

## **St. Joseph Parish Athletic Ministry Student Participation Policy**

1. Participation in any program provided by Saint Joseph's Athletic Ministry requires the student attend Saint Joseph's school or be enrolled in and attending the Saint Joseph Parish Christian Formation Program.
  
2. The academic achievement and religious formation of student athletes is the first priority of the athletic ministry. Students participating in any athletic program sponsored by the athletic ministry are expected to show and maintain an academic level commensurate with their abilities. In addition, all student athletes are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner in the classroom. Any athlete failing to perform to his/her academic ability, or whose class comportment is unacceptable, will not be allowed to participate until the failure has been rectified. The following procedures will ensure compliance with this policy.
  - a) Any student/athlete in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade, who has earned a detention for either academic or disciplinary infractions, will receive a one game suspension.
  - b) Any student/athlete who receives a failing grade in any subject during a given quarter will be suspended from participation in sports for two weeks. If a review
  - c) of the student's performance in that subject area by the teacher and the principal warrant it, the student may return to participation in sport following the two-week suspension. If not, the student shall remain suspended until a passing grade is achieved.
  - d) The athletic director will consult on a weekly basis with the principal of the school to ascertain the status of student/athletes who may be affected by suspensions.
  - e) In the case of student/athletes who are participants in the Christian Formation Program, they would face suspension from participation in sports if they fail to maintain a regular and sustained participation in the Christian Formation Program. In such case, the Director of Christian Formation or the Director of Youth Ministry will inform the Athletic Director and the parents of the student/athlete. The suspension may cease when the student/athlete resumes regular and sustained participation in Christian Formation.
  
3. The Athletic Director will communicate with the Principal of Saint Joseph School on a weekly basis regarding the status of student athletes.
  
4. The following fees will be charged for each athlete participating in a sponsored program.
  - a) \$50.00 for participation in any fiscal year.
  - b) \$35.00 for any jersey not returned and \$25.00 for any pair of shorts not returned.

5. Arrangements for transportation to away games are the sole responsibility of the parents.
6. Each athlete must have the following documents on file with the athletic director:
  - a) A signed copy of the Participation Policy.
  - b) A current physical card.
  - c) Proof of medical insurance coverage.
  - d) Medical Information & Emergency Consent Form (copy to be with coach at all times)
  - e) Risk Acknowledgment & Consent to Participate Form
7. Each athlete has the responsibility to care for and keep up all equipment and uniforms issued to him/her, as well as to return that equipment and uniform to the coach and/or athletic director upon request.
8. Each athlete is responsible for maintaining good physical condition, attending all practices and games, and attending faithfully to all academic and religious responsibilities (i.e. Christian Formation as well as regular attendance at Sunday mass). Furthermore, each student/athlete is to conduct him/herself at all times in a sportsman like manner. Failure to comply with any of these responsibilities may result in the suspension of an athlete's participation in athletic activities at the discretion of the athlete's coach and/or the athletic director.
9. Students/athletes, coaches, family members and spectators represent Saint Joseph Parish. Consequently, proper conduct is expected at all games, whether home or away games. Good sportsmanship must be demonstrated at all times, win or lose.

***We have read and understand the student participation policy and accept it.***

Student Athlete Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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