

Notre Dame Athletic Coach - Ideal Profile

Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy is a Catholic, college prep, co-ed, IB school, grades JK-12, located in Pontiac, MI. **We affirm our Marist mission to, “Work with God to form Christian People, Upright Citizens and Academic Scholars.**

The athletic program serves to complement the academic program by teaching skill and character development. We promote multi-sport participation and do not encourage or support specialization. We also do not support a “winning at all costs” mentality. With the mission statement as our foundation, we look for coaches who meet a certain criteria. While not everyone will meet these criteria, an applicant should see these as achievable personal goals as a future coach at Notre Dame Preparatory and Marist Academy.

Credentials

- MHSAA Coaches Advancement Program (CAP) Beginner Certification (Levels 1 and 2)
- CPR/AED/First Aid Certification

Coaching Experience

- 3-5 years of interscholastic coaching experience
- Catholic school experience

Academic Scholars: Coaches at Notre Dame should have coaching philosophy consistent with our Catholic, Marist approach to teaching young people.

Therefore, coaches should be concerned with:

- the education of student-athletes using the best available practices
- their own continuing education and growth
- showing patience for the “weakness and giddiness of their age” (Fr. Colin)
- graded discipline that safeguards the student athletes’ esteem and their respect for a coach
- educating every student-athlete through collaboration with the student and the family
- challenging student-athletes to grow and to be college-ready

Upright Citizenship: Coaches at Notre Dame should participate in the education of students beyond the X’s and O’s.

Therefore, coaches should be committed to preparing students to live productive lives and the education of the whole student through:

- developing leadership, character and sportsmanship in their student-athletes
- attending other school and community activities

Christian People: Coaches at Notre Dame should live in a way that is consistent with the Catholic faith and our Marist philosophy.

Therefore, coaches should be willing to participate in the faith life of the school through:

- Team Prayer
- Team Service Projects