

Allentown Central Catholic Athletic Code

Participation in athletics at Allentown Central Catholic High School is a privilege and not a right. In the exercise of this privilege, all students shall comply with the **Allentown Central Catholic Athletic Code and the Allentown Central Catholic High School Student Handbook**. As a condition precedent to a student's participation in the second practice and subsequent practices, scrimmages or contests of each season, the student and his or her parent/guardian shall acknowledge receipt of this Code by signing and returning the attached Consent Form to their coach.

A coach may distribute an additional team code, which shall govern athletes who participate in a particular sport. The student and his or her parent/guardian shall also acknowledge receipt of the coach's code and return the acknowledgement to the coach at the same time as the Consent Form.

The same standard of behavior and discipline for the students shall apply to the athletic student participant. **Therefore Allentown Central Catholic High School Athletic Code shall supplement the "Allentown Central Catholic High School Student Handbook"**

- I. Athletic Eligibility
 - A. Eligible if a student has not reached the age of 19 prior to July 1st.
 - B. Eligible if a student is passing 4 full time subjects.
 - If a student becomes ineligible because of failing grades, he/she will remain ineligible for one week at a time. (Monday to Sunday until he/she is no longer failing.)
 - C. Not eligible after completion of 8 semesters following a student's entrance into 9th grade.

- II. Attendance in School
 - A. To participate in any athletic activity a student must be in attendance at school before 11:00 AM on a Regular School Schedule or 10:00 AM on an Early Dismissal Schedule. Additionally, any student that leaves school before 12:00 Noon is considered absent and thus ineligible to participate in any athletic activity. **Please Note:** Athletic activities include team meetings, practices, scrimmages or games

Exceptions to the above rule would be a doctor appointment, a family or medical emergency, or extenuating circumstances. These exceptions require a note from the student's parent/guardian and the exceptions will be reviewed by the coach and the administration who will determine the eligibility of the student to participate.

III. General Requirements

- A. All student athletes shall be governed by and are subject to the athletic code during the athletic season in which they participate.
- B. The student athletes shall conduct themselves at all times showing good sportsmanship, courtesy to fellow players as well as coaches, referees, opposing team members and fans.
- C. A student athlete shall abide by the Allentown Central Catholic Student handbook as printed or explained. Any infraction by the student athlete will be handled by the administration and the coach.
- D. If a student athlete is late to practice because of academic reasons he/she must bring a note from his/her teacher stating the time of dismissal.
- E. A student athlete must abide by the health and training routines as set forth in a coach's code and/or the athletic trainer or as otherwise established by the coach/athletic trainer during the season.
- F. A student athlete must be a team player and avoid any actions that would be detrimental to the unity of the team.
- G. A student athlete may be eligible to participate in more than one sport in the same season with the approval of the Administration and the head coaches involved.
- H. During a PIAA defined season, Allentown Central Catholic restricts a student athlete from participating or training with another team, club or coach not sponsored by Allentown Central Catholic in the same sport during the same season without permission from both the Administration and Head Coach.

IV. Coach/Parents/Participants

- A. Coaches have the authority over who becomes a member of the team, which students play, and who is removed from the team. Coaching strategy is determined by the coaching staff. Accepting a position on a team includes acceptance of these procedures by both the student and the parent/guardian. Thus, these issues are not open to parent/coach discussion.
- B. Coach, athlete, parent meetings are encouraged to resolve any other issues creating concern or dissatisfaction. Such meetings must be arranged at a mutually acceptable time and place.
- C. Any discussion between a coach and a parent should be conducted in a calm, non-threatening manner, or the discussion should be immediately terminated to be continued only by appointment with the Director of Athletics.

ALLENTOWN CENTRAL CATHOLIC ATHLETIC CODE CONSENT FORM

I have read the Allentown Central Catholic Athletic Code and agree to abide by it.

STUDENT'S NAME (PRINT) _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____ SPORT _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (PRINT) _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

RELATIONSHIP (CIRCLE) MOTHER FATHER GUARDIAN

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR COACH BY THE NEXT
SCHEDULED PRACTICE DATE**