



MoN Parental Acknowledgment and Agreement for All Sports

The purpose of this Acknowledgment is to set forth the standards and expectations that you and your child agree to meet when participating in any activities associated with sports at Mary of Nazareth. This Acknowledgment and the documents referenced herein address issues, conflicts, or disagreements with a coach, referee, administrator, another player, or player's family member.

I have read this document, understand its contents, and acknowledge the following:

1. The coaches are volunteers, doing their best to help all children on the team grow as individuals and learn some basic skills in the chosen sport. MoN coaches are not training your child for the Olympics.
2. The amount of playing time that each player receives is a judgment call made by coaches. Many factors go into playing time decisions. Our volunteer coaches take into consideration attendance, attitude, and effort at practices when deciding playing time. **If you disagree with the playing time that your child is receiving, it is not appropriate to discuss the issue with the coach before, during, or shortly after the game.** MoN follows the 24-Hour Rule, which requires parents and/or players to wait 24 hours before discussing your views with the coach. It is expected that all such discussions will be held privately, calmly, and professionally.
3. I also understand that MoN Sports and CYO rules change as my child gets older. "Fair participation" at 3rd and 4th grade levels evolves into little or no required playing time for Varsity. This issue is covered in the documents linked below, but requires special attention and call-out. Playing up is rarely allowed and only by special exception made by MoN administrators. Further, CYO leagues begin at 3rd grade, so an alternate set of guidelines applies for grades K-2.
4. If your child refuses to practice or participate, in consultation with the MoN Athletic Director and the Sports Commissioner, the coach can ask your child to leave the team and the family will receive a full/partial refund of the registration fee. Some children, despite good intentions by their parents, have refused to practice, and this is unfair to their teammates and the coaches.
5. I commit to being positive on the sidelines (both during practice and games) and will be a role model for my children and those in attendance. The referees have a tough job and are paid very little. I also commit to not

engaging in behavior that would reflect poorly on me, my family or MoN. I recognize that MoN Sports is not the NCAA.

6. I have read and understand the "Sports Bylaws" which includes the Sports documents located [HERE](#), and the CYO athletics standards and coaching resources [HERE](#) and any other special requirements that may be added to any specific registration form.

By clicking on this box you are agreeing to all the items set forth and will be bound by the rules of the school and CYO. Any violation is subject to disciplinary action by the School Principal, Parish Priest, and/or the Athletic Director, which can include suspension of you and/or your child and/or season termination for your child without a refund.