



# POPE HIGH SCHOOL FASTPITCH

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## 2014 AAAAAA STATE CHAMPIONS

**GHS A Final Four**  
2012, 2013, 2014, 2016

**Region champions**  
2012

**GHS A State Runner Up**  
2012

**GHS A Tournament Qualifier**  
2006, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

## PLAYER'S EXPECTATIONS – the Standard is the Standard!

### **OFF THE FIELD:**

***Is your behavior as courteous, humble, thankful, lawful, gracious, and classy as possible?***

#### **1. DRAMA: NOT ALLOWED.**

- Support and encourage your teammate! Be loyal to one another and strive to act in a manner which will not cause tension, friction, and drama amongst members of this team!
- Hold teammates accountable to the standards of this team!
- If you feel a player is not acting in a way that is loyal to this team, civilly discuss the issue with that player.

#### **2. Conduct yourself with class, humility, and humbleness**

- Strive to be the politest person you know. Always use good manners. Be thankful of the successes we achieve and avoid bragging or gloating. Celebrate our successes in a classy way by thanking everyone who compliments our program and our / your success. BE GRACIOUS! (this is a 24 hour 7 day a week expectation)

#### **3. Be the model student in the classroom**

- It is an expectation that you do not receive detention or suspension. Each of these infractions will carry a **VARYING DEGREE OF PENALTY! (we will discuss this as a team)**
- Please be on time to school, and be the student the every teacher dreams to have in class.
- If you find yourself in conflict with a teacher notify coach Turco before the problem gets out of hand. We will try to solve your issues before it becomes an uncontrollable problem.
- **SELF REPORT A DETENTION OR SUSPENSION BEFORE I AM TOLD BY AN ADMINISTRATOR OR TEACHER.**

**Special Note:** Please be wary of your use of social media. With the wide reach of social media throughout the community and larger WORLD, all players on this team have a role in the public relations of our program.

Posts, pictures, or tweets of a derogatory nature towards anyone including but not limited to other teams, players, coaches or umpires will not be tolerated and will be dealt with on an individual basis and could potentially lead to playing time consequences or ultimate dismissal from the team. THIS INCLUDES ACCOUNTS USED BY PLAYERS THROUGH ALIAS'.

### **On the field (games):**

***Did you play the best you could have possibly played today?***

#### **1. THE UMPIRE IS ALWAYS RIGHT NO MATTER HOW WRONG HE OR SHE IS.**

- Simple explanation: it is never okay for you to argue with the umpire

#### **2. Less than 100% effort will not be tolerated.**

- Lack of effort = lack of playing time

#### **3. Throwing gear, swearing, or general attitude problems will not be tolerated.**

- These activities may result in loss of play time.

#### **4. Pouting about the lineup during games is unacceptable as this is a selfish action and does not encourage a TEAM atmosphere.**

#### **5. CONDUCT YOURSELF WITH SPORTSMANSHIP**

- Regardless of how our opponent acts, we will worry ONLY ABOUT OURSELVES. Do not let the attitude of our opponent allow our attitude to deteriorate. Always act with KINDNESS

#### **6. Physical mistakes will happen, MENTAL MISTAKES SHOULD NOT!**

- Know the situation, be prepared for any and all situations.
- MENTAL mistakes occur because of a lack of concentration. Games are approx. an hour and a half. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONCENTRATE FOR THAT LONG! No mental let downs!