

Parent/Guardian Guidelines for the Sacred Heart Athletic Association (the "*Association*")

1. Parents are responsible for getting athletes to practices and games. Carpooling is encouraged.
2. When dropping students off at the gym for games or practices, parents should make sure that the team coach or authorized parent representative is in the gym. Parents should pick up their athletes and *spectating students* on time at the conclusion of practices and games.
3. Parents, athletes and other family members must stay in authorized areas of the gym. No one is permitted in the lower level of the gym except to visit the restroom. Parents are responsible for supervising their child(ren) in the gym at times when they are not attending a practice or a game.
4. The competitive varsity and junior varsity teams play in a competitive environment and, as such, all athletes may not play in every game. The coach(es) for these teams will endeavor to substitute athletes as game conditions warrant, but shall be under no obligation to play every athlete every game.
5. Since the sale of concessions at basketball games helps to fund all sports, parents/guardians from all sports will be scheduled to help with concessions and the gate during basketball season.
6. Food or drink is permitted in the gym. However, this policy is subject to change at any time if the gym is not being properly cared for by students, parents and visitors. Students and parents should clean up after themselves and are encouraged to dispose of any other garbage they see in the gym in an appropriate receptacle. All parents are asked to help in enforcing this policy.
7. Parents/guardians are to exhibit a good Christian behavior. Good sportsmanship must be projected by all involved. Rude and/or obscene language or physical violence will not be tolerated. Parents are permitted to encourage their athlete; however, no coaching from the stands is permitted. Parents who violate these policies will be asked to leave the gym.
8. A parent/guardian failing to maintain proper conduct will be issued a verbal warning for the first violation. Further violations will result in a disciplinary hearing before a committee of the Association's board of directors (the "*Association Board*").
9. Parents/guardians should endeavor to resolve any and all matters with their athlete's coach. Each coach shall establish an appropriate procedure for parents to address and issues or complaints with the coach (e.g. manner of communication, time of communication, preference for complaints to first be discussed with the coach or with the Association Board representative, etc.). Each coach will communicate the complaint process to the board representative for that athletic program and to the parents of participating athletes. In the event a coach prefers to have complaints or other issues raised directly with the coach, parents will still retain the opportunity to initially approach the Association Board representative with a complaint or other issue, rather than the coach. Parents are strongly encouraged to use the procedure specified by the coach. If a satisfactory resolution cannot be found, the complaint must be made in writing to the coach with a copy to the Association Board.