



“Do’s & Don’ts” of Contact with Athletes

What the Bishop Chatard Athletic Department does:

- * CYO Nights or Pre-Season Activities
- * Allows CYO use of facilities for North Deanery contests
- * Open House
- * Communication through parish bulletins
- * Send ambassadors to North Deanery events/assemblies
- * School banners of North Deanery schools in BC gym
- * Schools listed on our rosters

What coaches can do:

- ✓ Send letters to teams (through BC Development Office)
 - “Good luck this season” – or – “Come see us play”
 - Host them (the entire team) at a game
- ✓ Host athlete or coaches clinics
- ✓ Conduct summer camps
- ✓ Attend North Deanery contests – Wear the royal blue & white colors!
 - talk to athletes & parents in general terms
- ✓ Respond to general parent questions received by letter, phone or e-mail
 - should direct athletes to have parents make their contact
- ✓ Send thank you’s to Open House attendees (through Development Office)
- ✓ Once a student is registered.....
 - send mailings (through Development Office)
 - phone calls – should be for informational purposes only
- ✓ Keep a file of everything you do

What coaches can’t do:

- ✘ Attend any public school contests
 - if your relative plays for a public school ⇒ don’t wear school items/colors, attend contest & then leave
- ✘ Initiate any contact with an individual student-athlete before they are registered
- ✘ Send individual invitations to events
- ✘ Answer parent questions regarding application process, finances, policies, or specific athletic concerns
 - refer these parents to the Development or Athletic Departments
- ✘ Respond to athlete inquiries
 - ask them to have their parents/guardians to contact the Development Office with their questions