

Dear Charger Parents,

We want to make the athletic experience at Illinois Lutheran better for everyone involved and in an effort to improve communication. In order to have a positive athletic experience for our kids, please take note of the following:

1) When to come to the Activities Director:

1. concerns about a coach - This should be done after voicing your concerns to the coach first.
2. safety issues - If you see something, say something
3. your child is being bullied by a teammate - This should be taken up with the head coach first. We will not tolerate bullying.
4. an idea to improve our school
5. to volunteer your time
6. general questions

2) When not to come to the Activities Director –

1. playing time concerns - this is best communicated between the player and the coach and parents should encourage this as the best way to get questions answered. Please do not contact the principal or me first. We will refer you back to the coach.
2. Coaches' in-game strategy and tactics - Our coaches spend a great deal of time learning about the game and improving their techniques through clinics and online resources as well as spend countless hours with your child in practice. Please support them and encourage them in their time of teaching your children

3) Sportsmanship – Illinois Lutheran is striving to be a model for good sportsmanship from coaches, players, and fans. We expect good sportsmanship from everyone. Please do your part. Your kids are watching you and your behavior. We teach our kids to control what we can control: our attitude, effort, energy, and words. We can't control officials, the weather, playing conditions, other teams' behavior, or other fans. Don't be afraid to speak out if one of our own is not showing good sportsmanship.

4) Concessions – The money we generate with concessions is vital to our programs and we need everyone to help out. We ask parents of our fall and winter athletes to help out. If your schedule absolutely prevents you from ever helping out, please speak to the Activities Director to explain your situation. You can sign up at [ilhs.org](http://ilhs.org) through the volunteer page. When the schedule changes or if you cannot keep a commitment, please find a new date to sign up for. You do not need to limit yourself to the sport or level your child participates in. That gives you more options to fit your schedule. We will contact all parents who do not meet the minimum

obligation. The minimum is two times. If you have more than one child participating, add one for each additional child.

5) Participation Fee - The participation fee we charge for any of our activities goes to uniform replacement, coaches' salaries, transportation, officials' fees, and coaching equipment. The participation fee helps with part of the cost in running a successful co-curricular activity.

6) Charger Booster Club – This organization is made up of Charger parents just like you and we welcome you to join our club. The Charger Booster Club has recently helped fund the purchase in the last few years with new bleachers, a new school bus, scorer's table for the gym, track record board, and several pieces of equipment in the weight room. Please consider becoming an active member of the Charger Booster Club and please support and get involved in their fundraising efforts.

7) Schedules – Please check the schedules regularly as they do change, especially at the beginning of the season. If you check the schedule too far before the games begin, there may be changes that you are not aware of. The game schedule is often a work in progress right up until the season begins, especially in the grade school and junior high. When changes occur during the season, we will notify you (coach and/or athletic department).

We are all in this together and are striving for excellence in all of our programs. Thank you for your help and support.

In Service to Christ and His Church,

Mr. Hinz

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