

# BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

The school VIT and Athletic Department have developed the following “Code of Conduct” with the goal of creating an environment that encourages, develops and strengthens our students, coaches and parents in a way that is consistent with our Christian beliefs.

## Players, coaches and parents:

- Encourage full participation by all students in practice and game situations.
- Treat all players, coaches, officials, parents, and administrators with respect and dignity.
- Show respect towards game officials and their judgment, even when they seem unfair or incorrect.
- Set a good example for others to follow, exemplifying the highest moral and ethical behavior.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship towards teammates and opponents alike.
- Represent the principles of Christian behavior.
- Never use profane, obscene, or vulgar language or gestures at any time.
- Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
- Act in a way that brings glory to God.

## Coaches:

- Begin and end all practices on time and with a prayer.
- Coach in a positive manner, reflecting Christian values.
- Instruct participants in sportsmanship and require that they display good sportsmanship.
- Act as a role model for our students and parents by exemplifying moral, ethical, and sportsmanlike behavior at all times.
- Accept responsibility for all facilities, equipment and uniforms that are used.
- Respect the decisions of officials and abide by rules of the event.
- Emphasize skills development and improvement based on individual players needs, helping them gain confidence and self-esteem.
- Strive to create a competitive environment that encourages players to do their best at all times regardless of the outcome.
- Learn basic first aid and emergency procedures.

## Players:

- Place academic achievement as the highest priority.
- Strive to learn the rules of the sport.
- Respect other players, coaches, referees, parents and spectators.
- Participate for the fun and enjoyment of the game.
- Never criticize the officials or coaches.
- Exhibit fair play, sportsmanship and proper conduct on and off the playing field.
- Win with character, lose with dignity.
- Encourage your teammates and all athletes during competition.
- Display positive behavior and Christian values at all games and practices.

## Parents:

- Appreciate officials and respect their decisions.
- Refrain from coaching your child from the stands or sidelines.
- Promote the emotional and physical well being of your child ahead of any personal desire you have for your child to win.
- Teach your child that doing one’s best is more important than winning, so that your child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his or her performance.
- Be a positive role model for your child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice, or sporting event.
- Remember that the players are children and are playing for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Make no derogatory comments or gestures to players, coaches, spectators of the opposing team, or officials before during or after a sporting event.
- Make sure you pick up your child promptly after practice and games.
- Discuss with coaches any family responsibilities which may conflict with practice or games.
- Stay informed about the transportation plans to and from “away” games, drive as your schedule permits, and always attempt to be on time to meet your child when another adult has driven him/her.

**We have read the Code of Conduct and agree to follow these guidelines in our participation in all BLS sporting activities.**

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**Signature of Parent/Guardian**

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**Signature of Player**

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**Signature of Coach**

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**Signature of Athletic Director**

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**Signature of Principal**

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**Date**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Circle Sport: Soccer Volleyball Cheerleading Basketball Track \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Teacher \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Guardian Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Work/Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Bethlehem Lutheran School  
**Parent Permission for Athletic Participation 2010-2011**

1. Before an athlete is permitted to participate in the Bethlehem Lutheran School athletic program for any sport, this permission must be signed and on file with the school.
2. Bethlehem Lutheran School is relieved of any and all liability for accidents or injuries connected in any way with the competitive athletic program.
3. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide insurance protection for the athlete while participating in competitive sports. BLS makes available student insurance plans which offers coverage for any accident or injury resulting from participation in competitive sports.

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

4. If the school is not taking a bus for an away event, you are responsible to provide a ride for your child. I am aware that my son/daughter may be riding to a scheduled athletic event with a "Qualified Driver's Certificate" driver who has a valid driver's license and insurance verification on file in the school office.

My child has permission to ride with a "Qualified Driver."  My child can only ride with his/her parent/guardian.

NOTE: Although participation in supervised school athletic and activities programs are among the least hazardous events in which any student will engage either in or out of school, the very nature of these school athletics and activities programs does create potential for injury. Parents should be aware that the chance of injury is present while students are participating in school athletics and activities and should understand this includes a risk of injury that may range in severity from minor to long term catastrophic up to and including death. Those parents who do not wish to expose their son/daughter to this possibility should not sign this permission form.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Guardian Signature

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**PHYSICIAN STATEMENT FOR ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION**

I hereby certify that I have examined \_\_\_\_\_ and that the student was found physically fit to engage in soccer, volleyball, basketball, track and cheerleading. **(Please cross out those in which the student should NOT participate.)**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Valid 365 days unless rescinded. Physician, Physician Assist. Or Nurse Practitioner

**SUMMARY INFORMATION FOR PHYSICIAN**

No pupil shall represent his/her school in inter-school athletics until there is a statement signed by his parent(s) or legal guardian and a practicing physician that he/she has passed an adequate physical examination within the past year; that in the opinion of the examining physician he/she is physically fit to participate in athletics; and that he/she has the consent of his/her parent(s) or legal guardian to participate on file with the school.

**NOTE:** It is strongly recommended by the Colorado Department of Health that individuals participating in athletic events have current tetanus boosters. Tetanus boosters are recommended every ten years throughout life. Boosters are recommended at the time of major injury if more that five years have elapsed since the last booster. If significant intervening illnesses and/or injuries have occurred, a more complete physical examination should be conducted. A practicing physician must sign the physical examination. If a student has been injured in practice or competition, the nature of which required medical attention, the student athlete should not be permitted to return to practice and/or competition until he/she has received a release from a practicing physician.