



## St. Thomas More Coaches Code of Conduct

The St. Thomas More Athletic Boosters Club was organized to foster social growth and enrichment of the children of St. Thomas More parish. The Boosters accomplish this by coordinating and sponsoring extra-curricular activities, primarily involving sports related activities, for the children.

Our coaches for these activities, acting as representatives of the Boosters club, are required to conduct themselves with the highest degree of professionalism and Christian ethics. They are required to follow the policies of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's "Decree on Child Protection", as well as the policies of St. Thomas More parish. The code of conduct for the St. Thomas More coaches is as follows:

1. At all time coaches will treat all the student athletes under their care with kindness and respect.
2. While it may become necessary to correct a student athlete's error, it should always be done with encouragement and positive coaching or teaching techniques.
3. During athletic contests, coaches are required to act in a professional manner and control their fans. ALL game officials are to be treated with respect and courtesy. There is never an excuse for a St. Thomas More coach, fan, or parent to berate, verbally abuse, or physically confront an official. Any such action can mean the forfeiture of the right to attend future contests.
4. The St. Thomas More Boosters encourage competitive attitudes and the instilling of a winning tradition. However, participating in a contest should be accomplished with sportsmanship, respect for opponents, and fairness. A philosophy of "How You Play the Game" should be adopted over a "win at all cost" philosophy.