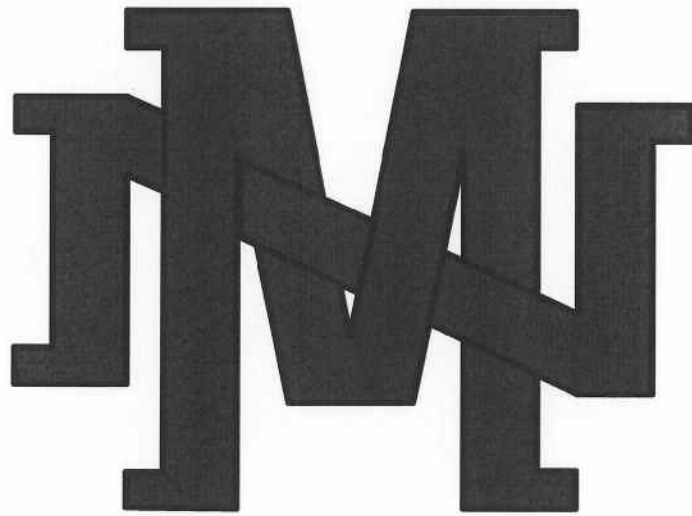


SPORTS HANDBOOK



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1 Sports Committee Mission Statement and Goals

1.1 HSA Sports Committee Mission Statement

The mission of the Mary of Nazareth (MoN) HSA Sports Committee is to provide quality sports programs which include the development of individual players and teams that safely demonstrate, in practice and in play, the honor, respect and dedication that is central to the Catholic faith.

The overarching principles of operation of the Sports Committee are:

1. Above all else, Mary of Nazareth School and its seven supporting parishes are a Catholic community. All actions taken by the Sports Committee, Sports Commissioners, and coaches must be consistent with preserving the unity of this community in all matters.
2. All children should have an opportunity to play sports at Mary of Nazareth.
3. The most skilled children, both in the school and in the parishes, should have access to the highest level of competition supported by the Mary of Nazareth Sports Program.

Sometimes these principles might appear to be in conflict in practice – the guiding principle will always be supporting the unity of the Catholic community.

1.2 HSA Sports Committee Goals

- 1) Treat everyone fairly, consistently, professionally, competently, and with respect.
- 2) Strive to provide an opportunity for all eligible children to participate in MoN sports regardless of athletic ability and talent.
- 3) Accommodate various levels of athletic ability and motivation by evaluating the skills of eligible children and matching their skills to the appropriate level of challenge and competitiveness.
- 4) Strive to provide eligible children an opportunity to experience how to:
 - Cooperate with others and build team skills
 - Overcome obstacles
 - Strive for excellence
 - Follow rules
 - Celebrate the thrill of victory
 - Graciously accept defeat.
- 5) Create an environment that instills values in our children promoting fairness and honesty in all circumstances, compassion and respect for opponents, and the ability to handle challenging sports situations with honor and dignity.

