

# St. Ignatius Athletic Association

## Spectator Code of Conduct

### Expectations for Spectator Conduct at Athletic Events

At St. Ignatius, athletics are an extension of our mission to form the whole child—mind, body, and spirit. Spectators play a vital role in shaping the experience of our student-athletes. We expect all spectators to model behavior rooted in respect, sportsmanship, and our shared Catholic values.

### General Expectations

All spectators—parents, guardians, family members, and guests—are expected to:

- **Demonstrate respect** toward student-athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, and opposing teams at all times.
- **Model positive behavior** that reflects Christian values and good sportsmanship.
- **Support and encourage all players**, recognizing effort, teamwork, and growth over outcomes.
- **Honor the authority of officials and coaches**. Game decisions are not to be questioned, challenged, or debated by spectators.
- **Maintain appropriate language and tone**, refraining from yelling, taunting, or using negative, aggressive, or sarcastic remarks.

### Prohibited Behavior

The following behaviors are **not permitted** at St. Ignatius athletic events:

- Yelling at or criticizing referees, coaches, or players.
- Negative comments directed toward the opposing team or its supporters.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct, including taunting, intimidation, or confrontational behavior.

- Coaching from the sidelines or directing players during play.
- Any behavior that creates an unsafe, hostile, or distracting environment.

## **Catholic School Environment**

As a Catholic school community, we are called to:

- Treat all participants with dignity and compassion.
- Resolve disagreements calmly and respectfully.
- Remember that our children are watching and learning from our actions.
- Represent St. Ignatius with integrity both at home and away events.

## **Enforcement**

Failure to adhere to these expectations may result in:

- A verbal warning from a coach, coordinator, or athletic administrator.
- Removal from the game or facility.
- Further disciplinary action, including suspension from future athletic events, if behavior persists.

## **Shared Responsibility**

Creating a positive athletic environment is a shared responsibility among schools, families, and spectators. By working together, we ensure that St. Ignatius athletic events remain safe, respectful, and focused on the development of our student-athletes.