Queen of Peace Catholic School Athletic Handbook

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“It is a fitting occasion to give thanks to God for the gift of sport, in which the human person exercises his body, intellect, and will recognizing these abilities as so many gifts of his Creator.”

– Pope John Paul II Jubilee of Sports People

“Do you not know that the runners in the stadium all run in the race, but only one wins the prize? Run so as to win. Every athlete exercises discipline in every way. They do it to win a perishable crown, but we an imperishable one.” 1 Corinthians 9:24-25
Dear Student Athletes and Parents,

At Queen of Peace Catholic School we recognize that the imperishable crown offered by Jesus Christ far exceeds any of the perishable crowns or trophies offered by this world. In our athletic endeavors, though we strive to win in the sense of having the best score, we recognize that real winning has to do with how we play each game and treat our opponents. The real value of Catholic School athletics is realized only if it fosters the discipline of Christian living. Through athletics, we will strive to help our student-athletes accomplish the following goals in their quest of Christian living:

- to give thanks and appreciation to God in all that they do;
- to work to develop known talents and to discover the unknown talents, which God has gracefully given us;
- to prepare for a life of Christian service and Christian living through the unique lessons learned in school athletics; and
- to develop an exposure to, and appreciation of physical activity and healthy lifestyle choices, that will lead to lifetime involvement in maintenance of the physical being that God has provided.

The purpose of this athletic handbook is to familiarize you with the athletic programs, services and policies of Queen of Peace Catholic School. This handbook is to serve as a source of information that will explain the operations of our athletic programs. Please take time to review each section of the athletic handbook. The Queen of Peace Staff wishes the very best for your student athlete. We want your son/daughter to strive to do the very best they can in the classroom, outside of the classroom and on the field.

If at any time you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

In Christ’s Name,

Paul Allen, Athletic Director

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Queen of Peace School Athletics

Mission Statement of Queen of Peace Catholic School:
Queen of Peace Catholic School, shares the mission of our Parish, to provide students with a Christ-Centered Catholic education that focuses on spiritual formation, academic excellence, and the fostering of individual gifts to better serve our community.

Mission of Queen of Peace Catholic School Athletics:
The Queen of Peace School Athletic Program dedicates itself to the pursuit of excellence in athletics within the framework of a Catholic community and in accordance with its primary role as an educator and spiritual guide. The athletic program is committed to providing opportunities for each individual student-athlete to reach his/her highest potential while developing the qualities and spirit of a Catholic Christian.

Conference Affiliation:
Queen of Peace School participates in the Inter City Catholic League (ICCL), a conference comprised of other area Catholic schools. Queen of Peace plays under the Indiana High School Association rules as amended by the bylaws of the ICCL. In addition to playing conference games, Queen of Peace teams may play other schools within the Michiana area.

Registration Information

Nondiscriminatory Policy
Queen of Peace Athletics admits any students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students of the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its participatory policies, admissions policies, or athletic programs.

Procedure for Registration
A student can become a full, participating member of a Queen of Peace athletic team once the following requirements are met:

1. Student and parent/guardian have completed and returned the Queen of Peace Athletic Permission Form. (see Appendix A)
2. Student and parent/guardian have read the Queen of Peace Athletic Handbook and have signed the Athletic Contract. (see Appendix B)
**Athletic Permission Form**

Queen of Peace students wishing to participate in a sport must fill out a Queen of Peace School Athletic Permission Form. This form is accessible at the end of this handbook (see Appendix A) and in the main office of the school. Permission forms must be completed and returned on or before the deadline set before the first tryout/practice date. Any student who decides to participate on a team after the deadline should talk with the coach of the team before attending practice. Deadlines are not intended to prevent a student from participating on a sports team, but they are necessary to make sure that team sizes do not become too large to allow for proper instruction of participants. A permission form need only be completed one time during the school year.

**Preseason Orientation Meeting**

Prior to beginning each season, the coaches will hold a meeting for all potential student-athletes and their parents. During this meeting the Athletic Handbook will be distributed and reviewed. The coaches will also facilitate sport-specific discussion group during this meeting to introduce themselves and share their expectations to their specific sport.

**Fees**

The athletic director will set all athletic fees prior to the start of each sports season. This fee must be paid in full before the student athlete can compete with the team. No student will be denied the opportunity to participate because of cost, and funds assistance is available for those who apply to the principal. The fee required is $25.00 per sport, per student ($100 cap per family).

All sports offered at Queen of Peace have costs that are required for their operation. The fees each child pays will go directly to help off set the entry cost each team pays to be a member of the ICCL ($250 per team) as well as the hiring of referees/umpires. Fees are to be paid directly to the school.

If you are coaching the same sport that your child is playing, and you are the head coach, your fee will be waived. Note: There will only be one coach per team that will be allowed the waived fee for the academic year.

**General Information**

**Levels of Competition**

Development of the skills fundamental to each sport receives primary emphasis on each athletic team offered at Queen of Peace Catholic School. Each team experience, however, may be slightly different depending on the level at which the team is competing.
Varsity/Colors

At Queen of Peace we give every student the opportunity to participate in the sport of their choice. At the 7th and 8th grade level the ICCL has created two separate leagues to afford an opportunity for every student to compete with athletes at their level of competition. In the case of high participation in a particular sport, evaluations will occur to determine which students are placed on the varsity team vs. colors team. Unlike 5th and 6th grade sports, 7th and 8th graders are combined at the varsity/colors level. In some instances, 8th graders could be placed on the colors team and 7th graders could be placed on the varsity team.

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**Athletic Teams at Queen of Peace**

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**Evaluations**

In the event that evaluations are needed to determine a varsity team vs colors team, an announcement of evaluation dates will be communicated to both parents and staff through multiple channels. An announcement of the evaluations dates will be emailed to the parents of students who signed up for the sport, as well as, communicated to students over the P.A. Students in grades 7-8 may attend evaluations for any Queen of Peace sports team.
Practice During Standardized Testing

Should an athletic season fall during the week of Indiana’s standardized testing (ISTEP), coaches are free to schedule practice(s) and game(s), with the understanding that all competition or practice must end by 7:30 pm. This curfew has been put into place to ensure students are able to gain adequate rest. Parents have the liberty of holding students out from practice this week without penalty to their child’s playing time or participation.

In School and Out of School Suspensions

Students who receive either an in-school or out of school suspension for violation of school rules/policies will not be allowed to participate in athletics, - practice as well as games – during their suspension.

Sports Pictures

A photo order form will be given to each team member a week before the pictures. Each student-athlete must return his/her form to the athletic director on or before picture day or they cannot purchase a picture. There are NO IOU’s. The dates will be posted on the Athletic page on the website and the teams will be told. We will be taking our pictures during the early part of the season rather than waiting. Please be sure that your son/daughter has all necessary items here on Picture Day including proper shoes. Our team pictures will be taken by Derby Photography.

Coaching Expectations and Requirements

Coaches are first and foremost educators, and must work in coordination with the parents who are the primary educators of children. At all times, coaches must be examples of Christ the Teacher who serves as role models for student-athletes to emulate. They must be messengers of the school’s mission and ensure that athletic programs embody the Catholic characteristics prevalent to Queen of Peace School.

Goal Setting

When working with Queen of Peace student-athletes, a successful coach will work towards goals in the following three dimensions: team, personal, and school.

Team Goals

Queen of Peace coaches build a team by:

1. Advancing the athletes’ understanding of their role as members of the communal body of Christ
2. Creating a positive and memorable experience that will be cherished by the student-athlete for the rest of his/her life.

3. Teaching the specific and unique skills of this sport to the very best of his/her abilities by using all means, methods, and resources available.

4. Teaching the skills of healthy competition that will prepare athletes and the team to succeed.

**Personal Goals**

Queen of Peace coaches grow as individuals by:

1. Modeling character, sportsmanship, self-discipline, and a lived faith.

2. Appreciating the moments of grace throughout the season, at times of winning and losing.

3. Becoming a lifelong learner of their sport.

4. Maintaining perspective in and throughout all athletic endeavors, realizing teachable moments exist in all experiences.

5. Fostering positive relationships with all school community members.

**School Goals**

Queen of Peace coaches contribute to the school community by:

1. Infusing the school mission in all athletic activities

2. Promoting academic excellence as an essential component in the development of student-athletes.

3. Committing to effective communication with administrators, teachers, parents, and athletes.

4. Supporting the development of student-athletes as leaders and role models in the greater school community.

5. Creating a culture of school unity and spirit as exemplified through sportsmanship, positive fan participation, and respect for all.

**Conduct of Coaches**

Coaches are called to be models and witnesses to their faith each day and as such, coaches are expected to uphold high standards of conduct in and out of season.

**Language**

Language should be appropriate and constructive at all times. Coaches are expected to not only monitor their own language, but they should also set and enforce standards of appropriate language for their athletes. This includes, but is not limited to swearing, harassment, exclusionary language, sexual innuendo, personal attacks, and unsportsmanlike gestures or behavior.

**Treatment of Opponents**

Although opponents are not part of our school community, they are members of the larger body of Christ and should be treated as such. Coaches should model such respect for their athletes and instruct
players on how to welcome their opponents and all visitors in a way that conveys a sense of hospitality and community.

**Prayer**

Athletic experiences play an important role in the spiritual formation of students at Queen of Peace School. Genuine and lasting spiritual development is only possible through careful and conscientious preparation by those in leadership positions. Coaches, as team leaders, are chosen not just to be mentors and role models for student-athletes, but also to be witnesses. Prayer should become an intentional component to a team’s culture, not just a rushed event before or after a game or practice. Rather than emphasizing winning, prayers should focus on embodying the spirit of Christianity. Coaches are encouraged to build and create spiritual traditions into their approach to coaching at Queen of Peace School.

**Holding Evaluations**

In a Catholic school, it is essential to demonstrate respect for all members of the school community. There is not an expectation that all students will be able to be members of the varsity team, but when evaluations are necessary to determine varsity vs. colors, students should be treated fairly and with compassion. Coaches should provide individualized feedback to players rather than simply posting a list of team members.

**Coaching Duties**

In addition to serving as witnesses and models of faith, Queen of Peace coaches are expected to fulfill the following duties:

- Plan out practices and games
- Supervise athletes at all times until they are picked up from practices and games
- Condition athletes properly
- Assess athletes’ readiness for practice and completion
- Instruct properly on what to do and what not to do
- Inventory of uniforms and athletic equipment
- Maintain safe playing conditions
- Ensure cleanliness of facilities
- Provide proper equipment
- Communicate practice and game schedules to athletes and parents
- Select, train, and supervise assistant coaches
**Communication with Athletes and Parents**

Queen of Peace coaches should establish clear procedures and guidelines for communication with athletes and parents that align with the philosophy and mission of Queen of Peace School. Email should be used only to communicate basic information, such as time and location of games and practices. Discussions of concern should always be done in person. If a face-to-face meeting is not possible, a phone call is acceptable. Before meetings, establish clear agendas and communicate that certain topics will not be discussed. Coaches do not have to discuss playing time, coaching strategies and specific plays, or information pertaining to other athletes.

**Awards and Recognition**

The Queen of Peace Athletics Program will host a Pep Session at the conclusion of the fall, winter and spring seasons. Coaches and parents are invited to attend the session to publicly introduce their players and summarize their season. Recognition of athletes, however, should be utilized throughout the season as a means of personal athlete formation and team-building. Particular recognition of athletes should embody the goals and philosophies of the athletic department and program, not only physical talent. Some areas of recognition may include one’s academics, sportsmanship, and Catholic nature/spirituality.

**Student Expectations and Requirements**

Students and parents should recognize that participation in the athletic program is not a right of all students, but rather a privilege to those selected individuals who possess the ability, attitude, disposition, cooperative spirit, and desire to represent the Queen of Peace community in a favorable way. By joining the school’s athletic program, a student becomes a representative of his/her team and Queen of Peace School.

**Service**

Student Athletes are expected to participate in various service projects throughout the year. Including but not limited to: working in the concession stand during the Parish Bazaar and or home games, and supervising children’s games during Mardi Gras. Most of these events are fundraising opportunities for our Athletic program.
Eligibility and Probation

We expect student-athletes to maintain academic and behavioral standards in keeping with the Queen of Peace School Student-Parent Handbook and the teachings of the Catholic Church. These regulations and procedures apply while on school premises, during practices and competitions, and in the public arena. A student will not be considered eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Queen of Peace School if their most recent academic report reflects:

- An academic average of a 2.0 or lower, in core classes (Core Class are Religion, Science, Math, Social Studies, English, and Literature)
- Failing grade in any core class
- A conduct grade of a C- or lower.

Probation is a one time, two (2) – week period during which a student-athlete works to improve his/her grades and/or conduct. During this two week period, a student is still considered a full participating member of the athletic team, but time should be spent improving one’s grades. Student-athletes are encouraged to seek extra help from those teachers in courses where s/he is struggling either before school or after school. Queen of Peace School faculty and staff are always willing to assist students in their academic studies.

Evaluating Probationary Improvement

A student-athlete remains a full, participating member of a team if his/her grades at the end of the probationary two-week period so long as their academic GPA is above a 2.0 in core classes with no failing grade(s) in core classes. Ineligibility means that a student-athlete may NOT participate in interscholastic athletics at Queen of Peace for the remainder of that particular season. This will result in the removal of the student from the team’s roster and the forfeiting of any awards or certificates.

All student-athletes are allowed one (1) probationary period per school year. Should a student athlete fail to meet the academic and behavioral standards outlined above more than once during a school year, s/he will be considered ineligible and will no longer be permitted to participate in interscholastic sports at Queen of Peace for the remainder of the school year.

Student-Athlete Expectations

A student-athlete’s behavior is governed by the same rules, regulations, and procedures that apply to all students as set forth in the Queen of Peace Parent-Student Handbook. Each student –athlete is expected to demonstrate and encourage in others behaviors that reflect good sportsmanship.
**Attendance**

All student-athletes must be marked as present in school on the day of practice or a game in order to participate. Please see the Student-Parent Handbook for what constitutes an absence.

All student-athletes must recognize the time commitment made to a team. One is expected to attend all practices and games. If one cannot attend a practice or game, please make sure the coach and/or coaches have been notified in advance. Consequences for a missed practice or game will be informed by the team rules as outlined by the coach/team at the beginning of the season in addition to the natural consequences that result from missing practice instruction or game experience.

**Dress Code/Uniforms**

Student-athletes are highly visible representatives of the school and, as such, are responsible for using good judgment in their overall appearance. All teams, regardless of level, have a responsibility to ensure that their game attire speaks of their class and excellence. All games shirts should be tucked in at all times. No player should make modifications to his or her uniform. Athletes are to wear a school issued uniform and treat their uniform with respect. Teams that treat their uniforms with respect, exude class. Before uniforms can be distributed coaches and parents must complete the Uniform Agreement Form. All uniforms must be returned to the athletic director or school office within seven (7) days of the last game. Progress reports and/or report cards may be withheld until the uniform is returned. If a uniform is not returned, parents are responsible for the cost of replacing the uniform.

**Sportsmanship**

All student-athletes are expected to represent Queen of Peace School in an exemplary manner. This behavior is expected both on and off the court or field. Student-athletes are expected to display the best of Christian courtesy and manners to all officials, coaches, opposing coaches, players, and spectators. At all times good sportsmanship is the rule not the exception. The penalty for unsportsmanlike behavior during a practice or game will be left to the discretion of the coaches for each sport along with input from the athletic director or school administration. This can range from sitting out at practice to a one-game suspension. In extreme cases when an athlete has been ejected from a game, multi-game suspensions and dismissal from the team may be appropriate. The athletic director and principal will make the final decision following a meeting with the athlete, coach, and parent.

**Ejections**

Any ejection from a game or match by an official will result in a minimum of a two (2) game suspension from athletic events. This applies to coaches, students, and parents. Queen of Peace School parents may not approach an official to discuss any issues before, during, or after a game or match, or for any other
reason. Any ejection decision by an official will be adhered to by the coaches, parents, athletes, and the school administration without further discussion. (There will be no appeal)

Transfer Students/Injured Students
Transfer students or students injured at the beginning of a season will be awarded an evaluation for a team if there are more than half of the games left in the sport’s season. Transfer and injured students are guaranteed the same evaluation duration as the other athletes, though they are not guaranteed placement.

Expectations of Parents and Stakeholders

“It is incumbent upon parents to cooperate closely with the school teachers to whom they entrust their children to be educated; in fulfilling the duty teachers are to collaborate closely with parents who are willingly heard and from whom associations or meetings are be inaugurated and held in great esteem.”

(Code of Canon Law, 796)

Queen of Peace School coaches and administrators respect the primacy of the parents as the first teachers of their student-athletes, and will partner with parents in the formation of student-athletes. Parents and other members of the community play a vital role in the holistic education of children including students’ participating in school-sponsored athletics. Together, all stakeholders should actively work to ensure that the Catholic mission and identity of Queen of Peace School permeates the athletic program.

Top Five Ways to Support your Student-Athlete

1. Be present – Show up to games, cheer, and support our teams.
2. Be positive – Children learn from modeling. When talking about the game, season, performances and decision making, please share the gift of positive outlook on life. Make sure that your child knows that win or lose, s/he is loved and supported.
3. Encourage independence – Encourage student-athletes to be responsible for the care of their athletic gear and to be prepared for practices and games. In addition, student-athletes should speak directly with their coach about any questions and/or concerns they may have.
4. Observe the “24 Hour Cushion” – As do all good educators, Queen of Peace coaches will naturally and deliberately reflect on game situations and decisions. Please allow coaches the time they need to process their decisions before approaching them with any questions of your
own. As stated above, coaches are not inclined to discuss playing time, coaching strategies and/or specific plays, or information pertaining to another athlete.

5. **Model Queen of Peace’s behavior expectations for visiting spectators** – Take pride in our athletic program and model for visitors how we...
   
   i. Cheer for our team rather than against your opponent
   
   ii. Respect the integrity and authority of game officials
   
   iii. Allow coaches to coach without criticism from the spectators
   
   iv. Help clean up at the end of athletic events

**Transportation**

Transportation to/from practices and games is the sole responsibility of the parents. Please ensure that you student-athlete is picked up promptly at the end of each practice/game.

**Removal from Team – Parent Decision**

The principal, athletic director and coaches will respect and support the decision of a parent to remove his or her child from a team for any reason. However, once the child is removed, he or she may not return to that team for the remainder of the sport season.

**Concession Stand/Gate Admissions**

Parents are **expected** to participate in various ways throughout the year to help offset athletic fees. Including but not limited to: concession sales and gate admissions. These events are fundraising opportunities for our Athletic program.

**Revisions/Modifications to Policy**

The Principal may make changes to any policies outlined in this handbook as needed, and has the final decision with regards to any policy. Changes will be made public in the weekly newsletter.

*The Principal has the authority to remove a student or cancel a season if student-athletes or parents are not adhering to Queen of Peace School standards.*
Athletic Permission Form

Purpose: To enable parents or guardians to authorize the provisions of emergency treatment for players who become ill or injured while under coaches authority when parents or guardians cannot be reached. This form must be completed each school year.

Name of Athlete ______________________________________  Grade: _______

Address ______________________________________________________________________________________

Phone_______________________________________________________ Birthday _____________________

Father ________________________________________________________________________________________

Mother ________________________________________________________________________________________

Person to contact in case of an emergency when parent cannot be reached

Name ___________________________________________________________ Phone __________________________

Allergies: ____________________________________________ Date of Last Tetanus Shot: _____________

Medication being taken: _________________________________________________________________________

List of Health Problems: __________________________________________________________________________

Medical Insurance Firm: _____________________________________   Policy #: ______________________

Part I or II must be completed

Part I – To Grant Consent: If unable to reach parent or guardians, I hereby give my consent for 1) the administration of any treatment deemed necessary by ______________________ (Physician) or ______________________ (Dentist) in the event that the designated practitioner is not available another licensed physician or dentist and 2) the transfer of the player to ______________________ (Hospital) or any other hospital reasonably accessible.

This authorization does not cover surgery unless the medical opinions of two other licensed physicians or dentists concurring in the surgery are obtained prior to the performance of such surgery.

________________________________________   __________________________________________
Date                                                Signature of Parent or Guardian

Part II – Refusal to Consent: I DO NOT give my consent for emergency medical treatment of my child. In the event of illness or injury requiring emergency treatment, I wish team authorities to take no action or to: ______________________

________________________________________   __________________________________________
Date                                                Signature of Parent or Guardian
Queen of Peace Catholic School

Athletic Contract

Please initial each statement below to acknowledge your agreement to this contract. Then sign the form at the bottom and return to the School’s Office to be eligible for participation.

As a Queen of Peace Student-Athlete...

_____ I will strive to give my best to the team in every practice and every game.

_____ I will be on time for all practices and games.

_____ I will not miss a practice or game because of another outside sport or extra-curricular activity unless it is approved by the coach.

_____ This experience is an opportunity to learn not only ________________ (sport), but also teamwork with all its inherent responsibilities. There will be times when I will follow someone’s lead and there will be times when I must assume the lead – I always have a contribution to make to my team.

_____ I will take my coaches’ directions and comments as constructive suggestions, which make me a better athlete and my team a successful unit.

_____ Practice is where I learn the concepts of the game. How I apply those concepts in mind and body in practice will carry over into the game situation.

_____ I will play hard, but always will be a fair sport whether we are winning or losing the game, realizing that everyone on my team an my opponent’s team is playing for fun and the competitive experience.

_____ I will carry these principles to my schoolwork and my family life with the realization that these are of greatest importance and take precedence to any sport.

_____ I will be an example of Christ in all my actions on and off the field/court of competition.

Player Signature: ___________________________ Date: _____________

Parent Signature: ___________________________ Date: _____________

Appendix B
Queen of Peace Catholic School

Inter City Catholic League Athletic Contract

Year __________________   Boy _______   Girl ______

Last Name ___________________________________       First Name ________________________

Street Address _____________________________________________________________________

City ___________________________  State _________________________  Zip Code ____________

Phone ______________________________   Grade _______________   Birth date ______________

I. Parent and Athlete

We, athlete and parent, understand that participation in athletics involves the possibility of a serious or even fatal injury. In consideration of our child’s opportunity to participate in this program, we, the parents, individually and on behalf of our child, expressly assume any and all risks associated with and arising from such participation, including, but not limited to bodily and emotional injury, at practice, competitive events, and any other related activity, including transportation to and from any event by a volunteer. We hereby release the Diocese of Ft. Wayne/South Bend, ICCEL, any parish and/or school sponsor and all of their agents from any and all liability for any such injury or damage. We have provided the required Emergency Medical Authorization to the coach with this Contract. We will abide by ICCL rules, the Parent’s Code of Ethics and the direction of ICCL and game officials.

_____________________________________  ____________ ________________________

II. Parents’ Code of Ethics

• I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win.
• I will demonstrate the Christian values of self-restraint, fair play, and sportsmanship in my treatment of others at every game, practice session, or other ICCL events.
• I will ask my child to treat all players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, or ability.
• I will demand a drug, alcohol, tobacco, and weapon-free sports environment for my child and agree to assist by refraining from their possession and/or use at all ICCL events.
• I will do my best to make my child’s involvement with youth sports a positive experience, while always remembering that the game is for the youth, not the adults.

I have read the above “Code of Ethics” and understand that my (our) failure to uphold any of these statements may lead to disciplinary action by the ICCL Board, which may include, but is not limited to, the forfeiture of my right to watch my child participate in ICCL athletic events.

_____________________________________  ____________ ________________________

Signature of Athlete & date signed

Signature of Parent or Guardian & date signed

Signature of Athlete & date signed

Signature of Parent or Guardian & date signed

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