

2025 Fall Sports Meeting



Columbus Catholic Schools are dedicated to excellence in Catholic education, founded in the love of Jesus Christ, and designed to instill in our students faith, knowledge, and a desire to serve others.

Welcome & Overview

- Welcome to the 2025–2026 Athletics Parent Meeting
- Brief overview of tonight's topics
- Emphasis on partnership and communication
- Multi-sport participation strengthens our teams and our school community

Contacts

Mr. Krizan - Athletic Trainer

Ms. Varsho - Guidance

Father Clements

Mr. Lambrecht - Principal

Mrs. Hattamer - Resource

Mrs. Vine - Athletic Assistant

Mrs. Wieland - AD

Teachers and Staff

Physicals & Athletic Fee Requirements

All athletes must complete 2025–2026 registration before the first practice.

Registration includes:

Physical Forms

Athletic Fee

Concussion Waiver

Insurance Waiver

Code of Conduct & Academic Eligibility

(from our handbook)

Above-the-Line Behavior (Faith-Centered Behavior): Student-athletes must exhibit safety, respect, and responsibility, representing the Catholic Church, school, and community positively.

Below-the-Line Behavior Consequences : Violations of Catholic Principles (e.g., dishonesty, poor sportsmanship, inappropriate social media use) result in suspensions ranging from 15% to 75% of contests, with cumulative consequences for repeated offenses.

Bottom-Line Behavior Consequences : Severe violations or lack of respect for human dignity (e.g., hazing, substance abuse, theft) lead to suspensions of 50% of contests, up to permanent removal from athletics for repeated offenses.

Academic Standards (the Catholic commitment to education and personal development): Student-athletes must maintain a minimum grade of C- in all classes. Warnings, probation, and ineligibility are enforced for failing grades, with eligibility checks conducted weekly.

Reestablishing Eligibility (Path to Redemption): Students regain eligibility by improving grades during the ineligibility period, assessed weekly.

NIL – Name Image And Likeness

NIL refers to a student-athlete's ability to profit from their Name, Image, and Likeness, such as social media promotions, personal brand endorsements, or hosting camps/clinics.

High school athletes may engage in NIL activities under the following conditions:

- No use of school, conference or WIAA logos, uniforms, or facilities in paid endorsements or promotional materials.
- Organizations that already have partnerships or sponsorships with Columbus Catholic Schools or our conference are not eligible partners for NIL agreements with our student-athletes.
- NIL agreements must not be linked to athletic performance or achievements.
- Compensation must not come from prohibited industries such as gambling, alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, firearms, or adult entertainment.
- Student-athletes may not hire agents or representatives to arrange NIL deals.
- Coaches and school staff must not facilitate, arrange, or endorse NIL agreements.
- Full WIAA NIL guidance can be found at: wiaawi.org

Athletes must disclose NIL agreements to their school administration or athletic director to ensure compliance. Schools and coaches cannot arrange or negotiate NIL deals for student-athletes.

Improper NIL activity could result in the loss of amateur status and ineligibility to compete in high school sports.

Additional Diocesan Guidance: The Diocese of La Crosse will review and expand NIL policy guidance at their October 2025 meeting. Any NIL agreement or activity that conflicts with the mission of faith-centered education and Catholic values will not be valid.

Using Our New Facilities

Importance of care and respect for shared spaces

Clean-up expectations for teams and individuals

Safety First – All access must be supervised by approved adults at all times.

Phased Rollout – Facility access will be introduced slowly and strategically.

Purposeful Intent – Facility use will be aligned with athletic development and overall student wellness.

Supervision & Expectations – Weight Center Hours of Operation

Our goal is to give CCS students in grades 6 through 12, who have completed required safety and lifting training, access 6:30AM -7:30AM M-F or after school until 4PM.

Outside of supervised hours, users must be under direct supervision at all times by approved supervisors that include:

- Paid CCS coaches
- Paid CCS staff members

Access Types

- Team training sessions, scheduled through the Athletic Department during in-season programs
- Small-group or individual use during pre-approved supervised windows

Supervision & Expectations – Batting Cage Hours of Operation

Eligible Users - CCS students

Access Formats

1. Parent-Supervised Use

Students accompanied by their own parent, who must be a registered and a trained supervisor through CCS

2. Open Cage Time

Pre-scheduled sessions supervised by a paid coach or CCS staff member

3. Rental

Group or team-based use coordinated through the Athletic Department and subject to proof of insurance

Navigating Arbiter & Facility Scheduler

Previously rSchool — now integrated into Arbiter platform

Live updates from host schools + our own schedule changes

Central source for schedule, weather changes, and practice times, make sure you are signed up for notifications. Go [HERE](#) for directions.

Please know that some of our teams compete in different conferences: soccer, tennis, football.

Utilize the App

Volunteers

We welcome all families—to help with school sports events

Key needs: Concession Stand and Game Workers

- Common roles: Score clock, book, concession prep or checkout

Some sports require fewer or no volunteers—but others need more

- Consider helping even if your child isn't on a team

Training is always provided—no experience needed

Sign ups and Notifications

Support through Spectators

WIAA requires all spectators to follow sportsmanship standards at athletic events.

Spectators involved in misconduct may be ejected and face consequences.

Ejected spectators must complete a NFHS Sportsmanship Course before returning to future contests.

Completion certificate must be submitted to school officials for reinstatement.

Coaches and school staff will report incidents to WIAA to ensure a positive, safe environment.

Booster Club – Another way to be involved in athletics



Vital support for youth through varsity athletic programs

- Funds fan buses for postseason events
- Supports youth teams and end-of-season celebrations

Helps provide an unforgettable experience for all student athletes

Annual Golf Outing is August 9th

- Donate a prize basket for our upcoming Golf Outing
- Great way to get involved—even if you can't volunteer the day of
- Become a sponsor

Learn more or become a member [HERE](#) or scan the QR code

You are vital!

Integrating new means for ticketing, entering, parking and viewing.

- GoFan
- Hudl

We rely on you to help communicate these changes and spread the word!