permission by coach or athletic director.

The coach/athletic director may collect the electronic device or cell phone at the start of the practice/game. If this occurs, the item will be secured and returned to the student-athlete before the end of practice or game.

Diocese of Scranton Catholic Schools are not responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen electronic device, cell phone, or wearable technology.

## Individual Sport Policies

### **Basketball policy:**

(The following information pertains to Girls' and Boys' Basketball Only.)

The number of participants needed to field a team:

A minimum of 7 sixth, seventh, or eighth graders are needed for a varsity team.

A minimum of 7 sixth or seventh graders are needed for a junior varsity team.

Sixth and Seventh graders may compete with both the junior varsity and varsity teams.

Eighth grade basketball players are not permitted to play on a 7<sup>th</sup> grade (JV) team.

If there is an insufficient amount of sixth graders and seventh graders to field a junior varsity team, fifth graders may participate on Junior Varsity. Fifth graders may not participate with the Varsity team.

The number of teams per grade will be determined based on the number of students registered to play basketball in the lower grades. There will be only one JV team and one Varsity team.

Players may be invited to play up providing the student-athlete demonstrates the skill level and commitment to the sport. The Athletic Director and Coach will approve a student-athlete to play up, likewise, this privilege may be revoked at the discretion of the coaching staff, the Athletic Director, and principal based upon performance and behaviors. Parents/guardians will be notified of changes in student-athlete's eligibility.

✧ All practices will be closed. Parents are required to stay outside of practice. All practices are closed to parents. Student-athletes will come out of the gym doors at the end of practice.

Playing time for JV and Varsity is not equal and must be earned via a player's demonstrated commitment, skill level, team needs, and the number of student-athletes interested in a particular team.

JV and Varsity Basketball teams will have a minimum of 2 practices per week with a possibility of as many as 4 per week.

Players should try to arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the start time of practice.

## **Cheerleading policy**

Varsity squad will be determined based on the number of students who signed up.

The competition squad will be varsity cheerleaders only.

Cheerleaders will be expected to perform at boys' basketball games and in a limited way at girls' basketball games, or as requested by the athletic director or principal at other events.

Cheer practice may be up to 4 days a week and some weekend practices for competitions.

The following cheerleading activities are prohibited at all practices, league games, and competitions:

- Mounts

- Builds

- Partner stunts

- Pyramids

- Basket Tosses

- Other dangerous cheers as identified by the coach or Athletic Director

Jumps and cartwheels are allowable. However, at other times, two feet must remain on the floor.

## **Cross Country Policy**

The Varsity cross-country team will be 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

The Junior Varsity cross country team will be 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.

There is no ability to "move up" in cross country.

## **Athletic Fee**

All students that participate in athletics (basketball, cross country and cheerleading) are required to pay an annual athletic fee. The athletic fee for the 2024-2025 school year will be set at the school.

Please note that the athletic fee must be paid in full to the school prior to the start of the season.



**2025 CHAMPIONSHIP DATES**

Girls'/Boys' Diocesan Tournament  
Championship Weekend  
February 22 and 23  
Holy Redeemer High School

Girls' Pennsylvania State CYO Basketball Tournament  
March 7-9, 2025  
North Catholic High School  
Diocese of Pittsburgh

Boys' Pennsylvania State CYO Basketball Tournament  
March 14-16, 2025  
Marywood University  
Diocese of Scranton

**DIOCESE OF SCRANTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE ADDENDUM 1 - Medical Information Sheet**

**Diocese of Scranton Catholic School System  
Student-Athlete Medical and Insurance Certificate**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL INFORMATION**

Physician's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Physician's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Physician's Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_  
Medical Insurance: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

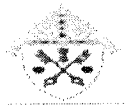
Physician's Release: \_\_\_\_\_ has been examined  
(Name of Student)

on this date \_\_\_\_\_ and I hereby certify that he/she may participate in competitive sports. (Please identify any physical conditions which may limit participation, or which should be known by coaching staff or trainers.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Physician's Signature**

**This Form must be completed and turned into the Athletic Director in order for the student to be eligible to participate.**



**DIOCESE OF SCRANTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE ADDENDUM 2**  
Diocesan Pre-Game Sportsmanship Disclaimer

## Pre-Game Sportsmanship Disclaimer

Sportsmanship is a top priority  
of our Catholic school and activities.

As athletes, we ask all spectators  
to promote the ideals of good sportsmanship,  
fair play, and respect for our opponents and officials.  
Your effort to applaud the talents of players  
will be appreciated.

Booing, taunting, or intimidating the officials,  
opponents, coaches, athletic directors or  
administrators  
is unfriendly and unacceptable.  
If you engage in this type of negative behavior,  
You may be asked to leave.

Thank you for your support and enjoy the game!

Diocese of Scranton Catholic Schools' Athletics  
Departments



**DIOCESE OF SCRANTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE ADDENDUM 3**

**Agreement to Play with Less Than Scheduled Referees:**

All Catholic Youth JV and Varsity games will be scheduled in advance and two referees will be assigned to each game. An athletic event may be played with fewer officials than those agreed upon for the event, but only if the game manager and the athletic directors of both teams agree. In the absence of the athletic director, the head coaches may make the decision to play or not to play.

If it is agreed upon that the game will be played with fewer officials than those agreed upon for the event, the Athletic Directors from both teams must acknowledge the intent to proceed with the game under these conditions by signing and dating the following agreement:

**Agreement to Play with Less Than Scheduled Referees:**

The basketball game between home team \_\_\_\_\_  
and away team \_\_\_\_\_ scheduled for

\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Time Location

does not have the agreed upon number of referees to officiate the game. Despite this lack of referees, both teams have made the decision to play the game with the referee(s) available. By signing this agreement, both teams are making this decision willingly and free from coercion from anyone to play the game with less than the amount of scheduled referees.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Team Athletic Director's Name (printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Team Athletic Director's Name (signed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Away Team Athletic Director's Name (printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Away Team Athletic Director' Name (signed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**DIOCESE OF SCRANTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE ADDENDUM 4**

**Coach/Player/Spectator Ejection Form**

Each Catholic league is to provide game officials with forms for notification of situations in which a coach or player was ejected from the game or in which spectator misconduct has caused a game to be delayed, suspended, or forfeited. Forms are to be sent to the league director.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

REFEREE: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_

AWAY TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL EJECTED: \_\_\_\_\_

ROLE OF INDIVIDUAL EJECTED:

PLAYER      COACH      PARENT      SPECTATOR

INCIDENT REPORT: (Explain incident that led to the ejection of coach/player/spectator).

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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As a result of this incident, was the game:

DELAYED

SUSPENDED

FORFEITED

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Director Present: \_\_\_\_\_

Diocesan/School Representative Received by: \_\_\_\_\_