

Lincoln Catholic Athletic League

I, _____, agree to uphold the Lincoln Catholic Athletic League mission statement and philosophy as a coach apart of this league. I have read and agree to maintain the Lincoln Catholic Athletic League's Coach's Mandate, adopted from the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. I acknowledge the repercussion of neglecting the mandate, with the penalty of dismissal of my duties as a coach.

X _____
(Head Coach or Assistant)

X _____
(Athletic Director)

Lincoln Catholic Athletic League Mission Statement

The mission of the Lincoln Catholic Athletic League is to provide an athletic program with an emphasis on Christian principles, good sportsmanship, and to govern healthy competition between teams and among student-athletes in grades 7th-8th. The Athletic Program is an integral part of the total education system provided by the schools where young men and women are taught lifetime skills of doing one's best, teamwork and leadership. Our Athletic Program strives to develop student-athletes' bodies, minds and spiritual beings into strong, contributing members of society and the Parish communities.

Lincoln Catholic Athletic League Philosophy

Student-athletes, coaches, parents and spectators are to keep in mind at all times that the contests in which the student-athletes compete are games. They should be fun for everyone involved. Winning is a worthwhile goal and purpose when viewed in the proper perspective. When doing one's best, enjoying competition, and receiving the character building benefits of competition, winning can be a most honorable goal. Our program shall provide valuable lessons for practical situations; teamwork, sportsmanship, winning and losing, and hard work. Through participation in our athletic program, students learn self-discipline, build self-confidence, and develop skills to handle competitive situations. Through the Lincoln Catholic Athletic League program, we work to build a community and a bond of unity that leads to caring for one another in the ways Jesus taught.

The Coach's Mandate

Pray as though nothing of eternal value is going to happen in my athletes' lives unless God does it.

Prepare each practice and game,
giving my utmost for His highest.

Seek not to be served by my athletes for personal gain,
but serve them as Christ served the church.

Be satisfied not with producing a winning record,
but with producing winning athletes.

Attend carefully to my private and public walk with God, knowing that the athlete will never rise to a standard higher than that being lived by the coach.

Glorify Christ in my coaching,
trusting the Lord will then draw athletes to Himself.

Desire to have a growing hunger for God's Word,
a transformed heart and daily obedience.

Depend solely upon God for transformation,
one athlete at a time.

Live out Christ's word in a Christ-like manner,
on and off the field of competition.

Recognize that it is impossible to bring glory
to both myself and Christ at the same time.

Allow my coaching to produce the fruit of the Spirit,
thus producing athletes who are authentic followers of Christ.

Trust God to reveal to my athletes His chosen purposes,
regardless of whether the wins are clearly visible.

Coach with humble gratitude,
as one privileged to be God's coach.

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