



*At Bishop Manogue Catholic High School, we all work together to support the efforts of our student-athletes to gain a benefit from their interscholastic athletic experience.*

*Athletics at BMCHS are designed to affirm and promote Catholic values and fully engage student-athletes in mind, body and spirit. Student-athletes, coaches and parents are called upon to work together in the true spirit of sportsmanship to assist in creating an environment in which those Catholic values can be revealed, tested and proven relevant to participants and the entire school community.*

#### **PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. Realize that athletics are part of the educational experience and the benefits of involvement go beyond individual accomplishments and the final score of the game.
2. Provide positive support, communication, and encouragement to your student-athlete and his or her team.
3. Demonstrate respect and sportsmanship toward the visiting team, their coaches, officials, and their fans.
4. Allow the coaches to be responsible for your student-athlete during practices, games or any other team related activities.
5. Respect and support the commitment coaches make and the task they face as they strive to educate and positively influence our student-athletes.
6. Assist in providing for your athlete's safety and welfare.
7. Develop a sense of dignity and civility under all circumstances. **Be a fan... Not a fanatic!** The leadership role you take in sportsmanship will help influence your child and our community for years to come.
8. Abide by and support any rules, guidelines and policies of Bishop Manogue Catholic High School, and the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA).

#### **ATHLETIC CLEARANCE**

A student-athlete must be cleared once per year to participate in athletics. Starting with the Freshman year, a physical is required each year. Along with an annual physical, student-athletes must submit a BMCHS Athletic Packet – reviewed and signed by both parents/legal guardians – prior to any athletic participation. Student-athletes must also attend an NIAA Drug & Alcohol Presentation with a parent prior to their first athletic season of involvement each year. The presentation will be offered at the beginning of every sports season.

#### **TEAM SELECTION**

Bishop Manogue coaches are required to hold mandatory three-day tryouts where students can compete for available positions based on established written criteria in the event student participation is limited. The decision of the coach in choosing the team is final.

#### **OFFSEASON PARTICIPATION/CLUB SPORTS**

During the season, your student-athlete's primary commitment must be to the Bishop Manogue team that he or she is currently on. We are teaching dedication, commitment, and team dynamics. During the off-season, BMCHS adheres to NAC 386.696 (NRS 386.430). BMCHS does not require a student-athlete to participate in any athletic program for a sanctioned/sponsored sport that is conducted before or after the season for that sanctioned sport. BMCHS does not require participation in any offseason activity to be able to participate in an upcoming sport.

#### **MULTIPLE SPORTS**

At Bishop Manogue we encourage and support student-athletes who choose to participate in multiple sports. We believe multi-sport participation can enhance a student's high school athletic experience by introducing them to different challenges. However, balance is critical for multi-sports athletes! Always keep lines of communication open with your coaches to avoid burnout and fatigue.

#### **SCHEDULING INFORMATION**

To access information regarding individual sports schedules, please go to the Bishop Manogue Catholic High School website at [www.bishopmanogue.org](http://www.bishopmanogue.org). Click on Athletics, and then on the appropriate sport.



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## *Parent/Coach Communication Guide*



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*Thank you to our parents and coaches! Your time and dedication has helped Bishop Manogue achieve a proud history in athletics!*

*Our students, coaches, and parents have gone above and beyond to help establish a welcoming and successful athletic environment here at Bishop Manogue! There is a strong commitment to excellence within our community, and with each school year comes excitement for what new heights might be reached by our student-athletes and teams! Go Miners!*

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## COMMUNICATING WITH THE COACH

Bishop Manogue has earned respect throughout the state for the dedication and determination of its athletes. Sportsmanship is of the utmost priority for all of our student-athletes, coaches, and fans.

BMCHS strives to create and provide a positive athletic experience for every student. Keeping open lines of communications will help to ensure a positive athletic experience for all and allow for quick resolutions to any questions or concerns.

## COACHES' COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES

You should expect the following from your student-athlete's coach:

- Coaching Philosophy
- Expectations the coach has for each athlete on his or her team.
- Team rules and requirements.
- Participant conduct code and consequences for failing to adhere to those guidelines.
- Locations and times of practices and contests.
- Procedure in the event your student-athlete becomes injured.
- Requirements for earning Varsity letters.
- Responsibility for unreturned, lost, or damaged uniforms and/or equipment after each season.
- Communication concerning your athlete's role on the team.

Coaches will expect the following communication standards from parents:

- Questions and concerns expressed directly to the coach in a respectful manner and at an appropriate time.
- Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.
- Information about the health and well-being of your student-athlete.

Involvement in Bishop Manogue athletic programs will offer some of the most rewarding moments in your student-athlete's life. It is important to remember your athlete may face challenges during his or her participation in athletics. However, open communication and discussions with the coach will often be the quickest and most effective way to resolve issues and avoid misunderstandings.

## PARENTAL SUPPORT

Help your student-athlete before, during, and after competitions by adhering to the following guidelines:

**Before** – Know their goals, role on the team, and needs.

**During** – Model poise, confidence, and sportsmanship. Focus on our team.

**After** – Give them all the time and space they need. Be a confidence builder despite a win or loss.

**Attendance** – All student-athletes participating in athletic practices, contests, or events may miss only one period of a block day and two periods of a non-block day in order to remain eligible for participation. Any student-athlete who misses more than one period on a block day or two periods on a non-block day may be ineligible to practice or play in a game that takes place on that day. Any student-athlete who misses more than one period on a block day or two periods on a non-block day that falls on a Friday, may be ineligible to practice or play in a game on Saturday. Special exceptions to this rule can be made by the principal.

## CONCERNS TO DISCUSS WITH COACHES

The following situations are appropriate to discuss with coaches, but please never at a game or practice.

- Ways and methods you believe will help your student-athlete improve and learn.
- Clarification about the expectations for your student-athlete.
- Concerns about your athlete's behavior and safety.

The following situations should not be discussed with coaches:

- Playing Time
- Team Strategy
- Play Calls
- Matters concerning student-athletes other than your own child.



## SCHEDULING A MEETING

We suggest your student-athlete should first discuss his or her questions and concerns with the coach. Student-athletes and parents should not approach the coach before, during or after a contest or event. It is always best to set-up an appointment to speak with the coach.

*Meeting Progression for Concern Resolution*

1. Coach
2. Head Coach
3. Athletic Director
4. Assistant Principal
5. Principal