

**St. John the Apostle Athletic Department**  
Athletic Participation Agreement

Being a member of an St. John the Apostle athletic team is a privilege offered to students who show proper enthusiasm, interest, responsibility, and good sportsmanship.

### **Sportsmanship & Spectator Conduct Expectations**

We understand that good sportsmanship is a vital part of the sports program at St. John the Apostle Catholic School. Contests are important to participants, but the importance should not become so overriding that players lose sight of appropriate behavior.

**I, the STUDENT-ATHLETE**, therefore, pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while participating in a St. John the Apostle Catholic School Athletic event and to conform my behavior to the following code of conduct:

I will at all times treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other spectator with respect regardless of race, creed, color, or ability. I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other spectator.

I will not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other spectator. I will not engage in the use of profanity. I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other spectator.

I will not initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other spectator.

**I, the STUDENT-ATHLETE** fully hereby agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while participating in a St. John the Apostle Catholic School athletic event, I will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:

Verbal warning issued by the event official, the Athletic Director, or Principal. Written warning issued by the event official, the Athletic Director, or Principal. Suspension or immediate ejection from the event by the event official, athletic director, or Principal.

If I make physical contact in a threatening manner (battery) toward an official, supervisor, coach, player or spectator, I shall be suspended from the team for the remainder of the season, effective immediately.

If I leave the bench/viewing area to participate in any isolated altercation, I will be suspended from the team pending investigation and resolution. If I engage in threatening behavior (verbal or physical) toward an official, supervisor, or other participant, I shall be suspended from the team, effective immediately.

If I am ejected from a game or game site, I must leave the game site immediately and will be suspended from participating in competition. The length of suspension will depend on the severity of the action that resulted in the ejection.

**I, the PARENT/GUARDIAN**, pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while participating in a St. John the Apostle Catholic School Athletic event and to conform my behavior to the following Spectator Code of Conduct:

Be informed of the playing rules of the sport. Appreciate a good play regardless of who makes it. Cooperate with the cheerleaders and do not interfere with their cheers. Show concern for an injured athlete regardless of team affiliation. DO NOT taunt, jeer or attempt to distract the members of the opposing team. Avoid the use of profanity and derogatory or disrespectful yells, chants, songs or gestures. Refrain from offensive or unruly behavior which reflects poorly on St. John the Apostle Catholic School. Respect school property and the authority of school officials. Do not publicly criticize the coaches or athletes for the loss of a contest. Respect the contest official and accept their decisions without public protest. Without them, there is no game.

**I, the PARENT/GUARDIAN**, fully agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while participating in a St. John the Apostle Catholic School athletic event, I may be asked to leave the event and/or subject to the following:

Immediate ejection from the event by the event official, athletic director, or Principal.  
Restriction from attending multiple athletic events by the Athletic Director or Principal.

If I am ejected from a game or game site, I must leave the game site immediately. The length of restriction will depend on the severity of the action that resulted in the ejection.

In addition, I fully understand the commitment I am making for my child to participate in the St. John the Apostle Catholic School athletic program and pledge to do the following:

Be punctual in the pickup or drop off of my child before & after practices and competitions. Be supportive of the coaches and the team by being realistic advocates for the program. Model respectful behavior towards coaches and officials who work with my children. Encourage teamwork, perseverance and a solid work ethic.

Teach an appreciation of unselfish behavior for the good of all involved in the program.

Be active in helping create a successful end of the year banquet.

PERMISSION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Having read and understand the Academic Participation & Eligibility Guidelines, and well as the Sportsmanship & Spectator Conduct Expectations, I \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to participate on the St. John the Apostle Catholic School \_\_\_\_\_ Team.

**We** understand that participating in competitive sports is a potentially hazardous activity. I acknowledge that my son/daughter is medically able to participate. I agree to abide by any decision made by the officials relative to my child’s ability to participate in any and all activities. I assume all risks associated with my child participating in this event including but not limited to: falls, contact with other participants, condition of playing service, effects of all weather including heat/humidity. All risks being known and appreciated by me, having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of you accepting my child’s participation, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release the St. John the Apostle Catholic School, the coaches and staff and of said school and all volunteers from all claims of liabilities of any kind as a result of my child’s participation in this sport and/or event. Further, I grant permission for any photographs, motion pictures, recordings or any other record of this event to be used for a legitimate school purpose.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

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Student Signature

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