

Trinity Catholic Academy Athletic Department

2015-2016



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Trinity Catholic Academy's athletic program. We value your child's participation and feel that he/she is a valued member of our program.

Attached please find our Parent/Student Athletic Program Contract. It contains our expectations of both parents and students who choose to belong to our teams and squads. All students and parents will need to adhere to the rules of our Athletic Department. Reinforcement of our expectations makes our teams solid. Please note your responsibilities in helping out at games. Many hands make the burden light, and if everyone helps to put away chairs, to sweep the gym floor, and to clean the areas in which concessions are sold, the earlier we can bring the evening to a close.

Please encourage your child to use his/her time wisely by checking on homework and projects in order to balance completion of their school work and participation in the sports program. Our faculty is diligent in encouraging their students to maintain their grade point averages and in reminding them of when grades may slip below the required "C". We wish to avoid disappointment in not meeting the academic requirement not only for themselves but also their team/squad.

I wish all of you the best of luck this year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mrs. Josie M. Citta".

Mrs. Josie M. Citta, Principal

Trinity Catholic Academy

Parent/Student Athletic Program Contract

1. All students involved in the athletic program of Trinity Catholic Academy (basketball player, soccer player, cheerleader, manager, runner) must be enrolled in the school. All student athletes will pay a sports fee per season. The amount covers the cost of league fees and tournaments that those teams participate in. The amount will be determined at the start of each season. Families with multiple children will be eligible for a family discount.
2. Scholastic attitude: All participants in the sports program at TCA must be students in good standing and maintain a minimum “C” average academically and attitudes and/or conduct are satisfactory or better. Any student not meeting these requirements risk suspension from the team. Suspension indicates that the athlete will not be allowed to participate in games or practices. A “D” on a report card automatically suspends a student from the team as does a U or N in conduct in any subject.
3. Attitudes at Games and Practices: All participants will be supervised and must remain in the gym/on the field with the coach or their parents at all times. No student will be allowed to walk the halls at any time. Any participant in the athletic program must maintain a satisfactory attitude toward the activity in which he/she is participating. If, in the opinion of the coaches, a participant has a poor attitude (talking back to coaches, foul language, poor sportsmanship, damage to property, unnecessary horseplay etc.) he/she will be subject to disciplinary action in the form of benching, suspension or permanent expulsion from future games. A participant who is benched is expected to take part in practices and attend all games but will not play. The length of the benching will be determined by coaches.
4. Appearance for games: All students must be appropriately dressed for games and sporting events as specified by coaches. Those teams having warm-ups must wear the warm-ups for all games. Uniforms are worn under warm-ups. *Remember you represent Trinity Catholic Academy when wearing your uniform!* **Uniforms and warm ups are to be worn to games only. Uniforms and warm ups are NOT to be worn as dress down attire. You are responsible for keeping your uniforms clean and in good repair.**
5. Attendance: Any participant who misses practices and/or games, without just cause, will be considered for disciplinary action. Students should inform the coaches personally beforehand if a participant is to be absent on the day of the game or practice. If a participant is absent from school on the day of a game or practice because of illness, the student will not be permitted to participate in a practice/game on that day. *If a participant is absent from or sits out of Physical Education class on the day of a game or practice with a medical excuse, the student will not be permitted to participate in a game or practice on that day.* Children who are absent on Friday are eligible to play weekend games provided

they have recovered and are *fever free without medication for 24 hours prior to playing.*

6. Medical Requirements: Any participation in the athletic program must adhere to the Massachusetts State Medical Requirements (a physical exam) for participation in organized school activities. **Physician exam statements must be remitted to the school prior to the first game.**
7. Parents' responsibilities: Parents are responsible to drop the students off for practice in a timely manner. They will also pick up students on time and no sooner than 10 minutes before practice ends. **All practices are closed to everyone.** Parents and guardians are responsible for the care and upkeep of any uniform or part of a uniform which belongs to TCA. The uniforms are loaned to students for the duration of the season and must be returned in the best possible condition. Participants are expected to replace any uniform lost or damaged.
8. Parents and/or guardians are required to participate during basketball games in concessions, admissions and door monitoring. A schedule will be given to each athlete's family with a job to do at a home game. The school should be protected from wandering students and vandals. It is your responsibility to ask a child "Where are you going?" or "Why are you here?" and to be sure they return to the proper place. If you see the cafeteria or the kitchen needs cleaning, do it! Many hands make light work—so lift a hand and help us to keep the Bobcats going! If you cannot make your assigned schedule it is your responsibility to get a replacement for yourself. Remember, parents, grandparents or other relatives may all work the concessions, just be sure they know the job you were assigned to do and are able to perform it. **These individuals would also need to be CORI checked before they could substitute for you.**
9. All parents are expected to help set up before games and clean up after games. The concessions are cleaned up and the cafeteria floor washed by those working the concessions that night. Gym floor needs to be mopped and damp mopped if necessary. Everything should be put away before the last person leaves. **No one person has this responsibility, we all do. If you are not helping out at games, your child's participation in the sport's program could be in jeopardy.**

Please remember your child cannot play unless a sports physical is in the office before the first game.

**TRINITY CATHOLIC ACADEMY
PARENT/STUDENT ATHLETIC CONTRACT
SIGNATURE PAGE
2015-2016 SEASON**

We have read the terms of the athletic contract and agree to abide by the terms set in it.

PARENT SIGNATURE

ATHLETE'S SIGNATURE

DATE

IF THERE IS MORE THAN ONE CHILD FROM YOUR FAMILY PLAYING ON ONE OF TRINITY'S TEAMS, PLEASE HAVE THEM SIGN SIDE BY SIDE ON THE LINE ABOVE.