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**1.0 Purpose**

Participation in inter-scholastic programs is a significant element of Our Lady of the Angels Catholic School. Athletics, as with all school programs, are formational in nature. Gospel-based values are taught and learned in athletic programs by developing respect for self and for others through competitions in which dignity, integrity, fairness and moral strength are emphasized. Coaches, student athletes, parents, guardians and school fans are expected to display appropriate Christian behavior at all times.

**2.0 Applicability**

This policy applies to all parents/guardians that attend Our Lady of the Angels Catholic School sporting events to show support for and cheer on our students.

**3.0 Attending Our Lady of the Angels Sporting Events**

- 3.1 Parents/Guardians should recognize that striving to win is what is important and not necessarily winning itself. Striving to win means doing the best that you can do. Parents/Guardians should acknowledge that making mistakes and losing are a part of life. Discouragement, mistakes and losing are stepping stones to success.
- 3.2 Parents/Guardians should remember that encouragement and praise for every student, not just the best athletes, is critically important to their self esteem and their ability to achieve the most they can.
- 3.3 Parents/Guardians will not coach players from the sideline. This can confuse or distract the children. The coach is responsible for making the team decisions which includes positioning, offensive, defensive strategy/tactics and substitutions.
- 3.4 Parents/Guardians should respect all players, other parents, coaches and officials at all times. Parents should not show improper conduct towards players, referees, or spectators. An adult should know that failing to show respect for students who are doing the best they can sets a bad example for children and can result in expulsion from the venue. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games.
- 3.5 Parents/Guardians may not distribute or consume alcohol at any of Our Lady of the Angels Catholic School sporting events, athletic banquets or team social activities where children are present, whether on or off school property.
- 3.6 Parents/Guardians should be aware of the danger of allowing under-age youth to consume alcohol in their home. If parents/guardians supply alcohol to someone under the age of 21, they are subject to criminal prosecution.

**4.0 References**

- 4.1 Diocese of Harrisburg Policy 5138.4

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