

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Athletic Association

Student-Athlete Participation Form for Our Mother of Perpetual Help Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Programs

The following Policy was established on December 4, 2013, and revised on July 14, 2014 after consultation among the Pastor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help (OMPH) Parish, the Principal of OMPH School, and representatives of OMPH Athletic Association (AA).

- I. All CYO Student-Athletes that participate in any OMPH CYO activities are expected to maintain Catholic morals, values and sportsmanship throughout his/her tenure on any OMPH CYO team(s). The student-athlete must request a sign-off from his/her pastor prior to participation in any CYO activity.
- II. All CYO Student-Athletes in Catholic, public, private or home schools must maintain academic proficiency. Should a student receive a failing grade on a report card in any core subjects, the student will be ineligible to participate in any CYO activities for a two week period. At the end of that two week period, the parent will have to contact the teacher/parent, in homeschooled situations, and ask for a current assessment to see if the student has remedied that situation so that his/her current grade average is not a failing grade. The assessment must be confirmed by either the coaching staff or the AA and must be done by email or in writing.

If so, the student may resume participation. If not, the suspension will continue. In either case, a further assessment will be made one month later to ensure that his/her grade average is passing. If so, the student will be permitted to continue in his/her participation. If not, the suspension will continue until the end of the marking period. Parents are to notify the OMPH coaching staff if their child receives a failing grade on their report card. Failure to notify may lead to further disciplinary actions including termination from all OMPH CYO activities for the school year.

- III. Any student attending a Catholic, public, or private school who participates in any OMPH CYO activity that receives a school suspension will be suspended for two weeks from all participation in any OMPH CYO activity. For any second suspension or for an expulsion, the student will be prohibited from any further participation in any OMPH CYO activity for the school year. Parents are required to notify the OMPH CYO coaching staff if their child is suspended from school. Failure to notify the coaching staff may lead to further disciplinary actions including termination from all OMPH CYO activities for the school year.
- IV. A student is not permitted to participate in any CYO activity on a day he/she is absent from school unless extenuating circumstances are approved by the attending Principal.
- V. Students are representing our Parish and School at all athletic activities. If the OMPH AA is made aware of any unsportsmanlike conduct or poor behavior, the AA will, after consultation with the appropriate Coach, Pastor and OMPH Principal (if student attends OMPH school) to determine whether the student should be eligible to participate in future CYO activities. A suspension from all CYO activities for a period of up to one week may be imposed for such an infraction. A second violation may result in a suspension of two weeks or dismissal from any CYO activity.
- VI. All CYO Student-Athletes must participate at the level the OMPH coaching staff determines is best for the entire program. The two varsity coaches will select their individual teams first, and then junior varsity, intermediate and novice. If any team needs to adjust their roster during the year, they may do so following the same procedure discussed above. A parent may not select the team they feel is best for their child. If a parent does not agree with the coach's decision, they may contact any member of the OMPH AA Executive Board and request a meeting. Once the OMPH AA Executive Board makes a decision it is final. The student-athlete must play for the team determined best for the CYO program, or be terminated from all future CYO activities for the remainder of the year.

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This form must be signed and returned to the OMPH Athletic Association before a student -athlete is eligible to play. We have read and understand the athletic policy and agree to adhere to it.

Student Signature: _____ Date _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Dear Parents,

The enclosed code of conduct for our student-athletes is established to foster and protect the core mission of our parish and to develop disciples of Jesus Christ. The mission of OMPH parish is to proclaim the Gospel, serve the needs of all within and outside our community, and to guide the members of our community to grow into a living image of the Body of Christ. To this end, the administration of OMPH parish, school and in conjunction with the OMPH Athletic Association has adopted a standard of ethical conduct and academic/behavioral expectations. A balanced student-athlete will be a faith-filled, responsible citizen, who achieves academically and performs athletically. Violation of this code of conduct is a significant event and calls for disciplinary action.

Kindly review these expectations with your child(ren). Sign and return the Code of Conduct to the OMPH Athletic Association.

Sincerely in Christ,

Below is the required pastor sign-off for all OPMH CYO student-athletes:

Pastor Sign-off: _____ Date: _____

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