



# Stephen T. **Badin** High School

## **Catham Club Pledge**

### **Preamble:**

- 1. The involvement of students in athletics at Badin High School is a privilege and there are standards of conduct that must be upheld.**
- 2. Additionally, with privilege comes responsibilities in areas such as conduct, sportsmanship, academic effort and performance, assisting with fund-raising efforts .**
- 3. All students involved in athletics are required to follow the policies set forth by Badin High School and the Athletic Department.**
- 4. These are the shared responsibilities of student athletes and their parents.**

### **ATHLETIC PHILOSOPHY OF BADIN HIGH SCHOOL:**

Athletics play an important role in the Philosophy of Badin High School. Realizing that the total development of the student involves mental, physical, emotional, social and spiritual development, the administrators and coaches of Badin High School strive to nurture unselfish attitudes and develop self-discipline through athletic competition. Athletics expose students to concepts of teamwork, dedication to purpose, emotional control, goal setting, and the ability to accept criticism, success and failure.

**The Catham Club:** The Catham Club was founded in 1944 by Hamilton Catholic High School, and continues the founders' objective of providing financial support to all inter-scholastic athletic programs at Badin High School. The funds raised by the Catham Club are used for purchases such as team uniforms, equipment and supplies.

The Catham Club heartily supports and endorses the philosophies, codes of conduct and mission of high school athletics and the values of Catholic education that are promoted and expected by the administrators, teachers and coaches at Badin High School.

**Membership:** The Catham Club is comprised of Badin's Athletic Director, four officers, a team representative from each sport and any other interested persons. **All parents of athletes are automatically considered to be members.** The meetings are the second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM and all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Catham Club Pledge:** Everyone in the Badin community, including athletes and parents, is expected to keep sports in the proper perspective, as part of the educational mission of the school, and to not lose sight of the ideals of amateur athletic competition. **By signing the Catham Club pledge, each student athlete and parents of student-athletes pledge the following:**

- Athletes pledge to familiarize themselves with the codes of conduct and academic expectations as fully delineated in the Badin High School student handbook and the Athletic Department handbook. Moreover, athletes pledge to conduct themselves with good sportsmanship and the spirit of good citizenship.
- Athletes understand that, at all times, they are representatives of Badin High School. Every member of a Badin Ram athletic team is a steward of the rich tradition and legacy of all athletes, coaches and teams that have come before them (from Badin High School and its' predecessors, Hamilton Catholic and Notre Dame High Schools).

- Parents of student athletes pledge to familiarize themselves with codes of conduct and academic requirements expected of their student athlete and encourage their student athlete to behave in accordance with these codes. Badin High School and Athletic Department codes of conduct are available on the school web site and/or available from the Athletic Director or school office.
- Parents pledge to lead by example by demonstrating good sportsmanship and behavior that “upholds the ideals of Catholic education” (see guidelines for fans' code of conduct that has been communicated by the administrators of all Greater Catholic League schools – on the school web site).
- Parents also pledge to review and act according to the Athletic Department's guidelines for communication between parents and coaches (also available on the school web site).
- The Catham Club endorses the school and athletic department substance-abuse policy (parents and athlete signatures required on a separate and specific form).

### **Athletic Department finances: participation fees and Catham Club fund-raising events**

#### **Fees:**

- Students participating in band/guard, cheerleading, and interscholastic athletics are required to pay a non-refundable participation fee. **The fee is \$150.00 per sport.**
- If a parent sells a full page ad in a souvenir sports program, the Catham Club will pay for the first sport played, or \$100 of the fee for a half-page ad.
- **Fees are due prior to the first athletic contest.**
- The athletic participation fee, collected by the school, pays for coaches' salaries, referee and umpire fees, coaches' clinics and other various sports expenses (especially costs of transportation). **This \$150 fee is not a source of revenue for the Catham Club and NOT included in the club budget.**

The Catham Club's annual budget supports all boys' and girls' sports teams and Club income is derived from several sources and fund-raising events:

- The Draw Down (held annually in August)
- The Badin Winter Sports Fest (held annually in January or February)
- The Badin Celebration (held annually in April – a percentage of net revenue is designated to the Catham Club)
- Spirit Shop Sales
- Athletic Program Ads

#### **Fund-raising:**

For over 60 years, the volunteers of the Catham club have contributed untold number of hours and the Badin community has contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to ensure that Badin High School teams are safely and well-equipped and provided with uniforms that can be worn with Ram-pride.

#### **Parent/athlete pledge**

With acknowledgment to the efforts of the Catham Club and the many financial contributors to Badin Athletics, **athletes and their parents pledged to do their part.** Specifically, athletes and parents (by signing below) pledge their commitment to fulfill fund-raising expectations and responsibilities as follows:

1. Each athlete is expected to **sell one drawn down ticket for every academic year** in which they are involved in Badin Athletics (one ticket, regardless of how many sports are played). Parents may choose to purchase the draw-down ticket, but that is not mandatory. It is expected that student athletes and parent(s) will assist in the fund-raising effort by ensuring the sale of one or more draw down tickets.
2. Because a good portion of the Catham Club budget comes from proceeds of the **Badin Celebration**, parents are asked to **contribute \$25** in cash and/or and expenditure of \$25 (or more) in the form of a product or service (used for auction items at the Celebration).
3. **Parents** will be asked to **volunteer their time** and energy to assist at a Catham Club fund-raising events (volunteerism will be solicited by Catham team representatives).
4. Parents and students are encouraged to **patronize the Spirit Shop** and, if possible, assist with solicitation and sales of advertisements in our sports programs.

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**By signing below, athletes pledge to comply with the codes of conduct, academic expectations, fund-raising activities and substance-abuse policy, as discussed above (and more fully delineated in other school documents).**

**By signing below, parents pledge to become familiar with and to promote (in their student athlete) understanding of all codes of conduct, academic expectations, philosophies of Badin High School and the Athletics Department. Parents also pledge to lead by example by assisting in fund-raising efforts and conducting themselves in a manner consistent with codes of conduct and the principles of our Catholic institution.**

**ATHLETE'S SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

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