

Athletic Department Philosophy

We believe athletics are grounded in an education-based approach. While winning is an important facet of competitive athletics, it is not the sole driver in our approach. Respect for opponents and dignity of self are more important than any victory.

Ultimately, how we carry ourselves as a team, program and community will indicate if we are successful, not our win-loss record.

Our young men need constant reinforcement of values that are representative of our mission and consistent with our Catholic faith.

**“We are not here to
teach boys how to
make a living, but how
to make a life.”**

~Brother Martin Hernandez~



SPECTATOR PLEDGE

As a spectator, I acknowledge that I am a role model. I will remember that school athletics are an extension of the classroom, offering learning experiences for students. I must show respect for all players, coaches, spectators, officials and support groups. I will participate in cheers that support, encourage and uplift the teams involved. I understand the spirit of fair play and that good sportsmanship is expected by our school, our district and the LHSAA. I hereby accept my responsibility to be a model of good sportsmanship that comes with being a role model for all student-athletes.



CRUSADER CODE OF CONDUCT

The mission of Brother Martin High School is to form young people through a holistic education that fosters academic excellence in a caring, disciplined community which integrates Catholic tradition and the charism of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart to meet the needs of a changing world.

Courtesy of the Brother Martin
Athletic Department.

Spectator Expectations

- I will learn and understand the rules of the game in order to be a knowledgeable spectator.
- I will be responsible for my actions and the actions of my guests as positive role models for the student-athlete and will encourage sportsmanship by showing respect, courtesy and positive support for players, coaches, officials and all other spectators.
- I will not engage in any un-sportsmanlike actions directed at any official, coach, player or other spectators to include booing, taunting, using profane or rude language or gestures.
- I will discourage and not engage in any behaviors or actions that would endanger the health of all spectators, athletes, officials and coaches.

Parental Expectations

- I will teach my child to play within the rules and resolve conflicts without resorting to violence or hostility. In addition, I will demand that he/she treat other players, coaches and officials with respect.

- I will teach my child to perform to the best of his ability. Although winning is rewarding, it is not more important than the effort extended or the maintaining of one's dignity.
- I will not ridicule or taunt opposing players for their actions on or off the court.
- I will not ridicule or yell at my child or other members of the team for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will put what is best for the athletes and team above my personal desires for my child to gain acclaim or to win.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will not question, discuss or confront coaches or officials at the competition site. I will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will demand an educational sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all high school events.



In Closing

By purchasing admission to a contest hosted by Brother Martin High School or attending an event in which Brother Martin is a participant, you are in support of what is listed in our Code of Conduct. Those spectators in violation of our faith/education-based approach may be subject to the following, not particularly in order:

- Verbal Warning by an Administrator/Athletic Director.
- Removal from the contest.
- Referral to the on-site security detail.
- Banishment from future contests.

Thank you for your time and understanding for how we approach athletics. The hope is to create an atmosphere that is positive, regardless of our opinion.

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