

St. Joseph Parish and School Student-Athlete Responsibilities and Behaviors

1. Maintain a solid academic and behavioral record in and out of season. Participating in an interscholastic athletic program is a privilege, not a right. Athletes must be held to personal, academic and behavior standards. Students who choose to participate in the school's athletic program are representing that school and parish at all times. They must act in a manner that reflects favorably upon the school and on themselves. This expectation is not limited to the sports arena, but should also be evident at school, in the community, and at other schools before, during, and after the games.
2. Attend school the day of a game and/or practice. An athlete who is absent from school due to illness is not allowed to attend practice or play in a game on that given day. Absence from school on a Friday should not affect Saturday and Sunday participation if the athlete has recovered sufficiently to play.
3. Attend and be on time for regularly scheduled practices. Athletes are expected to be present and on time for all practices and games. Not attending practices affects the entire team and detracts from the sense of teamwork that the coaches are striving to achieve.
4. Display Respect for Teammates, Opponents, Coaches, & Officials. Student-athletes must be respectful at all times towards their teammates, opponents, coaches, and officials. All student-athletes must also respect the spectators and fans. Athletes are expected to show good sportsmanship, play by the rules, and gracefully handle winning and losing. Losing self-control, using inappropriate gestures, verbalizing foul or abusive language, arguing a referee's call or a coach's decision, or displaying other signs of disrespect are reasons for disciplinary action.
5. Return all uniforms and/or borrowed equipment by the specified dates for each sport. The athlete is responsible for the uniform issued. If it is lost, stolen or damaged, an appropriate assessment can be made to replace the uniform. At the end of the season, uniforms should be returned in clean, reusable condition.
6. St. Joseph Parish and School expect that its students who engage in various forms of social media will act responsibly and exercise good judgment (regardless of personal opinion) and discretion when placing on any Medium information concerning or otherwise identifying the school, team or any of its players. If the student fails to act responsibly in that regard, the information and content placed on or communicated via a Medium can have a damaging effect on the school, the team and players and others associated with the team, and the student who posts the information. For interscholastic sports at St. Joseph Parish and School, pictures of individual students may only be published in printed and social media with written and dated permission from the parent or guardian. Permission is not required for group pictures (6 or more persons) as long as the names are not provided.

St. Joseph Parish and School Student-Athlete Code of Conduct

The purpose of the following Student-Athlete Code of Conduct is to help define appropriate actions and behaviors that support the mission of the parish, school and athletic program. All participating student-athletes should read, understand, and sign this form prior to participation.

Any student athlete who does not follow the guidelines below may be suspended or expelled from the athletic program.

As a student-athlete, I therefore agree to the following:

- I will play the game for the enjoyment of the sport.
- I will be generous in winning and graceful in losing.
- I will display good sportsmanship and respect towards all opponents.
- I will work for the good of the team.
- I will accept the decisions of the officials politely.
- I will conduct myself at all times with respect and self-control. This includes during and after school, games, practices, and trips to other schools and facilities.
- I will recognize, applaud, and encourage the efforts of my teammates and opponents.
- I will show respect for my coaches.
- I will show respect towards fans and those from other schools.

I have read and agree to the expected student-athlete responsibilities and behaviors.

Athlete's Printed Name _____
Athlete's Signature _____
Parent's Signature _____
Date _____