

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

CYO ATHLETIC PROGRAM – 2011/2012

PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

Congratulations and welcome to the OLS athletic program. It is the intent of the OLS Parish, Athletic Director, and Athletic Committee to make program participation both a learning and rewarding experience for all participants.

PRIMARY GOALS of OLS athletic program:

- 1) To foster a sense of Christian sportsmanship among the children.
- 2) To provide the child opportunity for each child to experience a meaningful contribution to a TEAM.
- 3) To provide the child a means to learn fundamentals of the sport, develop their skills, and learn what it means to give their best efforts at all times.
- 4) To furnish a healthy, competitive environment that provides the means for intellectual, physical, emotional and spiritual development.

PLAYING TIME

It is the firm belief of OLS, the Athletic Department and the Athletic Committee that the goals cited above can best be accomplished through the total participation in practice and, to a varying degree in games, of all students in the various programs. The purpose of the 5th and 6th grade teams, as well as the 7th and 8th gold and white teams, is to be developmental in nature – preparing all for the chance to participate in the 7th and 8th grade blue competitive arena. The 7th and 8th grade blue level is intended to be a highly competitive level of play, and game playing time is not guaranteed.

As part of proper preparation, attendance at practices and maintaining a commitment to Christian sportsmanship is critical. It should be noted that unexcused absences from practices, or discipline problems on the part of the child, might result in reduced playing time in games. If this occurs, both the child and his/her parents will have the situation explained to them in advance of the affected game.

PROGRAM PRACTICES

All program practice sessions are open for parental viewing (discretion however is asked in considering the appropriateness of the presence of younger siblings and of sideline comments).

CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

To maintain program participation eligibility, all non-OLS students must attend a Catholic Religious Education Program. Attendance will be verified weekly by the Athletic Department. Anyone found in violation of not attending will be suspended from all team involvement until attendance has improved.

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION PHYSICAL FORM

In order for your child to participate in an OLS program, a current physical (administered on or after April 15, 2011) form must be completed and signed by yourself as well as a physician. This form must be turned in before your child will be allowed to try-out for a team.

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION, FEES, AND UNIFORM POLICY

In order for your child to participate in an OLS program, parents must sign and submit the CYO Participation Form acknowledging assumption of risk/injury and pay sport fee prior to receiving a team uniform. (For uniform policy please see the "Uniform Distribution, Care and Return Policy form.)

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS – THE LINE OF AUTHORITY

It is strongly advised that any questions or concerns regarding your child's involvement on any team be addressed with the Coach or Athletic Director. Criticisms and concerns discussed with other parents or children is quite likely damaging to the learning environment of our teams. Please call the Coach or Athletic Director to set up a meeting to discuss any questions or concerns after an adequate amount of time to reflect on the question or concern, but at least overnight.

CYO SPORTS PROGRAM HANDBOOK

Please review the "CYO Sports Program Handbook" at www.olsorrows.com/content/athletic-director for essential information.

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UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION, CARE AND RETURN POLICY

In order to assure efficient maintenance and distribution of uniforms (for all children and from year to year), including proper uniform care and timely return, the following rules apply:

- 1) An Athletic Department representative(s) will distribute uniforms.
- 2) Uniform return will be facilitated at season's end by the Athletic Department, but will remain the responsibility of the player and his or her family.
- 3) (Football only) A \$150 deposit will be paid at registration and dated for November 1, 2011. This check should be made out to the "OLS Athletics" and will be returned upon return of all equipment and uniforms.

Upon return to the OLS Athletic Department, the uniform will be recorded and inspected for damage. Failure to return the complete uniform in an acceptable condition (washed and cleaned) will result in assessment to pay for the uniform's replacement. The student athlete and his/her parents will assume complete responsibility for the uniform, without exception. Further, the student athlete will not be allowed to play another CYO sport in the OLS program, or other appropriate measures, until they have returned the uniform or paid for its replacement.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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Consent and Expectations in Educational Athletics

The administration and staff of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish & School, all CYO Parishes/Schools, and the CYO Athletic Office wish to make it clear that CYO programs are educational activities. Athletes, parents and friends must be aware of our expectations with regard to sportsmanship. Unlike professional sports, as a spectator at an athletic event, you are a part of the activity, much like the athletes, coaches, and officials. As a participant, (spectator or team member) we expect that you will maintain good sportsmanship or refrain from attending CYO athletic events.

- It is expected that, as participants and spectators, we will support in a positive way our own team remembering that the athletes, coaches and officials are not perfect and will make mistakes. Negative, derogatory cheers or actions aimed at either team, coach, official or player are not acceptable in educational athletics.
- It is expected that you will accept the decisions of the officials without vocalizing disagreement. Officials are an important part of this educational activity. We realize that we are sending the wrong message when we challenge or abuse the game official(s) sent to the game to administer the rules of these educational activities. It is only the head coach's responsibility to direct questions or concerns to game officials and is never the role of a spectator.
- At all times it is expected that we will respect one another; adults and athletes alike. This especially includes our opponents and officials, without whose involvement, sport contest would not occur.
- Players agree to participate in CYO sports within the rules of the game, team rules and abide by the OLS Student Handbook. The coaching staff and the parish administration are concerned about your safety and want you to enjoy and benefit from athletic participation.
- We fully understand that the consequences of our action will result in the loss of the privilege to attend games whether home or away.

Signature of Student and Parent/Guardian that they have read and understand the statements above:

Student's Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date _____

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SPORT PARTICIPATION FEE - \$110.00

In order to participate in this sport, the winter sport participation fee of \$100.00 is required to help support the Athletic Program. A fee of \$10.00 is also being assessed to support the CYO. This total fee in the amount of **\$110.00** may be paid by personal check (made out to "Our Lady of Sorrows Athletics"), cash or money order. (\$20.00 surcharge will be assessed for returned checks.)

Date Received: _____	Amount: _____
Check #: _____	Cash: _____

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COACH'S ATHLETE EMERGENCY CARD

Athlete's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Family Home Phone: () _____

Mother's Work Phone: () _____

Mother's Cell Phone: () _____

Father's Work Phone: () _____

Father's Cell Phone: () _____

Responsible relative/neighbor to be contacted if parents cannot be contacted:

Name _____ **Relationship:** _____

Telephone # _____

<p>Any special medical history your coach should be aware of? (Asthma, Diabetes, etc.) Please list.</p> <p>_____</p>
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If my child becomes ill or injured, in the event I cannot be notified, please proceed with proper first aid and emergency medical care for my child.

Parent(s) Signature: _____

ATTENTION CYO ATHLETES AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS

ATHLETE'S NAME: _____ GRADE: _____ SPORT: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

ASSUMPTION OF RISK -- PROOF OF INSURANCE:

The coaching staff is concerned with your safety and wants you to receive the benefits of athletic participation.

I _____ (signature) Student athlete have read the above and agree that I have been warned as to injury and accept the responsibility of possible injury. _____ (Date)

I hereby consent to participation by my child, _____, in the sport described above. In consideration of my child being allowed to participate in this sport, I hereby agree on behalf of myself and my child, to release **Our Lady of Sorrows** School and/or Parish, the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), the Roman Catholic (Arch)diocese of Detroit, and any and all affiliated organizations, their employees, agents and representatives (**Releasees**), from any and all claims, including negligence, which may be asserted by me or my child, or on behalf of my child, arising from or relating to my child's participation in the sport. In the event this release on behalf of myself and/or my child is held to be invalid or unenforceable, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releasees from any and all claims, including negligence, which may be asserted by me or my child, or on behalf of my child, arising from or relating to my child's participation in the sport. This release of indemnification does not apply to claims for intentional misconduct or gross negligence; nor does this release of indemnification apply to the extent of commercial insurance coverage for any claim, but this Release of Indemnification shall apply to the extent of any self-insurance or deductible applicable to any claim.

I am the parent or legal guardian of the above named student and have read the above and recognize the risk in participation and injury. (Signature below)

The student is covered by an insurance policy in effect for the school year:

Parent/Legal Guardian Parent/Legal Guardian Date

Name of Insurance Company Policy or group number (Contact Athletic Director ASAP if no policy exists)

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Signature of Student Athlete and Parents/Guardians that they have read and understand the above.

Student-Athlete Parent/Guardian Parent/Guardian

This form is to be kept on file at the Parish/School. A new form must be filed each school year. The form must be submitted to by the parents/guardian to the Athletic Director/Coach before the start of the season.