

Student Athlete: Expectations and Responsibilities

When a student decides to participate in a school sport, they are making a commitment to the school, coach and their teammates to give their best effort. The following are requirements for the student on all athletic teams:

1. They are to sign an agreement in support of the guidelines and policies of the athletic program.
2. They understand that participating in an athletic program and playing a sport is a privilege, not a right.
3. They will be held to personal, academic and behavioral standards as set forth in the Student Handbook.
4. They are to represent the 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 field or court, but should be evident at school, in community, at other schools, as well as before, during, and after the games.

5. They are responsible for the uniform issued. If it is lost, stolen, or damaged it must be replaced at the students' cost. At the end of the season, uniforms should be returned in good, clean, reusable condition. Anything worn under the sports uniform should be complimentary to the uniform (closely matching the uniform in color).
6. They must show respect for coaches and cooperate with them fully. This respect is also given to members of their own team, to their opponents and to the officials of the sport. The athlete also respects the spectators and fans.
7. They are to show good sportsmanship and play by the rules. They should encourage and be supportive of team members.
8. They must refrain from losing self-control, using inappropriate gestures or tone of voice or foul or abusive language, arguing a referee's call or a coach's decision or other signs of disrespect. These are reasons for disciplinary action. Consequences of this behavior are reduced playing time or even suspension or expulsion from the team.
9. An athlete may be asked to submit to a search of gym bag, uniform or other athletic gear when the athletic director, the coach, or another school official suspects that the student possesses drugs, weapons, or anything that might be detrimental to the health and safety of the student or of the team.
10. 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. "Excused" or "unexcused" absences should be defined by the coach. Expectations and procedures for notification in the event the student is unable to attend practices/games are clearly outlined. The consequences of missing practices and games or of excessive absences are also clear.

11. An athlete who was absent from school due to illness may not be allowed to attend practice or play in a game on the given day. Absence from school on Friday should not affect Saturday and Sunday playing time if the athlete has recovered sufficiently to participate.

12. Athlete is responsible to read and sign the Archdiocese Student Athlete Code of Conduct provided during each sports pre-season meeting.