

## **ATHLETIC COMMANDMENTS**

- Participation is a privilege that carries a responsibility to the school, to the team, to the student body, to the community, to each gent's family, and to himself. In his play and in his conduct, he is representing all of these groups. Such experiences contribute to the knowledge, skill and emotional patterns that he possesses, thereby making him a better person and citizen.
- All gents must be given the opportunity to try out for any sport of their choice. However, a gent who is struggling to maintain satisfactory behavior, sufficient effort in class, or academic progress will be in jeopardy of making the team.
- All gents are expected to attend school every day. Gents who are absent, may not practice on the day of his absence. The Athletic Director may make specific exceptions.
- When a gent decides to try out for a team, he has made a personal commitment to attend
  every practice. If he is in school and cannot practice, he must see his coach before practice
  and explain why he will be missing.
- An absence from practice without speaking with your coach in advance may lead to suspension from competition(s). Continued absences from practice will result in being removed from the team.
- Athletic practices are an extension of the school environment. Conduct and behavior at
  practice must be the same as expected in the classroom. Disrespect, profanity, horseplay,
  defiant behavior will not be tolerated. Gents are involved in physical activity and can be
  severely hurt if you are not paying attention.
- The Athletic Director issues equipment and uniforms at the beginning of the season. All
  equipment and uniforms will be collected at the end of the season by the Athletic Director.
  Gents must personally return all uniforms and equipment on the day(s) assigned. If the
  Athletic Director does not receive the returned equipment, the family is responsible for
  replacing it.
- All gents are expected to represent themselves positively in classes and school activities.
   Athletes represent themselves, but also their families, teams and their school. No athlete
   will be exempt from school rules. Gents with consistent behavior issues will be subject to an
   indefinite suspension from the team.
- Also, when competing in, traveling to and from, or watching contests; Baltimore Collegiate
  gents should always be on their best behavior. If you win or lose, always display good
  sportsmanship.
- In the community at-large, you are viewed as an individual and as a representative of Baltimore Collegiate School for Boys. Any unbecoming or illegal actions by any gent reflects negatively upon their team and school community. Additionally, any problems created within the community may result in suspension from the team.
- All Athletes must have a "Parent/Guardian Permission to Participate Form" on file in the Athletic Office before they can practice or compete in any sport.