



# Facilities and Safety

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## **Safety**

The safety of Bishop Chatard student-athletes will always be the number one priority of any BCHS coach. Special care will be taken to ensure the safety of all the participants of a given sport. This includes being alert to weather-related situations; matching participants of similar skill level, physical size or maturity; following guidelines and recommendations of the Athletic Trainer regarding individual athletes; ensuring safe transportation of athletes; providing an adequate number of water breaks for athletes; avoiding making unreasonable physical demands of any athlete; or putting any athlete in a situation perceived to be dangerous.

## **Theft Avoidance**

All student-athletes are expected to secure their personal items to avoid potential theft issues. Anything taken/stolen from a student-athlete considered “at their own risk”, so please take all precautions to ensure your valuables are secured in your personal vehicle or left at home.

## **Maintaining Facilities**

Student-athletes are held accountable for maintaining the cleanliness and orderliness of the facilities and vehicles they are allowed to use and the equipment they are issued. They are expected to pick up after themselves and clean areas as instructed by their coach(es). Equipment issued to their care should be treated as their personal property and maintained accordingly. If any issued equipment is lost by a student-athlete, or is not turned in at the conclusion of a season, the athletic office will notify the business office which will in turn notify the athlete’s parents of the balance due for the equipment. Grades will be held until the balance due is paid.

## **Sharing Facilities**

Bishop Chatard is a land-locked, two-gymnasium (which is shared by P.E., drama, band, color guard, and other school functions), no-bus high school serving nearly 600 student-athletes. Obviously, it becomes necessary to coordinate and schedule facility and small vehicles usage.

When scheduling the gym, weight room or transportation, priority will be given to the in-season sports, followed by the sports of the subsequent season, etc. Among in-season sports, scheduling will be as gender equitable as possible. Field usage needs to be flexible as well. The baseball and football fields may need to be used for soccer, the softball field for band, etc.

Facilities will be rented to outside groups only when all needs of BCHS athletic teams have been met. Even then, the outside group is made to understand that circumstances may change and their reserved time may need to be cancelled for BCHS use. It should also be noted that unexpected circumstances, directives from administration or acts of God may make it necessary to make last minute changes.

Limited space may force some practices to be moved off-site. While this is not the desired situation, it will at times be necessary.