



Blessed Trinity Catholic School

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Dear Team Parents,

Welcome to the Blessed Trinity Athletic Program! This program is in place to enhance the physical, social, emotional, and spiritual development of our student athletes through competitions that promote respect for self and for others. Each athlete and team will be expected to maintain a positive Christ-like attitude that is organized in an atmosphere of fair discipline and attainable academic standards. The following rules and regulations apply to each student who participates during the defined activity season which begins with the first practice and/or try out date and concludes with the awards presentation for that activity.

The athletic program is an extension of the school day. Students are representatives of Blessed Trinity Catholic School as a participant in all activities. Students are reminded that participation in these activities is a privilege. The athletic program is supported by an active Booster Club. Enthusiastic parent's and guardian's attendance at games greatly motivates players and supports coaches' efforts. Parent participation as a spectator at games as well as with the Booster Club is strongly encouraged. Parents are required to work the concession stand and/or ticket gate at least once during the sport season.

You will receive a copy of the games scheduled for your athletic season. Changes to the schedule, both additions and cancellations, may occur. If it does, you will be the first to know. Practices may also change times and locations throughout the season. The coaches will notify you of any such changes>

Athletic Participation

Any student participating in athletics at Blessed Trinity Catholic School is expected to:

- Maintain good sportsmanship becoming of the values that are taught at BT.
- Respect our teammates, coaches and opponents at all times.
- Exhibit Christ-like character at all times. Be a good winner and accept losses with humility.
- Respect the decisions of referees and officials.
- Refrain from offensive language and/or actions.
- Players may be suspended from athletics for any unsportsmanlike or inappropriate behavior.
- Maintain a 2.0 GPA throughout the duration of your season.
- Do to their personal best in academics and conduct.
- Give fully of himself/herself during all practices and games.
- Be accepting of his/her mistakes.
- Strive to win without placing undue pressure on self or teammates.
- Accept the guidance pf coaches.
- Athletes must attend all practices and contests unless excused by the coach. Teams MAY practice after school, on Saturdays, or during some school vacations. Erratic attendance could affect playing time and in extreme cases may be cause for dismissal from the team.
- Students must be in attendance for at least half of the school day or they will not be permitted to attend practice or play in a game on that day unless otherwise noted form the principal or athletic director.

- Athletes must communicate in person if they are going to miss a practice or game. If they are absent from school, the athlete should notify the coach.
- Parents should be a model for Christ-like behavior at games and/or practices.
- Parents should refrain from speaking to coaches before, during or after games. Please call to make arrangements to discuss any concerns regarding athletics. Please note that minimum playing time is NOT guaranteed. If playing time is a concern, the coaches have been instructed to inform players what they need to improve on in order to increase playing time.
- Parents should refrain from complaining publicly about coaches, referees, or opponents.
- Parents and game attendees should cheer positively for BT and refrain from negative comments or cheers towards our opponents.

Eligibility for Activities/Athletics

- Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA to participate on BT athletic teams. This includes try outs unless tryouts coincide with end of term. In this case, at the time of try outs, a list of students who fall below this requirement will be sent to the team's coach. They may weight their confidence on whether said student will remain academically eligible upon team creation.
- In addition to the 2.0 GPA, students are not allowed at anytime during the season, to have any F's in subject grades, or more than 1 D in subject grades. Any violation of the preceding terms will be grounds for athletic suspension until such time until grades are brought up to meet these requirements.
- If a player loses academic eligibility more than once during the season, they will be permanently removed from athletics so that they can focus full time on academics.