

Bishop Chatard Athletic Code of Conduct

Intent: Participation in athletics at Bishop Chatard is not a right but a privilege. Athletes make a commitment to their teammates and coaches to follow training rules and to be able to perform at their best at all times. In addition, they have a responsibility to serve as role models for other students in the school, as well as for grade school children in the community. Athletes, whether in or out of uniform, carry with them not only their own reputations, but that of their families, their teams and their school.

Rationale: The use of alcohol, tobacco products or illicit drugs can harm an athlete's physical and mental health, athletic and academic performance, and personal reputation. Use of these items is both illegal and dangerous. The safety and well being of a student-athlete is the top priority of the athletic department and its programs.

The conduct of a Bishop Chatard athlete should be consistent with the mission of the school, and the behavioral policies of the athletic department shall reflect appropriate values and attitudes.

With these things in mind, there are certain types of conduct that will not be tolerated from a Bishop Chatard student-athlete. **The following rules are in effect year-round, whether on or off school grounds. The consequences are cumulative.**

Important: Bishop Chatard is not asking athletes to make sacrifices. Sacrifice implies giving up good things. We are asking our athletes to do the opposite: live clean, think clean and do things that will make them better people.

Rule #1: A Bishop Chatard student-athlete shall not use, consume, possess, buy or sell alcohol, tobacco products or illicit drugs.

Consequences:

- A. First offense: (1) The student-athlete must attend a 1-2 hour class aimed at educating the violator as to the dangers and long-term health concerns resulting from the use of tobacco, alcohol or illicit drugs. (2) The student-athlete must complete 12 hours of pre-approved community service. The hours must be completed within a 30-day time period and will not satisfy any of the required school service hours. (3) The student-athlete will be suspended from 40% of the contests from his or her most immediate season. For sophomores, juniors and seniors the suspension must be served in a sport in which the athlete competed the prior school year. A student-athlete serving first offense sanctions may practice or condition with the team. At the coach's discretion, a student-athlete ending the season in good standing is eligible for all athletic department awards.

- B. Second offense: (1) The student-athlete must be evaluated by a pre-approved agency for placement in an education / rehabilitation program. The recommended program must be completed at the expense of the student-athlete. (2) The student-athlete will be suspended from all athletic contests for one calendar year. At the coach's discretion, the athlete may practice or condition with the team. A student-athlete serving second offense sanctions is not eligible for any athletic awards for that year.
- C. Third offense: The student-athlete loses all privileges of participation, both practices and contests, for the remainder of his or her high school career. He or she will be offered direction in seeking further evaluation and / or rehabilitation.

Rule #2: A Bishop Chatard student-athlete shall not exhibit behavior that is inconsistent with the mission of the school or the intent of the Athletic Code of Conduct.

Consequences:

When inappropriate behavior by a student-athlete is brought to the attention of the administration, said student-athlete is suspended immediately from all athletic contests pending his or her appearance before the Athletic Council. The Athletic Council meets as needed. The Council will determine the sanction based on the severity of the violation. Any athletic contest(s) missed in the interim will be considered a completed portion of the sanction levied.

Note: The Athletic Council will be convened to consider Rule #2 violations (behavioral issues) only.

I have read and understand the Bishop Chatard Athletic Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its terms.

signature of student-athlete

signature of parent or guardian

printed name of student-athlete

printed name of parent or guardian